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THE Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions was held on Tuesday, May 12th, in the Chapel of the Collegiate Church, corner of Forty-Eighth Street and Fifth Avenue.

The attendance was large, nearly all the Auxiliaries being represented by some of their members, while many ministers and elders testified their regard for and interest in the special work of the Woman’s Board by their presence at its Anniversary.

Mrs. Jonathan Sturges presided, assisted by the Rev. Dr. David Waters.

The Rev. Dr. Chambers read the Scriptures and engaged in prayer.

After the singing of a hymn by the congregation, the Eleventh Annual Report was read by the Rev. Dr. Wells.

The Report of the Home Secretary was read by the Rev. Dr. Cole, who followed it with some pertinent remarks upon the Home Work of the Board.

The Treasurer’s Report was read by the Rev. Abraham Thompson.

The Managers whose names were presented to the meeting, were unanimously elected.

The Rev. Dr. Henry N. Cobb acknowledged, in cordial and eloquent words, the assistance received by Synod’s Board of Foreign Missions, from the Woman’s Board, and urged it to unceasing fidelity in the future as in the past.

After the singing of the familiar hymn, “Jesus shall reign
where'er the sun," the Rev. Sanford Cobb gave his impressions of the missionaries and their work, as received during his recent visit to Japan and China.

A hymn was sung.

The Rev. Dr. P. D. Van Cleef delivered the Memorial Address prepared by him at the request of the Executive Committee. It was a fitting and tender tribute to our late Foreign Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. William R. Durvee, whose absence from this occasion cast a shadow on every heart.

The Rev. Mr. Williamson offered prayer, and, after the long-meter Doxology, the Rev. Dr. Waters pronounced the Benediction.
WITH sorrow we take up the pen that has fallen from the cold fingers of one who was to have written this the Eleventh Annual Report of the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions.

So recent is the death of our late beloved Secretary, whose duty this would have been, that it is with peculiar sadness we stand in her place and undertake to give you the words which her now silent lips were to have spoken. We seem even yet to hear the tones of her voice, as at one meeting she read aloud to us the intelligence from the foreign field, and the month after, when the appointed time again brought us together, she lay cold in death, her lips forever closed. Yet could those dear lips be unsealed, would not their message, learned in that brighter sphere where she now stands among the saints in glory, be to invite us to greater earnestness in the work? We know that it would; and we therefore repeat to you the words with which she closed her last An-
nual Report, as her farewell, echoed from that far off land where she now rests from her labors:— "God is giving you a little more of time and with it more opportunities to work for Him. Let us make the most of them, and "be steadfast, unmoving, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

[The writer begs your lenient criticism with regard to the preparation of this report which must, necessarily, from the circumstances under which it is presented, be written hastily, and without that general acquaintance with the details of the work which our late Corresponding Secretary possessed. Some of the information here presented has been obtained through the kindness of Rev. Dr. H. N. Cobb, Secretary of Synod's Board; other facts have been gleaned from letters written by the missionaries to the late Mrs. Wm. R. Duryee.

This explanation is given to show that the unfavorable conditions under which this report was prepared may render it less worthy of your acceptance than in former years, but it does not indicate that the work of the Woman's Board has been less. It has on the contrary been as great, if not greater, as will be seen from the Report of the Home Corresponding Secretary, and from the Financial Report of the Treasurer.]

REPORT FROM THE ISAAC FERRIS SEMINARY, YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

The year has been one in which the work of both the teachers and the pupils has been very gratifying; one, in short, of the most successful in the history of this institution.

Since the 1st of January, 1884, fifteen new pupils have entered. Of this number three are beneficiaries. Their parents are Christian, and have agreed that their daughters may
teach for two years after their graduation, under the direction of the teachers of the seminary. There are now fourteen pupils in the school thus assisted. One of those reported last year as assisted has been dismissed for bad conduct. The amount advanced has been duly refunded.

The whole number of pupils enrolled during the year has been forty-nine, and the average attendance thirty-five and a half.

Since our last report seven pupils have been baptized, and only two of those who are past fourteen years of age are not professing Christians. Those desiring to profess Christ have experienced less opposition from their parents than has been the case formerly; yet several pupils have been prevented from returning to the school because of their desire to be baptized.

Bible instruction is given to six classes for forty minutes every morning, excepting Saturday and Sunday. The deepest interest is manifested in this study. Sunday afternoons are devoted to the recitations of Bible verses and the study of the Shorter and Heidelberg Catechism. These studies under the blessing of God have borne abundant and precious fruit.

We are daily praying for more pupils, for our accommodations are not half filled, but we trust the time is not far distant when there will be no lack.

The progress which the pupils have made in their studies has been in most instances satisfactory.

The public opening of the school after its extensive alteration and extension of last year was given on the 25th of April. Appropriate addresses were made on the occasion; original essays, both in Japanese and English, were read by the older pupils. Music, instrumental and vocal, was interspersed. After these exercises a Japanese entertainment was
provided for the guests in the new dining room. About two hundred persons were present.

At the time that Miss H. L. Winn was expected to return from America, news came that she had changed her plan and had determined not to return to Japan. Thus the place she had so long and so efficiently filled was left vacant.

The services of Miss Anna H. Ballagh, who providentially returned to Japan in September last, have been secured for the music department. She has shown herself "apt to teach" and is thought highly of, both by teachers and pupils. Owing to her sister's ill health and resignation, she takes a number of her classes.

Miss Carrie E. Ballagh has taught English and music four hours per day, besides studying Japanese.

Miss M. Leila Winn has had the English primary classes for four hours per day, and has also been engaged in the study of Japanese.

Rev. E. S. Booth has had the general oversight of the school.

Miss Carrie E. Ballagh sent in her resignation January 17th, to take effect April 1st, 1885.

Miss Clara B. Richards also resigned her place as missionary at Nagasaki, to take effect March 25th, 1885. The resignation of Miss Richards was subject to the condition that the expense of her outfit and her journey to Nagasaki be returned to the Treasury of the Board.

The Board is urged to send ladies to supply these vacancies.

Mr. Booth also asks that a middle-aged lady of experience and executive ability shall be sent to Yokohama, to become initiated in the care of the house, should other changes occur.

INDIA.

The Girls Seminary at Vellore, under the care of Mrs. Jared
W. Scudder, has had fifty-six (56) pupils, and the High Caste Girls' Schools in charge of Miss J. C. Scudder, two hundred and twenty-one (221) pupils.

The Girls' Seminary at Madanapalle has had twenty-nine (29) pupils, and the Caste Girls' School thirty (30). Both these last named schools are in charge of Miss M. K. Scudder. The Caste girls' school referred to was opened July 1st, 1884, with good prospects of success. Good teachers have been secured and the girls are making commendable progress in their studies.

Miss M. K. Scudder reports that three of her pupils have been admitted to the communion of the church.

The Caste girls' schools at Vellore, visited daily and superintended by Miss Julia C. Scudder, are in a prosperous condition.

One of the most interesting features of the work is the familiarity of the scholars with the Scriptures. Their singing of vernacular Christian lyrics is pleasant to hear.

Speaking of the prize distribution, one of the missionaries writes: "The appearance of the girls with equally sparkling eyes and jewels at the prize distribution in February, furnished a feast to many eyes and a joy to many hearts. The large assembly of parents and friends, including many from the best native society at Vellore, seemed to heartily appreciate the beauty as well as the proficiency of the occasion. We often wish that the lady patrons in America of these schools could be present at one of these gatherings, and also see the pupils in their ordinary daily studies. We feel sure that they would rejoice with us in the happy outcome of their benefactions."

We copy the following from a letter of Mrs. Julia C. Scudder, India, in regard to the female seminary: "It is a Christian school and composed chiefly of the daughters of our catechists, helpers, and other mission agents."
In the early days of this institution we were glad to have the children without charge; but now that it is well established and the demand to enter the school is greater than we can afford, the free pupils are exceptions. The fee is from four annas, 12 cts., to one rupee a month. This includes schooling, board and clothes, and is only nominal, for it does not, even at one rupee, pay for half of the board alone. It is desirable to have the children of the villages educated as far as possible, and as they are usually very poor, are therefore able to pay little or nothing towards the girls schooling. English is taught in the seminary, but more as an accomplishment. Many of them spell well, and their hand-writing is excellent, but they cannot get much farther for they have so few opportunities of hearing it spoken. * * * * These girls generally marry when they leave school, or soon afterwards. They live in small mud houses, and have to spend their whole time in working and taking care of their children. Some who are a little better off have an old woman to help them in carrying water, pounding rice and grinding curry.

The rich caste natives employ several servants, but our people cannot afford any thing of the kind. The inference I want you to draw from this is, that the time has not arrived when it would be wise for us to educate the native girls in our seminary too highly. Under existing circumstances it would unfit them for the life they must lead when they leave school. Should the time ever come when we shall have Brahmins and other high castes come to us in numbers, embracing Christianity and openly declaring themselves on the Lord's side, then perhaps a few changes in our schools will be advisable."

"There has been recently an entirely new movement in India, which presents a most encouraging promise of relief to Hindoo women; particularly Hindoo widows. This interest is especially alive in the Madras Presidency, of which the Arcot district forms a part. Societies have been formed with
the avowed object of seeking the abolition of child-marriage, removing the intolerable oppression to which widows are subjected, and promoting the general elevation of women. When we consider that the widows here are numbered by millions, and their condition one of slavery almost more bitter than death, it will be acknowledged that this relief will be an inestimable blessing. This movement is not distinctly Christian in its origin, but it is undoubtedly the result of Christian ideas introduced into India, and permeating the minds of the people.

AMOY, CHINA.

This school at Amoy was the first school for girls established in China. Great difficulty was at first encountered in getting girls to come and receive attention. Even Christian women not having themselves received the benefits of education were unable to appreciate its advantages for their daughters. It was an innovation, and was therefore viewed with suspicion. They feared that it would unfit the girls for their work and position in the household. The most extravagant suspicions prevailed as to the motives of the missionaries in seeking scholars, and they were, at first unwilling to send their daughters to the ladies at the mission to be educated. But in spite of all these obstacles against which the school had to contend, it has won its way to the confidence of the people, and there is now no lack of pupils.

Miss M. E. Talmage thus writes: “The year has been a very trying one for mission work in China on account of the unsettled state of the country, caused by the French.

We, however, have much to be thankful for in that, while the work at other mission stations has been greatly retarded, we, in Amoy, have been able to go on quietly with our work.

In Canton, the schools have had to be closed for months, as
it was not safe for the missionary ladies, nor for the pupils themselves to go to the schools. Here in Amoy our schools have been carried on much as usual.

After the summer vacation we were in doubt as to whether it would be advisable to open the girls' school, as at that time there was much excitement about the French. They were expected every day at Amoy, and great numbers of the Chinese were running away up the country for protection. We decided, however, to open the school as usual, and although we have not quite as many pupils, we have been able to go on with our work as before.

We have had on our roll for the year thirty-one scholars. The teacher and matron are the same as were spoken of in the report of last year.

We have had comparatively little sickness. During the hot summer months cholera was an epidemic in Amoy, but we were kept from it.

Mrs. Talmage's school for women, for which a building has been provided by the Woman's Board at an expense of $1,000, presents a somewhat new phase of Christian work for Chinese women, and one that promises excellent results. Women from the interior are received, entertained and instructed for a certain period, and are then returned to their homes, carrying with them new ideas of life, and of the truth. They are brought into much closer contact with the ladies of the mission, than is possible in the brief visits which the ladies make to the out-stations.

So far as time and opportunity permit, these Chinese women are taught to read and to perform many domestic duties. The most stupid can hardly fail to derive some benefit from these influences, and what good they get they carry to their homes, becoming in their own measure centres of light to circles of greater or smaller dimensions in the surrounding darkness.
We give here an extract from a letter of Miss M. E. Talmage, dated August 11th, 1884, in relation to this school:

"We have not as yet had many women, but those who have come, with the exception of one woman fifty-nine years of age, have made very good progress in learning to read and also in the study of the Bible. The women seemed very contented in the school, and were together like one happy family. The woman of fifty-nine years to whom I have alluded has gone back to her home, and although she cannot read, yet she has learned many Bible truths and has gained confidence, so that she is trying to make herself useful in the chapel on Sundays, in talking to and teaching others, so that although she seemed a very unpromising pupil, the time spent upon her was not lost.

Most of the teaching of these women has been done by my mother, who has given a great deal of time to this work.

Between troubles with the French and with the cholera, which is an epidemic here, this part of China is in a great state of excitement. The Chinese think that evil spirits are the cause of the trouble, and for several nights past they have been forming processions, carrying idols, flags, lanterns, and torches, and firing guns and fire crackers, to drive off the evil spirits. The procession moves through the villages, and as it draws near the houses, the women and children come out with burning incense, and bow down and worship. If the Chinese would only use the money wasted in this way, to clean the streets of Amoy, which in this hot weather are teeming with filth and bad odors, they would have a more effectual way of driving off the causes of the cholera."

Besides this work in the schools, the ladies at this mission maintain Bible classes for women in connection with some of the churches, and when practicable they accompany the missionaries in their visits to the churches and the out-stations in the interior. The good influence of such visits can hardly be
overestimated, even though the results may not at once be apparent.

The long cherished desire of the Woman's Board to send a medical missionary lady to the Amoy Mission has not yet been realized. It is gratifying, however, to be able to state that communication has been had with a lady now studying medicine, whose heart inclines to this work. There is reason to hope that another year will bring with it the accomplishment of this purpose. We believe that in no other way could there be more good accomplished than through this instrumentality.

Coming now to the work done at home by our Board, we find no decrease, but rather a growing interest among the women of our church in the cause of missions. We believe that their zeal has been stimulated by the missionary meetings and conventions appointed by the auxiliaries in various localities; by the circulation of the Mission Gleaner; and by the constant prompting of our faithful Home Corresponding Secretary to every church needing the reminder that no auxiliary has been established within its borders.

The Mission Gleaner has met with a cordial reception throughout the church. It now nearly, if not entirely, pays for itself. If it could be more generally subscribed for, it would not only accomplish its purpose of giving information and creating an interest in mission work, but it might become a source of revenue to the Board.

The receipts of the past year have given reason for great encouragement. We have received, our Treasurer reports, $15,064.06, and have paid over to Synod's Board, $16,609.32, a larger amount than on any previous year.

The apparent discrepancy between the amounts received and expended is explained by the fact that we closed last year with a general balance of $2,866.05, and during the month of May paid over to Synod's Board, $2,475.60.
This year we close with a general balance of a little over $500, and consequently will have nothing to pay over, except what may be thereafter paid in.

We cannot close our Report without a few words

**IN MEMORIAM.**

_Mrs. W. R. Duryee_, our late Foreign Corresponding Secretary, held that position for nearly eight years in this Board. Within the past few weeks she has been called to her heavenly home. She was greatly beloved by those with whom she was associated, for she had the rare power of drawing friends towards her with an unusual strength of affection. The missionaries with whom she corresponded looked upon her as a personal friend, and were eager to receive her words of encouragement and cheer. Her judgment could ever be relied upon, and her sympathy was unfailing; this made her a great power for good in the mission work of the church.

_Mrs. Charles Pool_ has also been taken from us during the past year. She was made one of the Honorary Vice-Presidents, in May, 1882, and while associated in the work she felt the greatest interest in its success.

The Auxiliaries have also had occasion to mourn the loss of some of their most active members. They were from the number of those most earnest in Christian work in their respective churches, and warm advocates of the cause of missions.

As we close our report, the words of the Rev. Dr. H. N. Cobb, quoted at the funeral of Mrs. Duryee from one of her own annual reports on the death of one of the members of this Board, comes to us as most fitting and appropriate in its application upon this occasion, and we say of these who have so recently been taken from us as she once said: “May we
not hope that they too still retain their interest in the work they loved so much. Where they are now, faith is changed to sight, and they see no longer 'through a glass darkly,' that in the Father's own time He will give His Son 'the heathen for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession.'"

Gertrude L. Vanderbilt.
IN the Annual Report of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions for 1884, a review of our work was given in the "Statement" made in accordance with the wish of Synod's Board, that we would prepare an account of our work from its organization to be presented at the Conference to be held in Philadelphia.

The entire edition of this Report, owing to an unusual demand for it, was exhausted before the close of the winter; and on behalf of those whom we are seeking to interest, we repeat, that "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 action, 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 the work, the utmost pains have been taken to interest the women of all our churches.

"To supplement the correspondence, and reach those churches which failed to respond to the suggestion and appeals of the Secretaries, committees of ladies were appointed in all the classes, to visit the churches in their respective limits and endeavor to form auxiliaries. The adoption of this plan for reaching the churches has given such an incitement to the work that the wisdom of adopting the measure has been fully justified, although putting it into execution has involved much labor.

"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."

"In January of the present year we completed our first decade of work in the Home department of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. The numerous co-laborers who have been closely identified with the work from its organization, and sustained it by faithful efforts, liberal gifts, and earnest prayers, will feel that it has been proved that the women in our churches can do a work in this way and through this instrumentality, as friends of the Saviour, which has yielded rich results for our less favored sisters in heathen lands.

It has been said that "there are certain things which cannot be weighed in scales, nor adjusted in their length and breadth to any earthly measurement." And although we may never in this world compute the spiritual benefit afforded to those whom we are "seeking to save," the reports annually received permit us to feel that our "labor has not been in vain in the Lord."

It is said that "if our missions continue as they are, and are blessed of God as they have been, it is impossible to fix the limit of their necessities. We cannot shut our eyes, even in such a time, to the numberless opportunities for evangelistic effort, nor close our ears to the countless and impressive voices that call us to embrace them in all our mission fields."
As we enter upon a new year of privilege and responsibility, we would most earnestly urge upon all the women of our churches to come forward and, by their co-operation, sustain us in our efforts to carry the message of the cross to the women and children in heathen lands. Does not the providence of God indicate that it is not for us to sit still “at ease in Zion”? And is not our faith and faithfulness to Christ and his cause being tested by enlarged opportunities for him and his service? Shall we not esteem it a privilege to have our part in this blessed work, sustained by our prayers and gifts? Shall we not esteem it a privilege to labor for souls that are perishing for lack of knowledge and help to be obtained through what we are able and permitted to do? We have reason to feel that our work for the past ten years has been steadily progressive. Reference to the list of auxiliary societies will show the measure of success attained.

The number of societies which were formed the first year of organized work was nineteen (19). At present date there are, including mission bands, one hundred and seventy-three (173) auxiliaries actively engaged in prosecuting the work. The largest number formed during any previous year was 22. This year 28 have been organized, making a gain of 6 in 1885.

In the retrospect of these years of willing service for the Master, we find abundant cause for gratitude and encouragement for patient working in the days to come. The importance of a high standard of Christian liberality, with a view to accomplishing more for missions, has been earnestly considered by many of the auxiliary societies, and the practical question asked, “What can we do to give a greater impulse to our contributions?” When collecting by districts through the congregation has been found inefficient or unsatisfactory, the envelope system has been adopted by some of the societies. By this system each contributor encloses her contribution in an envelope, laying by in store “as God hath prospered her,” and deposits it in the church collection basket on some stated Sabbath in every month. This scriptural plan of systematic giving, consecrated by prayer, and “impelled by a sense of obligation to our blessed Saviour, who died that we might live, and who has commanded that his gospel shall be preached to every creature,” has been the means of perman-
ent good to the cause to which we are solemnly pledged. It has been truly said that “this standard of liberality, if generally followed, would promote the prosperity of all our churches and the christianizing of the world.”

The use of missionary boxes furnished gratuitously by Synod’s Board has been adopted by a number of the Mission “Bands” and “Circles.” The children of the church have been trained and educated to systematic habits of giving to missions, and they have been very diligent and self-denying in saving and earning the pennies collected in this way. When the boxes have been opened the result has usually exceeded the anticipation. A valued co-laborer, writing of their importance and usefulness, says: “We have in our mind a picture of a family gathered around the fireside on a Sabbath evening—the open Bible calling to the study of the lesson appointed for the day—the missionary box on the table. Before the evening prayer is offered, the little box is passed around, and each produces his or her offering, garnered up through the week, and contributed on Sabbath evening with real satisfaction. What more fitting act for the close of a day consecrated to God?” The self-denying work done by our Mission Bands has not been generally known or appreciated. One report says of this year’s work: “Our Mission Band has sent this year twenty-five dollars ($25) to India for the support of our beneficiary, Emma Lawrence, and fifty dollars ($50) to the Board of Foreign Missions towards the liquidation of the debt; and we still have a balance in the treasury of over twenty dollars ($20).

There is also cumulative evidence that the regular meetings of the auxiliaries for conference and prayer have been very precious in their results. Uniformly uplifting and spiritual in character, they have been the means of growth in grace to those participating in them. Very earnest and importunate prayers have ascended to the Mercy Seat for a blessing upon the work and workers at home and abroad—upon our dear missionaries, those godly men and women who have left home and kindred, all that life holds dear, to carry the “message of the Cross” to those that sit in darkness—earnest prayer that showers of blessing might descend upon the “good seed of the kingdom,” sown in faith and prayer, that a bountiful
harvest might be reaped to the glory of God. These meet­
ings have developed an increased interest in foreign missions
through articles of a missionary character, letters from the
foreign field, and papers prepared by the ladies descriptive of,
countries and cities where mission stations are planted,
which have been read. Zeal and interest have been stimu­
lated by the visits and information furnished by the mission­
aries temporarily at home, and in the accounts given of their
work and experience.

It has been essential only to bring to the notice of the
Christian women of our church the importance and claims of
the work in heathen lands, to enlist their hearty sympathy
and support.

The Woman's Board has deeply sympathized with the ef­
forts of Synod's Board to lift the debt which rested so heavily
upon it during the past year. In November, a communica­
tion was received from the Secretary of that Board, stating
that at the Conference held at Kingston in the interest of
foreign missions, and with special reference to the liquidation
of the debt, the following "Resolution" which formed a part
of the report of a committee, was adopted:

Resolved:—"That the Woman's Board which has responded
so nobly in the past, be earnestly requested to supplement
their present efficient aid by special endeavors suited to the
existing emergency."

This important matter was duly considered by the Woman's
Board, and the following resolution unanimously adopted:

Resolved:—"That the Classical Committees be requested to
write to the several auxiliaries in their churches, urging them
to unite in a special season of closet prayer, at the twilight
hour of the last Sabbath of the year, with reference to the
present financial emergency of Synod's Board."

This resolution was communicated to the Classical Com­
mittees, and many sympathetic responses were received from
friends and colaborers in the cause.

It was an inspiring thought that at the twilight hour
of holy day a concert of petition was ascending to the M-
seat for a baptism of the spirit that the Kingdom of G
might be advanced, and God's people led to give of their substance that the burden of debt might be lifted. The hallowed hour appealed to us in an especial manner, for we knew that

"In many a secret chamber,
In many a heart unknown,
In town, and village, and country,
The links of that wonderful zone,
Were silently, steadily forming,
As borne on the evening air,
To our 'Father in Heaven' uprising
The voice of the hour of prayer."

We give a few of the earnest words from our colaborers on this subject:

"A special season of prayer, I trust, with the blessing of God will be the means of awakening a greater interest in the work which will display itself in greater contributions. We need more prayer both for the workers and for those who have excused themselves."

"I will do all in my power to induce all the women in the congregations in my classis to observe the call whether they have auxiliaries or not, and I trust this may lead them to organize societies."

"I do think we need to pray more, as well as to work more than we do. I must think that the reason why the work of the Lord languishes, is, the great worldliness of those who profess to be the children of God. If we lived more to please the Master and less to gratify self, we would have more to cast into the treasury of the Lord. I do really hope that the hearts of the women of our church will respond most warmly to this appeal, and that earnest searching of what manner of spirit we are of, may lead to earnest supplication for the grace of giving."
NEW AUXILIARIES.

The organization of twenty-eight (28) Auxiliaries to the Woman's Board has been reported during the fiscal year, as follows:

- Albany, First Ref. Ch.
- Albany, Third Ref. Ch.
- Amity Ref. Ch., N. Y.
- Bloomingdale Ref. Ch., New York City.
- Buskirk's Ref. Ch., N. Y.
- Bergen Point Ref. Ch., N. J.
- Esopus Ref. Ch., N. Y.
- Fordham Ref. Ch., N. Y.
- Fulton Ref. Ch., Illinois.
- Fallsburgh Ref. Ch., N. Y.
- Gibbsville Ref. Ch., Wisconsin.
- Holmdel Ref. Ch., N. J.
- Knox Ref. Ch., N. Y.
- Montrose Ref. Ch., N. Y.
- Metuchen Ref. Ch., N. J.
- New York City, Fifth Avenue and 21st St. Ref. Ch.
- New York City, Prospect Hill Ref. Ch.
- New Brunswick, Suydam Street Ref. Ch.
- New Baltimore Ref. Ch., N. Y.
- Oostburgh Ref. Ch., Wisconsin.
- Paterson, N. J., "Second Ch. of Totowa."
- Peekskill Ref. Ch., N. Y.
- Schenectady, N. Y., Rotterdam Ref. Ch.
- Tappan Ref. Ch., N. Y.
- Walden Ref. Ch., N. Y.
- Westerlo Ref. Ch., N. Y.

Mission "Band" in the Ref. Church of Tarrytown, Canajoharie Ref. Church.
NEW AUXILIARIES.

New Brunswick Reformed Church, Suydam Street.—On the 23d of March, 1885, an auxiliary to the Women’s Board of Foreign Missions was formed in the Suydam Street Reformed Church. The auxiliary was organized according to the rules laid down in the Annual Report of the Woman’s Board. There are fifteen members, including a President, Treasurer and Secretary, who writes that very much cannot be accomplished yet, but the desire is felt to be identified with all the church work. We are all sorely afflicted in the death of Mrs. Duryee, combining so many excellencies. She was eminently fitted for every position she held.

Fallsburgh Reformed Church.—The number of members in this Auxiliary is twenty-seven, and it is hoped that the membership will be largely increased during the coming year. Owing to the widely scattered congregation, the meetings are held quarterly. By personal visitation of the members, it is observed that there is an increasing attendance at these gatherings. The benevolent contributions of this church through the ladies’ societies has been increased more than 50 per cent. the past year. The Manual of Missions is highly spoken of, and the hope expressed that the reading of it will serve to deepen in the hearts of the members an interest in this blessed work of foreign missions.

Montrose Reformed Church.—The missionary enterprise of this church was the outgrowth of a convention held at Montrose, and resolved to make an effort to arouse interest in missions in their own congregation. The result has been that mission boards have been formed in churches at Montrose and Verplanck’s, the congregations
Sunday-schools being about equal. The society is small in
numbers, and until the past year has received aid from the
Board of Domestic Missions. Under the ministry of the
present pastor, Rev. J. A. Harper, the membership has dou­
bled and a chapel built at Verplanck's. It was expected that
the first fruits of this effort would be given to the work of
the Rev. Howard Harris, in Japan, who is a personal friend
of the pastor, but it was decided to be given to the Woman's
Board, to be used where it was most needed. The Secretary
writes, “We have received the beautiful gift of the “Manual
of Missions” from Mrs. Sturges, which will be read with
great interest at our meetings.” Specimen copies of the
Mission Gleaner have been distributed, and the endeavor
made to increase its circulation. The two churches at Mon­
trose and Verplanck's are still known in Synod by the old
name of the “Church of Cortlandtown.”

_Tappan Reformed Church._—The Woman’s Missionary Society
of the Church at Tappan organized May, 1884, with fifteen
members. In something less than a year the membership has
increased in the foreign department to twenty-seven. Four
regular meetings have been held, with steadily increasing
interest. No extraordinary efforts have been made as
yet to collect money outside of the membership fees, as it
has seemed better to direct attention during the first year of
the existence of the auxiliary, to the energizing of the society
and the disseminating of missionary information. The
“Manual of Missions” has been doing its work in the auxil­
ary since it was received. The ladies are very happy in be­
ing able to report an intelligent, increasing interest in the
cause so near their hearts. It is a pleasant thought, the Sec­
cretary writes, that we at Tappan are not altogether neglect­
ing obedience to the Christians’ “marching orders,” and will
at the last have a share in the triumph “when the kingdoms
of the world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of
his Christ.”

_Buskirks Reformed Church._—A missionary society called
‘The Mission Workers’ was organized by the ladies of this
church in August, 1884. Their contributions are equally di-
vided between the two boards. There are twenty-one mem-
bers enrolled. There is at present no specific object in view
for these collections.

Fordham Reformed Church.—The Mission Board in this
church was formed last September, and is composed of girls
from nine to fifteen years of age; the most of them however,
are from nine to twelve. They have a President, Secretary
and Treasurer from their number. They meet twice a month
and sew, while listening to reading or verbal instruction.
They have learned about the boards and work of the church,
foreign and domestic. They hope to educate a girl in the
Ferris Seminary, and are now waiting for a letter from Mr.
Booth. The band numbers fifteen members. They are
greatly interested in missions, and it is a pleasure to meet
with them. They pay an annual fee of ten cents; five cents
if absent, and two cents if tardy. The children worked dur-
ing the winter for a fair which they held in February, the
receipts from which, in connection with their fees and dues
amounted to $98.57.

Metuchen Reformed Church.—A letter received from one of
the ladies of this church in February, was as follows:—A lit-
tle band of members of the Reformed Church here, come
asking if you will receive us, as the youngest member of your
good society, "The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of
the Reformed Church." We organized eleven years ago
under Mrs. Doremus, as an auxiliary of the Woman's Union
Mission Society and have continued our contributions to that
society until our annual meeting. We voted unanimously,
knowing the great needs of our own board, to transfer our
relations to that of our own denomination. As we have felt
this to be our duty for some time, as well as pleasure, to help
contribute even in a small way to the wants of our own mis-
sions and church we so dearly love. The meeting for this
purpose, the Secretary writes, was very pleasant. A large
attendance and a renewed interest is visible, as we are now
fairly launched into existence as the Metuchen Auxiliary of
the Reformed Church to the Woman's Board of Foreign
Missions. The "Constitution" given for Auxiliaries was
adopted by a unanimous vote. The letters in the Mission Gleaner, especially those from Japan, are always of interest to the society, as Rev. Mr. Booth was connected with this church for years. The Secretary adds "may God raise up some one to take the place of Mrs. Duryee, whose loss you will mourn in the board, and may God's richest blessings rest upon all our dear churches." The "Manual of Missions" is gladly received, and sincere thanks returned with the assurance that if it serves to awaken new interest in the cause, kind Mrs. Sturges will have her reward.

New Baltimore, N. Y., Reformed Church.—At a meeting of the ladies of this church, called for the purpose of organizing an Auxiliary, the Misses Duow who are connected with the Madison Avenue Reformed Church of Albany, met with the ladies and assisted them in the work. The subscription fee is placed at five cents monthly, and the offerings range from that sum to fifty cents. There are one hundred and twenty-two (122) members, and it is thought that the monthly collections will average eleven dollars, perhaps more. At the meeting for organization the ladies from the Reformed Church, Albany, gave this society a copy of the resolutions compiled by their association, which was afterwards adopted with one exception. Monthly meetings are held, and found both interesting and profitable. "The Manual of Missions" has been received and the thanks of the society are tendered to Mrs. Sturges for the beautiful gift. It is very interesting and complete, and we propose reading from it aloud at our meetings.

New York City, Bloomingdale Reformed Church.—This auxiliary organized with twenty-nine members. The annual dues payable by each member are one dollar. The meetings will be held monthly, in the autumn. The society has but recently organized, and as yet the work is but initiatory. The church is small but growing steadily, and hopes are entertained that the society will grow rapidly and become a power for good in the future. Active work will begin in the autumn. The "Manual of Missions" is gratefully acknowledged.
Paterson.—Second Reformed Church of Totowa.—The Secretary of this auxiliary reports that at the expiration of the fifth month of the existence of the society it has eleven active members and three honorary members. Sixty missionary boxes have been distributed, and twenty-five dollars and sixty cents ($25.60) collected. The membership fees amount to five dollars and ten cents, making a total of thirty dollars and seventy cents, to be equally divided between the two boards, foreign and domestic.

Walden Reformed Church, N. Y.—A missionary society and an auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was organized in this church May 25th, 1884, and is gaining in numbers. Meetings are held quarterly. One hundred and twenty missionary boxes have been distributed, and when opened, the contents amounted to eighty-six dollars and ninety-six cents. The Secretary writes that this beginning encourages them and by the blessing of God they hope to send at least as much every year to the Woman's Board for this blessed cause. A most delightful missionary meeting was held in February. Rev. Mr. Rapalye, from China, Rev. Dr. Cobb and Rev. Dr. Thompson were present, and a general session was held afternoon and evening. It was thought to have a ladies' meeting exclusively, but this was impossible as the speakers could not remain but one day. Several subscriptions for the Mission Gleaner have been received, and is highly valued by the members of the auxiliary.

Prospect Hill Reformed Church, New York.—The Secretary of this auxiliary writes as follows:—“The Woman's Missionary Auxiliary of the Prospect Hill Reformed Church was organized in December, 1883, and unites both foreign and domestic work. Our meetings are held bi-monthly. The envelope system having been adopted, no stated sum is required, each one giving according to their ability or desire. The number of contributors is forty-nine. The amount contributed to foreign missions for the year ending December 1st, 1885, was ninety dollars and seventeen cents.”
Peekskill Reformed Church.—Although an organization was effected in November of last year in this church, the Constitution for an auxiliary to the Woman’s Board was but recently adopted. An auxiliary was organized in this church some years since, but after the death of some active members the interest gradually decreased. The membership of the new society is at present twenty-four. The ladies are forming a club for subscriptions to the “Mission Gleaner.” The Secretary writes that the “Manual of Missions” has been received, and is found to be indeed a useful and instructive book, and will prove so no doubt in the work of the society.

Fulton Reformed Church, Illinois.—The ladies of this church speak the Holland language, but there has been a desire deep and heartfelt, to do something for the cause of Christ. One of the elders proposed to the ladies to form a missionary society, and in May last a meeting was called and twenty-two members enrolled. Since that time ten more have united with the society which has become auxiliary to the Woman’s Board. Monthly meetings are sustained. The members enjoy these gatherings and earnest conversation about the Saviour, and winning souls from the darkness of heathendom to the light of Christianity. They are very grateful for a copy of the Manual of Missions.

Gibbsville Reformed Church, Wisconsin.—At the time this new enterprise was started in the church at Gibbsville, each family in the congregation was visited and asked what they would contribute towards missions. The result of this visiting was, that one hundred and thirty-six ladies contributed the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars for the object. There is no fixed sum for membership fee, but each one gives conscientiously and according to their ability. This plan was deemed best as many members live a long distance from church and cannot attend the regular meetings. The Secretary writes that this work has often been talked about, but until one was personally visited nothing definite was accomplished. Three meetings have been held by the auxiliary up to the present time.
Ladies' Classical Missionary Convention for the Classis of Westchester, met in the Reformed Church of Yonkers, on Wednesday, October 8th, 1884. The day selected proved a most auspicious one. The weather was perfect, the attendance large, and the interest unabated from the opening of the session until its close.

Loving hands had been busy in adorning and beautifying the pulpit, lending an added grace to this occasion, so full of promise.

Ten churches from the Classis of Westchester were represented by more than one hundred and fifty ladies. Representatives were also present from Utica, Auburn, Astoria and Brooklyn.

Miss Anderson of the Fordham Reformed Church presided and opened the meeting with reading the Scriptures. Prayer was offered by Miss Abby Cobb of Tarrytown.

After singing hymn and the roll-call of the churches, an "Address of Welcome" was made by Mrs. David Cole.

The auxiliary societies reported their work and contributions for the twelve months, showing a decided advance over the efforts of the previous year.

Mrs. John Rockwell, of Tarrytown, presented the Classical Report, and gave a summary of work accomplished by the societies since the last Classical Convention, at Mount Vernon, in 1883.

A "paper" was read by Mrs. Lyall, of Yonkers, on "Domestic Missions, the Hope of Our Country's Future."

Miss Abby Cobb, of Tarrytown, very impressively presented "The Needs of our Western Fields."

Mrs. Bigelow, of Mount Vernon, led the discussion on "Methods of Work." The ladies spoke with freedom on this subject and some valuable hints were received.

A "paper" on the "Present Pressing Needs of our Foreign Work," was read by Mrs. Cumming, which was followed by an interesting discussion on "Children's Work," led by Miss Mallory of Astoria.

Mrs. E. Throop Martin, of Auburn, was present and led the meeting in a fervent petition to the throne of grace.

Success was held, and at the bountiful collation which had
been prepared, much pleasant intercourse was held, the subject of Missions receiving its due share of attention. Several ministers from the Classis were present and contributed very much to the interest of the occasion by their remarks.

The afternoon session was largely attended. Rev. Dr. West presented the claims of Domestic Missions. Dr. Henry N. Cobb spoke feelingly of the present and serious condition of our foreign work.

Rev. Sanford N. Cobb gave us an exceedingly interesting and vivid account of his travels in China and Japan, and his impressions of the work of our missionaries at these mission stations.

Rev. Mr. Allen, De Vries, Drs. Todd and Cole took part in these exercises. The day was one long to be remembered as one, when an impetus and inspiration was given to the cause of missions which will be permanent.

A Report of Missionary Societies in the Classis of Cayuga for the year ending March 31st, 1885.

Of the eleven churches in this Classis, nine have societies connected with our Classical Missionary Association; but only five are auxiliary to Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

"The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Reformed Church of Thousand Isles (Alexandria Bay,) has had quite a successful year."

Although we have not increased in numbers, still the interest is not abated. We hold monthly meetings. Foreign missionary boxes were distributed the 1st of January last, from which we received $15.00 sent to the Treasurer. We expect to get more in this way the coming year.

From the society at Owasco Outlet, the Secretary writes: "I think the meetings have been held quite regularly and a more than usual interest manifested, especially in the latter part of the year. I think the members of the society are trying to inform themselves as to the work abroad, as well as the best way in which the cause can be carried on. At a meeting held January 7th, it was resolved that the society use its contributions for foreign missions to the support of a Lady Medical Missionary, and correspondence has been held.
with several persons in regard to the matter. We feel that our society is making progress; what we have done does not show in figures; I think I can safely say that an increased zeal is felt at each meeting, for which interesting papers are prepared."

"Surely we need not be discouraged that the work is so great while the result of our labors seem so small, for we remember that this work in many respects belongs solely to woman, and success to be given her in a marked and unmistakable manner."

From the society at Syracuse the Secretary reports that their monthly meetings have been better attended than in the previous year. In April, §40.00 were sent to Mrs. Scudder; in this month the Ladies' Classical Missionary Association met at Syracuse. A letter was read by one of the girls in the school at Yokohama, established by Mrs. Pruyn; this girl was supported by one, two, three and five dollar subscriptions, raised largely outside of our society.

In October, letters were read from Benjamin Thomas and Mrs. Conklin. Benjamin is the young man supported at the Arcot Seminary by our society, also a list of the contents of the bag sent out by Dr. Scudder. We are pledged for another §40 or §50 to foreign missions which did not get off until January, 1885, so does not appear.

The Secretary of the church society in Utica reports that the average attendance at monthly meetings has been about the same as in preceding years.

The contributions for the year for foreign missions have been §172.60. A part of this sum was given for the support of two girls at Mrs. Scudder's school at Vellore. At our last meeting a letter was read from Mrs. Scudder saying that the girls had graduated most satisfactorily, and asking that the same ladies would continue their contribution for the benefit of two others, which they consented to do. In response to a request from the Executive Committee of the Woman's Board, a meeting was held in our church the afternoon of the last Sabbath of the year for prayer that the Lord
would move the hearts of his people throughout this land to greater self-denial and liberality in their contributions to the great work of missions. The meeting was well attended. A deep feeling of interest in missions has characterized our meetings throughout the year. The information given, and selections read have been so well chosen and so calculated to increase that interest, that we cannot but regret that a greater number could not have heard them and been cheered and aroused to fresh effort and self-denial by knowing of the success and progress of missions, both in our own and foreign lands. Truly it is the Lord’s work and it will go on and in His own good time be consummated. May He honor this little circle by blessing our efforts to aid in the work and show appreciation of the value of His salvation by sending the glad tidings to the world.

In April, 1884, our Classical Association held a very interesting annual meeting at Syracuse. It was well attended by delegates from nearly all the societies; the reports read were encouraging. Very interesting papers prepared by different members inspired us with new zeal in the cause of missions. At this meeting it was determined to change the time of our annual session to the autumn; we accordingly held a meeting at Auburn, in November, which proved to be both pleasant and profitable. The next meeting was appointed to be held at Alexandria Bay in October, in 1885.

One great object of our association is to promote unity of feeling, and as far as possible unity of action among our societies; this we trust is being accomplished.

For the great success of missions in heathen lands we praise and bless the holy name of Him who gave us our great commission to “preach the Gospel to every creature.”

Acquackanock Reformed Church.—In reviewing the work of the past year, the Secretary finds the auxiliary much in the same condition as it was at the annual meeting in 1884, although the regular monthly meetings show and increase in attendance. This is an encouraging feature, and gives reason to hope and believe that the cause of missions is becoming dearer to the hearts of the ladies. The society has a mem-
bership of fifty-seven. In the spring Miss Scudder wrote to
the auxiliary, asking that a box similar to the one sent her
several years ago, be repeated. The ladies at once granted
the request, and in September a box containing one hundred
dressed dolls, canvass, worsteds, &c., was forwarded to Chit-
toor. The money expended for this object did not come from
the funds of the society, but was an extra effort of the ladies.
In August, one hundred dollars was sent to the work at the
Ferris Seminary, Yokohama. The letters received from our
missionaries have been the means of a better understanding
of the trials and privations they undergo, and picture more
vividly to the mind, the superstition, ignorance and guilt of
those for whom we are working and praying. "Truly we
have reason to thank our Heavenly Father for sparing us
another year to work for Him. Let us resolve to labor
more earnestly the coming year, remembering that our
efforts, with prayer, can accomplish much."

Astoria Reformed Church, L. I.—The Secretary writes as
follows: "Looking back upon the past we find that this
mission band was organized May 9th, 1878, with a member-
ship of fourteen. May 11th, three more were added. We
have now 33 enrolled as members—not a very large increase
for the years that have intervened, still we hope that the in-
terest in the work is steadily increasing." At a meeting of
the auxiliary held in January, it was decided to come together
once a month instead of quarterly, hoping thereby not only
to increase the numbers as a society, but to quicken the zeal
and enthusiasm of all. At the April meeting it was decided
that instead of supporting a Catechist in India as had form-
erly been the case, the contributions should be forwarded to
the Woman's Board, to appropriate where it should be most
required. The Sunday school had a very interesting meet-
ing in October. In January the society was addressed by
Mrs. Morrison who labored in China as a missionary some
years ago. The report closes with an allusion to the great
loss the church has sustained and especially the Woman's
Board, in the death of Mrs. Wm. R. Duryee, who labored so
faithfully in her Master's vineyard. May we also be faithful.
"Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus," firmly believ-
ing His promise "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance."

Brooklyn, Bedford Reformed Church.—This auxiliary was organized February 28th, 1884. The Secretary writes: "There had long existed a feeling that we, as a church, were not doing what we could for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, and when in the providence of God, a member of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions came among us, it seemed the right time to begin the work. The two objects, Foreign and Domestic were combined, each member to contribute to one or both of the mission boards. The membership has increased from twelve to twenty-six, and the hope is expressed that another year will show a greater amount of work accomplished and a large membership.

Brooklyn, Church on the Heights.—The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Reformed Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, was held Monday, March 30th, 1885. The Sunday previous, Mrs. Barrakat, of Syria, addressed a large audience in the church by invitation of the society, and great interest was manifested in the work. The ladies of the church contemplate holding meetings of the society more frequently during the coming year; and hope for a richer blessing on their efforts.

Belleville Reformed Church.—Notwithstanding great discouragement felt by the removal from the village of the enthusiastic and efficient President of the auxiliary, and the illness and physical debility of the other officers, giving them to feel, as never before, that "God is indeed our refuge and strength." Regular monthly meetings have been held by the society. At the Public Anniversary held in April, the Rev. Mr. Rapalje, from China, gave the audience some exceedingly interesting details of missionary work in that country. This address had a peculiar and special interest to those who heard it, as there are several Chinese classes in the Sunday school. Some valued members have died during the year from this society. Twenty-four ladies subscribe for the "Mission Gleaner."
Brooklyn, 12th Street Reformed Church.—This auxiliary reports regular meetings held except during the summer months, and collections larger than at any previous year. The missionary boxes used in the Sunday-school have been the means of increasing interest in the cause, and as a consequence more liberal contributions. Interesting letters have been received from Japan. Mrs. Culbertson visited the ladies and gave a very interesting address on the progress of mission work among the Chinese for the last forty years. Sixty dollars has been sent to India for the support of a native helper. Altogether the year has been one of progress, and and much encouragement is felt by the ladies.

Brooklyn, E. D., Reformed Church.—This auxiliary has labored faithfully during the past year. Some useful members have been added, and there is an increased interest among the younger members. It is hoped that this field of usefulness may widen. "The Little Helpers," composed of girls belonging to the Sabbath-school, held an entertainment in the Chapel which interested, as well as pleased. An interesting letter has been received from the native teacher in the Arcot Mission supported by the auxiliary. Mrs. E. P. Terhune, Mrs. H. T. Gray, Miss Lizzie Barnes, and Miss Susan Van Wyck were made life members of the auxiliary. Seventy-five dollars of the amount raised was from the "Little Helpers," and twenty-five from the Young Ladies' Society.

Caatsban Reformed Church.—Secretary's report: "It is with feelings of gratitude, pleasure and encouragement that we greet this, our seventh anniversary. Gratitude, to our Heavenly Father that he has enabled us to continue on so prosperously, and given us the disposition to be humble co-workers with Him in this most blessed cause. Pleasure, that our little rill is helping to swell the stream that shall make glad the City of our God, and encouragement, that there is no diminution in the interest manifested on the part of our people in this important branch of our loved church work. We have during the year maintained monthly gatherings at private houses with an average attendance of twenty---"
nine. The monthly dues have been faithfully paid without
the labor for assistance of collectors. As the frequent and
earnest appeals for help have come to us, we have wished
that we could respond more liberally. The Macedonian cry
has not here been heard by dull ears or cold, insensible hearts.
We have deeply sympathized with our Board of Foreign
Missions in their needs and perplexities. A heavy sorrow has
fallen upon our little band. A beloved Pastor has been taken
from us, who, by his frequent presence in our gatherings, his
warm and earnest prayers in our behalf, the lively interest
and delight he felt in this work of his loved people, did much
to cheer, encourage and stimulate us in our efforts. We
enter upon our eighth year of labor, sorrowful and yet re-
joicing, trusting that as the Great Head of the church has
thus far prospered our work, He will still add His blessing,
and at the last we shall receive the reward of humble, faith-
ful workers.

"Early and late still sow,
The seed which God hath given;
Seek not reward below.
The glorious flower shall blow
Where cloudless summers glow;
The harvest is in heaven."

Chatham Reformed Church.—This auxiliary has held ten
regular meetings during the year and has remitted sixty-
seven dollars, a part of the funds being raised by an envelope
party held in the Sunday-school rooms. In October, the so-
ciety gained twenty-one new members; most of them will
pay dues the coming year; the membership now is sixty-
seven, and the interest not on the wane, but rather gaining
ground for this, the Master’s work.

Catskill Reformed Church.—The Catskill Auxiliary of the
Woman's Board of Foreign Missions still continues its mis-
sion work faithfully. Although the auxiliary has been with-
out either Pastor or President since last summer, the meetings
have been regularly held, and the collections for the year
amount to a little over ninety-one dollars. The removal of
the President of the society to the West is deeply felt by all the members.

**Canajoharie Reformed Church.**—The regular meetings of this auxiliary have been somewhat interrupted from different causes; still there seems be a deep and growing interest in the mission cause, not only among the ladies, but throughout the whole church. A missionary society has been formed in the Sunday-school which holds monthly meetings. The society has a membership of sixty-two. God is manifestly blessing the labors of the new young pastor, and crowning them with unusual success. The loss from ill health of the former beloved pastor was deeply felt, but the work goes on and many are coming up to their duty in the cause of missions, and the contributions have for two years past been unusually liberal.

**Ellenville Reformed Church.**—Four meetings in the interest of foreign missions have been held by this auxiliary during the year, and at every one, earnest devotional exercises have been followed by the reading of articles on missionary topics, and items of interest have been brought and given by the different members. The society is aiming to become still more intelligent in regard to missions, knowing that as a natural consequence, their love and enthusiasm for them will become greater with increasing knowledge. An interesting letter has been received from Miss Talmage, telling of the little Chinese girl, Bia, now supported by the auxiliary. The Rev. Mr. Rapalje, of Amoy, addressed the ladies at their annual meeting, in January.

**East Greenbush Reformed Church.**—During the past year this society has held ten regular meetings. The average attendance has been small, yet there has been an increasing interest in the work. The result of the year's efforts are quite encouraging, as the amount raised is considerably larger than that of last year. Each succeeding year in the work of the auxiliary has shown an increase in its contributions, and a consequent enlargement of interest in the cause of foreign missions, and in our special work.
East Greenbush "Mission Band."—The meetings of this "band" have been held the first Saturday of every month with a few exceptions, and have been attended with interest. Owing to removals and other causes, the membership is not quite as large as in former years; still, no discouragement is felt, and hopes are entertained of accomplishing more for the Master in this way another year. Eighteen dollars has been sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board.

Farmer Village Reformed Church.—This auxiliary reports its second year of work as an auxiliary of the Woman's Board. Although several of the days for the monthly meetings have been exceedingly stormy, the average attendance has been fifteen out of a membership of thirty-three. Two new members have been added during the year. At all the meetings mission letters and missionary intelligence have been read, and warmed the hearts of many to more earnest prayer, and a more generous giving "as the Lord hath prospered them," that they might aid in sending ambassadors among the heathen to declare His marvelous works among all nations—more particularly to help elevate our poor downtrodden, our burdened sisters, by dispelling the dark cloud of sin and ignorance that overshadows them, and we know that it is only the genial rays of the "Sun of righteousness" that can accomplish this. No sacrifice should be too great that will find aid in sending the disciples of Jesus to these benighted lands. The Secretary hopes that their mites will be as bread cast upon the waters," and when it is found it will be multiplied many fold.

Freehold Reformed Church.—Tenth Annual Report.—It is eminently fitting that this, the tenth anniversary of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Second Reformed Church of Freehold, should be an occasion of more than ordinary interest; with this thought in mind a review of our ten year's work is submitted, accompanied by the hope that in looking backward over our work and "labor of love," we may find such encouragement as shall inspire us to greater effort and diligence in the work which still lies before us.

We have the honor of being one of the oldest societies
connected with the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions, as this church was one of the first to respond to the appeal sent out by that organization in the year 1875.

A meeting was called in our lecture room on the 8th of April, of that same year, to organize an auxiliary society. Ten ladies were present, and so thoroughly were they enlisted in the work, that by the time of the next meeting they had secured the names of ninety-one members on the roll. Here let me state that our present membership is somewhat less than the original number. There are many changes that occur in a period of ten years, and we also have been affected by them. Some of our members have been called to their home above, one of whom was for several years an earnest worker, fulfilling the duty of collector with great efficiency, and another from whom a bequest for foreign missions sent through our treasury, proved her interest to be loyal—and still another whose generous donations have been greatly missed—these and other dear ones are now among the redeemed above; and while many have removed to other homes, the greater number of the original members are still connected with the society, and with the co-operation of several new families in our midst, we have at present a membership of seventy-five. While we believe that numbers should grow instead of decrease, it is satisfactory to note that the receipts of the last few years have increased above those of former years.

Japan was the field of labor chosen by the society, and its first efforts were given to the support and education of a young girl in Ferris Seminary, at Yokohama. For three years the interest of the society centered in Kuni Tamini. Her bright readable letters were always listened to with pleasure, and her photograph seemed like the face of a familiar friend. But an ill-advised marriage with a native heathen officer brought serious trouble upon her and disappointment to us, as we had hoped she would remain as a teacher in the seminary. About two years ago, however, Miss Whitbeck wrote us concerning Kuni that this trial had been of benefit to her, and gave us good reason to believe that our efforts had not been expended in vain.
The two following years our money was sent to the general fund, when we were again asked to support another pupil in the same school. As the ladies felt that a specific object was a means of increasing the interest as well as the funds, they willingly responded to Miss Whitbeck's request, and we soon learned to know and love our new pupil Tami J’buka, a sister of one of the pastors or elders of the native church at Tokio, and a lovely Christian girl whose position and character gave promise of great usefulness among her own country women. But alas! our hopes which were so sanguine, our expectations which seemed so well founded were, in the providence of God, brought to naught, for he early called this loved one to himself. And now indeed, it seemed as though our efforts so far as visible results are seen, had been in vain, but remembering that “God’s ways are not as our ways,” we can leave the hidden results altogether in His hands, believing that the good seed we have helped sow shall not return unto Him void, but in His own way and time, shall bring forth abundant fruit.

The yearly subscription fee at the time of organization was fixed at 50 cents. The next year this was raised to 75 cents, and while this is at present considered the minimum, it is entirely optional with the members to give of their means according to the prompting of their hearts.

The money sent through our treasury to Foreign Missions for these ten years amounts to the sum of $643.00, adding to this $27.00—two years donations to Domestic Missions—we have a total of $670.00 contributed to the work which is being done in obedience to that divine command “Go ye therefore and teach all nations.” Our gifts are the most practical and important feature of our work. They are a test of our sincerity, of our willingness to deny ourselves for the sake of those who know not our Lord—without which all our prayers and labor would be “as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.” According as we individually give, so is the work prospered and our own selves blessed. The fact that the Sunday-school of this church has helped us financially from time to time, should be gratefully acknowledged by us. At such times when it was difficult or quite impossible of the ladies to col-
lect the pledged amount of scholarships, aid was always kindly given in making up the deficiency. And on one occasion when an appeal from Mr. Stout for Christian homes at Nagasaki was laid before the society, it being unable to respond, presented it to the school which appropriated $25.00 to this object.

The Annual Reports of the Woman's Board are circulated freely among the members, that they may be informed of the work accomplished by the devoted women of our denomination, with whom we are co-laborers.

The Mission Gleaner is taken by a few of the members; its small cost and the fresh, entertaining news from the work abroad published in it, render it worthy a larger patronage.

Yearly anniversaries have been regularly observed by the society, with the exception of two years, and on such occasions we have had the pleasure of listening to addresses by Dr. Jared Scudder, J. V. N. Talmage, Prof. Doolittle of New Brunswick, Rev. Jas. L. Amerman, now in Japan, and Rev. J. A. Davis, who was twice present with us, not forgetting the words of encouragement always given us by our own Pastors.

Until this last year our contributions have been regularly sent to Ferris Seminary, either in support of a pupil or to the general fund. While we have felt deeply interested in this school, and noted with pleasure its increasing prosperity, owing to an unexpected event our interest has of late been directed another way.

Miss Mary Brokaw, who has gone to Nagasaki to establish a girls' school similar to the one at Yokohama, as sister of our Pastor and as a member of our own church, is specially entitled to our warmest sympathy and hearty co-operation in the work she has in charge, and in recognition of this fact our contributions for the past year amounting to $50.00 has been appropriated to this object.

Our work during these ten years has been quietly progressing. We have persevered at times amidst discouragement and disappointed hopes, but we have cause to rejoice to-day that the interest in mission work has been steadily maintained throughout, the meetings better attended, and, the contributions increased.
Gravesend Reformed Church.—The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Gravesend Reformed Church of L. I., was unusually interesting. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Daniel Rapalje, from Amoy. He was followed by a Chinaman who prayed in his own language, and made some remarks relative to the condition of the Chinese. A short address was also made by Mr. Smith, of Brooklyn. The auxiliary has held regular monthly meetings during the year with the average attendance. Interesting and instructive articles have been read from which the society has received help and encouragement. The contributions are for the support of a girl and boy in Dr. Chamberlin’s school at Madanapalle, and the remainder for the general fund.

Ghent Reformed Church.—The interest in this auxiliary continues unabated, although the average attendance at the meetings which have been regularly held, has been small. The readings have been mostly from the “Manual of Missions” and the “Gospel in All Lands.” The membership is now 57. The anniversary was observed on Sabbath evening, March 29th. The Rev. Sanford H. Cobb gave the audience an interesting account of his observations of missionary work in Japan and China, and it is the hope that as a consequence of this meeting there will be a deepened interest in our work.

Greenpoint Reformed Church.—In consideration of the work of this society during the three years of its existence, these words of our Saviour seem strangely pertinent: “The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whitherto it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit.” We believe, nay we are confident that it was the Holy Spirit who first put it into the hearts of the Pastor and his people to organize this society, and that as it was “born of the Spirit,” so by the Spirit it has been sustained and prospered ever since. We see the fruits—the work accomplished by the Holy Spirit; but the process of growth, can never be understood, much less described by finite mind. Thus, in submitting a report of the work of this society during the past year, we can only state briefly the various features of success and growth, for which
we would ascribe all honor and glory to Him who alone "giveth the increase."

First, growth may be seen in the increase of membership. During the past year twenty-one new names have been entered upon the roll. Also the receipts of the present year are decidedly in advance of any of its predecessors; and although at times, as a society, we have scarcely known where to look for resources, wherewith to meet urgent demands, in some way or other "the Lord has provided."

In October, all the ladies of the congregation were invited to meet Mrs. M. E. Sangster in the church parlors. This meeting was one of great interest, and Mrs. Sangster’s remarks were most instructive and stimulating. Another cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving is, in the apparent growing interest among the children of the Sabbath-school in all missionary work. At the Christmas entertainment forty-five dollars was contributed, and at Easter, a sum exceeding fifty dollars was given by the scholars. The letters from Mr. Van Dyck, read before the auxiliary from time to time, not only give most encouraging reports of the improvement of the Chinese girl, "Heart’s Desire," whom the society are supporting and educating, but also affords general missionary information of the work of our Reformed Church in China. As we take up our work for another year, the field for usefulness seems constantly enlarging; new calls for help come to us; and with faith, hope and steadfast endeavor, we expect to go forward. We feel that we have the hearty sympathy and cooperation of all; but we want something more—your increasing prayer in our behalf; for we are ever reminded in the words of the Psalmist, "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

Greenport Reformed Church.—This auxiliary still holds its own amid some discouraging circumstances; one is, the almost impassable condition of the roads in the country at some seasons of the year, thus preventing the holding of regular meetings, many living long distances from the places of holding meetings, and unable consequently to attend. The faithful few keep up the interest. Some of the former mem-
bers have withdrawn for various reasons, but the auxiliary still lives and continues its efforts for the good work. Through the efforts of the society the means were secured to support the child at the Ferris Seminary by means of which the hope is expressed that many of her heathen sisters may learn of Christ. One valued member has been removed by death. She was unable to attend the meeting, but her heart was in the work, and she dearly loved the cause. The Secretary trusts that as a society they may be stimulated to greater effort in this blessed work, and not be “faint or grow weary.”

Franklin Park Reformed Church.—This auxiliary has received six new members during the year. The interest is not diminishing and the work considered just as important as when it was taken up two years ago. It is believed and expected that before the time arrives for the fulfilment of the pledges for the beneficiaries, the money will be ready. Eighteen meetings have been held with an average attendance of eleven. Early in the year missionary boxes were distributed to each family in the congregation, to be collected at the close of the year. Letters from the beneficiaries have been received, and from the teachers, which have been a great help and encouragement, making a keener realization of the great work to be accomplished. To persevere and press forward anew in this work by the grace of Him “whose strength is made perfect in weakness,” is the earnest desire of all.

Hackensack First Reformed Church.—The Secretary of this auxiliary writes: “In presenting these few words at the close of our eleventh year, we feel to thank God that He has so greatly blessed our efforts in the past, and to pray for a still larger blessing in the years to come. Regular quarterly meetings have been held and much interest has been manifested. The collectors have faithfully performed their duties in calling upon the ladies of the congregation for their monthly subscriptions, and in most cases the ladies have willingly contributed. The Mission Gleaner has been subscribed for and read by a number of the society. Then while helping those abroad we feel that we are not neglecting the needy at home, for our aid society still exists and is doing a good
work in helping the destitute around us. Thus we enter upon another year, trusting that God will give us the means, which, united with our efforts will carry on the good work we have commenced.

High Bridge Reformed Church.—Although this auxiliary was organized in June, 1879, and has been working systematically ever since as an efficient ally of the Woman's Board. The regular Constitution was not adopted until the special meeting was held for the purpose, in December, 1884. Two new names have been added to the roll of membership in place of one withdrawal and two removals. The Secretary hopes and prays that some others of the church may be prompted by our Saviour's last command to arise and fill the place of the absent ones. Monthly meetings have been fairly attended, and items of missionary intelligence read with a view of increasing the interest in the cause.

Hudson Reformed Church.—The Hudson auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions is now entering upon the eighth year of its existence. As is our custom, we halt on the threshold, and take a backward glance, reviewing what we in our imperfect way have been enabled to do in this great and important work of sending the Gospel to the heathen. The meetings of this society have been held the first Monday of each month, with the exception of July and August, with an average increase in attendance over that of last year. At these meetings interesting articles of missionary intelligence have been read, giving information of the work as carried on in various fields. Although the membership has not increased, the interest has not flagged, and those who have had the privilege of attending the meetings can testify to an increase of zeal and an earnest desire to do more in this work. Two of our members have been made life-members of the Woman's Board, and the usual contributions for the support of Anna Gibson, the pupil in India, has been sent as heretofore. The receipt of Letters from Mrs. Jared Scudder and from Anna were very satisfactory and encouraging. A letter from Miss Scudder in reference to her school, and others from the same field have been received and listened to with pleasure. There
has been no means used to aid in the work other than that of last year, excepting the distribution of mission boxes which has proved a help. We feel that our work falls far short of what the increasing demand requires, and we trust that we will do more in this new year of our society to awaken a greater interest in the work.

_Hopewell Reformed Church._—This auxiliary sustains regular meetings every month at the parsonage, and although the attendance is not very large, these meetings are made interesting by the articles read on the different missions. The President has received letters from Miss Brokaw of Nagasaki, thus increasing the interest. Competent collectors have been appointed and have been very successful in their work. Seventy-two dollars was raised last year; fifty-two dollars by the society, and twenty by individual subscription. The society hopes to do even more the coming year, as the collectors have been in office but three months. The pastor is much interested, and copies of a missionary paper are distributed through the pews of the church, hoping thereby to awaken more interest.

_Holland, Mich., Reformed Churches._—This auxiliary, composed of the ladies of the First, Second, and Third Churches of Holland, has met regularly every month during the past year. These gatherings have been well attended, have grown in interest. The membership has increased, and an earnestness is manifested to promote the spread of the Gospel in heathen lands. The amount of the contributions is larger than last year. One hundred and nine dollars, five cents has been raised.

_Jersey City Bergen Reformed Church._—The meetings have been held regularly by this auxiliary during the year, and the subscriptions faithfully collected. The society has received a legacy of five hundred dollars from Miss Theresa Vreeland, deceased, by her sister, making the total collections amount to seven hundred and twenty-five dollars. In numbers the society has not grown as it had hoped, though many earnest prayers have been offered to that end, and much missionary
information given, making the meetings of deep interest to those who have attended. The object of this society is not only to collect money to help on the mission work, but to promote an interest in missions both at home and abroad. The secretary writes: "We hope still to see our meetings enlarged by the attendance of many of the ladies of the congregation who have not yet joined the society. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

Jersey City Lafayette Reformed Church.—The last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of this church was held on the 10th of February. The Rev. Mr. Rapalje, of Amoy, was present with his wife and gave a very interesting account of life in China. The Treasurer reported the amount of subscriptions for the year, one hundred and twenty-five dollars; receipts from a fair, one hundred and twenty-six dollars. The latter sum was paid through the Treasurer of the Woman's Board towards relieving the debt of Synod's Board; the rest for the general purposes of the Woman's Board.

The meeting will be long remembered by those who were present as the last which our beloved President, Mrs. Wm. R. Duryee, officiated. The next time the society met it was for the sad purpose of taking some action in regard to her death. It was decided that a set of resolutions be drawn up, and a Committee was appointed for the purpose.

Jersey City Second Reformed Church.—This auxiliary still continues to send contributions to the foreign and domestic work of missions. The ladies have inaugurated monthly meetings in the hope of interesting a larger number of the members of the congregation to a greater devotion to the work. Interesting articles pertaining to mission work have been read at the meetings by different ladies. The number of membership continues about the same. The change from the quarterly to monthly meetings it is hoped will tend to increase interest.

Kiskatom Reformed Church.—From the third annual report of this society we learn that regular meetings have been held once in two months, besides two others for business especial-
The attendance is not large, which may in part be accounted for by the widely scattered condition of the congregation. The hope is expressed that the heart-interest may be intensified in the blessed work, and then obstacles will be less formidable. There are evidences however, of the growing love for the Saviour's Kingdom in the increased amount of the contributions. This is due probably to special gifts by two or three persons in view of the pressing emergency of our Board of Missions, and their appeals came from the prayers answered by the Great Head of the Church in opening doors of access to the vast fields so ripe for the harvest on mission ground. The writer of the annual report says: “The scattered seed of the word bears fruit in the individual life, it is sown in the family and the church field, thence the whole land is supplied, and it meets the demands of other nations.” The order of working is this: the entire church for Christ; the nation for Christ, and the whole world for Christ. It is all one work for our glorious Lord and Redeemer, agreeable to the principles and motives of His own word. It is the Divine love which first possessed every Christian heart, is then breathed forth upon citizens, families, upon the homeless, and then embraces the world that “lieth in wickedness.” It is the spirit of the Master who said “The field is the world.”

New York, 6th Avenue Reformed Church.—The Ninth Annual Report of this society informs us that meetings have been held once each month, excepting July and August. The Secretary writes that “while the number attending has not been as large as we would like to see, there has always been many more than enough to claim the blessing.” “The interest never flags, there being nearly always more missionary matter brought to the meetings, than we have time to hear.” “The intelligence coming from both branches of the work during the year, shows that the fields are white to the harvest, and the cry comes to us for our prayers and our means to help in forwarding the cause of our Master.” There have been added to the society during the year four honorary members, two the wives of former pastors of the church, and two former officers of the society. Letters have been received
from the foreign field, greatly encouraging and inspiring the auxiliary with new zeal for the Master. At the last anniversary the "Faith Mission Band" by their singing, dialogues and recitations, verified the Scripture "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast ordained praise." As the society takes up the work of the new year with renewed consecration to the Master, and a firm resolve to do with its might, what its hands find to do."

New York, "Faith Mission Band" Sixth Avenue Reformed Church.—The meetings of the "Band" have been well attended. The anniversary held in December was a decided success. The church was full and the children did their best. During the year twenty-five dollars has been sent to India for the support of Emma Lawrence, the girl supported by the "Band," and fifty dollars to the Board of Foreign Missions towards the liquidation of the debt, leaving still a balance on hand of twenty dollars. News has been received of the safe arrival of the box of useful and fancy articles sent by the members to India. The officers of this Band feeling the necessity of God's guidance in the meetings, have held a prayer meeting asking help and strength from Him, and the result has been that both have been received. The motto of these workers for Jesus is, "According to your faith be it unto you." The evening meetings have been particularly instructive and interesting. The plan adopted is to take a certain country and to have the readings and recitations of the evening descriptive of that country and its missionary work. The children find the afternoon meetings also interesting, judging from their attendance. A sewing circle is connected with the meetings, and from week to week clothing for needy families is made, thus combining home with foreign work. Sixty-four names are on the roll.

New Brunswick First Reformed Church.—The Secretary of this auxiliary reports increased interest, attendance upon the meetings, and liberality. The society is stronger than it was last year, having a few more members, and the contributions twice the amount as last reported. The meetings have been held every two weeks with a quarterly meeting devoted to
missionary news and exercises of a devotional character. At the fortnightly meetings sewing and quilting is done, sociability being a marked feature of these gatherings. The money realized for the work of the ladies together with the collections taken at the quarterly meetings, adds materially to the treasury. From both teacher and pupil supported by this auxiliary in the Ferris Seminary, interesting letters have been received.

Neshanie Reformed Church.—At the call of the pastor, Rev. John Hart, a small number of ladies convened at the parsonage on January 16th, 1884. After consultation as to the need of such effort as the Woman's Board was doing, and the probability of success if an auxiliary to that Board was attempted, it was resolved to organize. Officers were elected and the constitution adopted. The auxiliary was formed with a small membership, which has gradually increased from time to time, until seventy members are now enrolled with a membership fee of fifty cents annually. Quarterly meetings have been held, but with small average attendance. Specimen copies of the “Gleaner” have been distributed among the members and others. A beneficiary in Mrs. Scudder's school has been supported and letters received from her in return. Thankful for what has been accomplished in the past, it is hoped with God's blessing to report larger interests and results the coming year. One of the members has been removed from the labors on earth to the higher service in heaven.

Newburgh Reformed Church.—The record of this society for the past year is bright and encouraging, and the members feel deeply thankful that they have been permitted to accomplish so much. The new plan for raising money has proved very successful; the contributions are larger this year than at any time since the organization of the auxiliary. The quarterly meetings have been regularly attended at the parsonage, and although the attendance has been small, they have been very interesting. Articles from different sources containing missionary intelligence have been read. Letters have been received from one or two pupils at Vellore Semi-
nary. Money has been sent Dr. Chamberlain in his field of labor at Madanapalle. The year has been a bright one, and encouragement is expressed, believing that God will be with them in the future as he has been in the past.

North Branch Reformed Church, N. J.—The regular quarterly meetings of this auxiliary have been well sustained, and the contributions and pledges fulfilled. The Secretary hopes to report a much greater interest in the near future.

New Utrecht Reformed Church.—The condition of this auxiliary has not materially changed during the past year. "Feeling the need however, of greater exertion in order to meet (with our share) the urgent appeal of the Board, a few faithful ones have manifested their zeal by redoubled efforts in behalf of the cause, and have been rewarded by increased liberality on the part of the people, enabling us to pay into the treasury one hundred and eighty-two dollars and twenty-nine cents, a much larger amount than has been reported in any previous year since the society organized four years ago. These encouragements give a new impulse to the auxiliary to enter upon the coming year with more earnestness both in working and giving, remembering that "to whom much is given, of him much will be required."

New York City, Fifth Avenue and Forty-Eighth Street Collegiate Church.—Monthly meetings have been held by this auxiliary during the winter; two of them were held at private residences and were very well attended. Dr. Boudinot Atterbury spoke at one of them on missions in China, and the Rev. Mr. Sanford Cobb on our work at Amoy and in Japan—now when the patient watchers in the East can already discern the brightness of the coming day—when Japan is welcoming, and China is ready to receive the Gospel. When even the haughty Brahmin acknowledges the excellence of Christianity. At this time we are grieved that only sixty ladies of our church have responded to the appeal of the Woman's Board, and that the sum of our contributions is less than in former years. The Saviour has promised "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." Let us not for-
get that if we will, it is our privilege to hasten the fulfilment of that promise."

**New York, Madison Avenue Reformed Church.**—During the past winter the meetings of this auxiliary have been held monthly instead of quarterly as heretofore, hoping thereby to increase the interest among the members. The plan of preparing papers on the special subject for the day by members appointed by the President has been observed. The Secretary trusts that in some hearts the cause of foreign missions is dearer because of these frequent meetings together, and hearing from many sources of the great wretchedness of those who have no knowledge of Jesus, and so that the gifts may do something towards carrying this blessed news of salvation to those who need it.

**Nassau Reformed Church.**—The third anniversary of the Nassau auxiliary was observed in November, 1884. The Rev. Dr. Cole, of Yonkers, gave an address on the importance of missions and missionary work. The monthly meetings have been attended and the hour has become a time to be observed. A pleasant afternoon one Mrs. Morrison, a returned missionary, gave the ladies an interesting and instructive talk on the Chinese, their customs, and her work among them. One letter has been received from Rev. J. W. Conklin, and one for the beneficiary in Chittoor. The receipts for the current year were eighty dollars. The Sunbeams Mission Band have held monthly meetings and gained much information by devoting several months in succession to the study of a single country. They have received one letter from India and have collected about thirty dollars.

**New Paltz Reformed Church.**—During the past year the society has held six meetings; four of these were held in the church on Saturday afternoons preceding Communion Sunday. At these meetings, after devotional exercises, selections from various magazines and papers, and articles written for the society have been read. From these much interesting information regarding the progress of our cause in the seve-
ral mission fields has been gained. Two meetings held at the parsonage were more social in their character.

Nyack Reformed Church. — The meetings of this auxiliary have been regularly held during the past year, and there seems to have been a steady increase of interest and attendance. At each meeting some missionary intelligence was read concerning one or more of our foreign fields of labor. The society has been favored during the year with a visit from Rev. Mr. Amerman of Japan, and the Rev. Sanford H. Cobb to address them. The result, financially, of the use of the mite boxes has exceeded the anticipations of the society. The collections amount to three hundred and two dollars ($302.00) besides one hundred dollars ($100.00) given by the husband of a deceased member as a "Margaret Blauvelt Memorial Gift," making the sum total for the year four hundred and two dollars ($402.00). The Girls' Missionary Society connected with the church, is in a very flourishing condition. Mrs. S. Swartout and Miss M. E. Gedney were made life members of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

Philadelphia Reformed Churches. — The Secretary writes: "In closing the fifth year of work of the auxiliary, the managers, in looking back over the progress of the Society, feel that it has been like the "little cloud, no larger than a man's hand" with the Prophet saw after he had prayed for rain, and they modestly hope, like that cloud, it may increase, until it inspires the whole church with a missionary spirit." "Our missionary basket and sociable have proved to be a decided success, and we would cordially commend them to the notice of auxiliaries." From subscriptions, one hundred and eighty dollars has been received. From sociable and basket, one hundred and five dollars. From First Church primary class, fifteen dollars. From the Second Church Young People's Missionary Society, sixty dollars, and from the Second Church Sunday-school, twenty dollars. Fines, one dollar and sixty-five cents, making a total of three hundred and eighty-two dollars, twenty-seven cents as the contributions for the work the past year.
Patersonville Reformed Church, N. Y.—The regular attendance at the meetings of this auxiliary have been but thinly attended owing to the severe weather most of the winter, and consequently poor condition of the roads. This auxiliary has sent forty dollars as their contribution for the year, and hopes for an increased interest and finances during the coming year.

Poughkeepsie 1st Reformed Church.—The Secretary of this auxiliary reports as follows: “In reviewing the work of our auxiliary for the past year, we find much to encourage. Although our meetings have not been as well attended as we could have wished, still our interest has increased for this, our Master’s work. The support is still continued of two pupils in the mission school at Madanapalle, and a native helper. One hundred dollars has also been sent to the Foreign Board. One year ago Mrs. Chamberlain wrote and asked if it would be possible to send a magic lantern for use in their mission school. The money was cheerfully given, the magic lantern purchased and sent to India last fall. From a suggestion in the “Gleaner” an envelope party was held last winter which proved a success, both socially and financially.

The “Young People’s Missionary Society” of the 1st Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie has been greatly blessed and prospered during the past year. Those members of the society who have attended the monthly meetings have learned much with regard to Japan and other countries where the Gospel is being preached to the heathen, and have found their interest quickened and their love for the work increased with this wider acquaintance with the world and its needs. The special work of this society is the support of a scholar in the Ferris Seminary, Japan, for which sixty dollars is annually pledged. Interesting letters have been received from Mrs. Booth, and some photographs of “Tsuné,” the beneficiary of the auxiliary. With these encouragements and many other evidences of the Master’s blessing upon its work, the society assumes the duties of another year with renewed earnestness and consecration.
Port Richmond Reformed Church, S. i.—With grateful joy the Secretary presents the first annual report of the society. Although we cannot say we have done what we could, still we have striven to do something to prove our love for the Saviour and our interest in the extension of His kingdom. We began the year with a membership of twenty-eight; during the year four new names have been added to the roll. The meetings have been held on the first Wednesday of every month, the largest attendance being thirty-five, the smallest seven. At the February meeting the ladies were addressed by Miss Fannie Dyer upon work among the Indians, enlisting much sympathy. The collections for the year amount to fifty dollars.

Piermont Reformed Church.—This auxiliary still clings together in the good work, though there numbers are but few. The missionary boxes which had been distributed were opened, and the result, forty-five dollars, eighty cents, was an advance of five dollars and eighty cents on the contributions of the previous year. At the public meeting of the auxiliary the ladies were addressed by Mrs. Baldwin, wife of a returned missionary to China. She was a pleasant speaker and very interesting.

Pella, Iowa, Reformed Church.—The report from this auxiliary is encouraging. The Band of “Little Workers” have sent the sum of thirty dollars ($30) for the support of their scholar in India, and one hundred dollars ($100) for the support of a native preacher, A. Daniel. Besides the one hundred and thirty dollars from the Young People’s Society, Band of “Little Workers,” a collection was also taken in the church for foreign missions. The Band hold meetings once in two months, and seem very much interested in their work. One little girl has a missionary hen and has contributed two dollars already of the money earned in this way, by selling the eggs the hen has laid during the winter. Another little girl has brought her pennies earned by housework, sweeping the carpets, and has gathered quite a little sum in this way. So the young children are being trained to a love for missions and self-denial in giving to the cause. A letter has been re-
ceived from Mrs. Scudder with regard to Anna, the beneficiary supported by the society.

Pompton Reformed Church.—The second annual meeting of this auxiliary was held Sabbath evening, March 22d, and was made the occasion of additional pleasure by the presence of Rev. Dr. Cobb, who gave much instructive information concerning mission work among heathen women. At the beginning of the year it was deemed advisable to somewhat alter the title so that it might include both branches of mission work. The receipts show the wisdom of this alteration; the amount contributed this year being one hundred and six dollars, and of this sixty-three dollars, eighty-three cents has been forwarded to the Woman’s Board to continue the support of the Catechist and Bible Reader in India. The society has a membership of thirty-six, and at each monthly meeting letters and descriptions of missionary labor are read, which add greatly to the interest and knowledge of the work which is being accomplished.

Readington Reformed Church.—This auxiliary is reported to be in a flourishing condition. The pastor has awakened much interest in the mission cause throughout the entire congregation, and has aided the society in many ways. The congregation was thoroughly canvassed in the spring, and good results followed. Quarterly meetings are held and well attended. The meetings have been made interesting by the reading of selected pieces, singing, etc. The solicitors report at these meetings and pay in their collections to the Treasurer. The giving has been entirely optional, the plan of membership fee having been abandoned. About two hundred dollars has been realized the past year. May God still continue to bless our efforts.

Raritan Third Reformed Church.—The contribution of this auxiliary for the year is one hundred and twenty dollars, an increase of twenty dollars over last year. This sum has been used in various ways: by membership fees, donations, etc. The society has been deeply afflicted in the removal by death their much beloved and efficient President, Mrs. Charles
H. Pool. She had been the head for nearly ten years, and the members had learned to look up to her as their guide and counsellor. Her loss is deeply felt, but our loss is her gain. She has finished her work on earth and gone to receive her rich reward in heaven. Our mission continues interested and earnest, rejoicing in the progress of God's Kingdom in the world and anxious to do what we can to help it on.

*Spring Valley Reformed Church, Fourth Annual Report.*—The work of our association has been quietly and steadily prosecuted during the past year. Eight meetings have been held, besides the appointment of two others which were prevented by stormy weather. About one hundred and fifty calls have been made by the district visitors, and one new member has been added to the foreign department.

Intelligence from the different mission stations of our church, and articles bearing upon mission work in general, have been brought before the meetings when opportunity has offered, and we hope to accomplish more in this direction in the future, than we have in the past. Upon the occasion of our last anniversary, the association was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Cole, of Yonkers. His subject, which was “The Duties and Encouragements of the Missionary Work,” was presented with great ability and soul-stirring earnestness, and was received with warm appreciation by an interested audience.

Missionary lectures by our pastor have increased our knowledge of the missions of our own church, and of the foreign field at large.

On the first Sabbath of February, our Sunday-school was addressed by the Rev. David M. Talmage, of Clarkstown, N. Y. Having been formerly a missionary at Amoy, he was able to give a life-like description of missionary life in that part of the heathen world. His account of the various duties, trials and encouragements of the missionaries, and that of the customs and religious beliefs of the Chinese, were received with great interest and pleasure by the children, and they were no less instructive and entertaining to his adult hearers.

In membership and money our society has suffered some-
what during the past year, from several causes; two of which are, removals, and the diversion of funds into other mission-channels. Although, as a society, we regret this fact, yet we are very glad to be able to state that the different channels into which missionary money has been turned, will bring it all into the treasury of Synod's Board of Foreign Missions; and, further, that the aggregate amount of funds contributed for foreign missions by our church, in its several departments, is a large advance upon former years. We learn from the Treasurer's Report that fifty-one dollars have been contributed to the foreign department of our society, during the year just ended.

But, notwithstanding the year's record of our society shows no advance in membership or money, our fourth annual report is presented with a deepened sense of the unspeakable value of Christian women's work for the salvation of their heathen sisters. We feel that gratitude to God for the inestimable blessing of Christian birth and education, added to the supreme consideration of promoting His glory, should enlist not only the sympathies, but also the earnest, persistent efforts of every Christian woman towards placing the life-giving truths of the Gospel into the hands of every daughter of the human race. This service may be rendered at home or abroad. Upon a comparatively recent occasion, one of our veteran missionaries remarked that all Christendom should be divided into two classes: the senders and the sent. If this statement is true, and who that knows what heathenism is, and what the spirit of Christ is, can doubt it? there is room for deep heart searching on the part of every every Christian believer. It becomes each one to ask the following questions: "Have I the qualifications necessary for a missionary worker among the heathen? If not, is it possible for me to acquire such qualifications? Are there any circumstances which render it impracticable or improper for me to go?" If, after faithful examination, we seem to be shut up at home, it becomes our duty to consider in what way we can be most efficient workers here. As members of a society, auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, which is aiding Synod's Board in promoting their work among the women and children in heathen lands, our hearts
are specially interested in "woman's work for woman." But, we feel sure that thoughtful Christians everywhere, whether men or women, whether connected with any particular society or not, cannot fail to realize the incalculable importance of increasing the number of Christian mothers among all nations. Although in heathen countries woman occupies an inferior and degraded position, yet, in all these places, even where she is the slave of man, the mother's character is stamped in a greater or less degree upon her child. Seeing then that the work of enlightening and saving mothers, is also an advance towards saving their children, there can be no more fruitful field of missionary effort, than that of bringing heathen women to Christ.

The work of the Woman's Board, though growing steadily during the ten years of its existence, has scarcely kept pace with the demands of the work in heathen lands. Hence the need of enlarging every rivulet which is contributing towards the beneficent stream of woman's foreign mission work. And not only does the present demand call loudly for enlargement on the part of those who have begun the good work, but it appeals beseechingly to every Christian woman who has not yet put her heart and hand to it, to enter at once into the field where "the harvest is great and the laborers are few."

There can be no doubt about the Lord's will in regard to His church of the present day, as to what He would have it undertake and accomplish for the evangelization of the heathen world. What are the signs of the times? Look at the blessings already bestowed upon our foreign mission fields—at the thousands of outlying heathens who are entreatyng to be taught about the God of the Bible—at the beseeching cries for men and money, which come to us from lands far over the seas; and then, looking at home, see the young men and the young women rising up here and there within our churches, and offering themselves as workers in the foreign field. In view of all this, it needs only the spiritual eye to see God's finger pointing to the hundreds of millions who are constantly going down to eternal death, and the spiritual ear to hear Him saying: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." And if our eye and ear be thus opened to catch the command of the Master, our heart will assuredly be quickened to believe...
and rest upon the accompanying promise: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Since beginning this report, our hearts have been saddened by the death of Mrs. Charlotte W. Duryee, the Foreign Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board, a sister greatly esteemed and beloved by her co-workers in the cause of missions. While we mourn that her sunny presence will no more warm and cheer our hearts, and that her gifted pen is forever laid down, we pray that the God of Missions will raise up a worthy successor, and fill the void that He has made.

Saugerties Reformed Church.—From the very full report of the Secretary of this auxiliary, we give a few extracts. There are forty-seven members enrolled, each assessed ten cents a month. Meetings have been held once a month in the chapel, and while the subject matter has always been of interest and made doubly so by the untiring zeal of the faithful President, yet the attendance has been very small. The work of China, Japan, India, Syria, the American Indians and other home mission work have been thoroughly discussed in their turn, and much light thrown upon the methods and means used to send the Gospel to all the world. These discussions are always preceded by devotional exercises, also made interesting and diversified. Under the wing of the auxiliary is the Mission Band of Young Ladies which has met during the winter twice a week, making a real study of the work being done in mission fields. While this has been the object almost solely in view, other benefits have accrued from it. A friendly and social intercourse has been established among them, and the broadening and culturing influence which must surely follow an insight into the manners, customs, &c., of so many important nations of the earth. The church has about two hundred female members, and the officers of the society urge upon them all to unite with them in the interest they are struggling to keep alive in their midst.

Somerville Second Reformed Church.—The auxiliary in this church has had a prosperous year. Meetings have been held every Saturday afternoon with a good attendance. The amount raised altogether during the year was about one
hundred and eighty dollars. A part of the money is appropriated for the education and support of two pupils in Mrs. Scudder's school at Vellore. The hope is expressed that God's blessing will rest upon the work in the coming year as it has done in the past.

**Somerville First Reformed Church.**—The Secretary of this auxiliary writes as follows: "I have just sent to Mrs. Donald a check for seventy-five dollars, being the amount raised this year for the Woman's Board by the auxiliary of the First Reformed Church of Somerville. I am very glad to record an increased interest among the ladies of our congregation, as well as an increase in the amount raised, and trust the interest will continue unabated."

**Tarrytown 2d Reformed Church.**—The following is the Sixth Annual Report of the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Society of the Second Reformed Church of Tarrytown: "We record a deep and sustained interest in the work, though our working force has lost through removal a most efficient and devoted worker." Meetings have been held as heretofore, with good attendance. The Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Reformed Church have united with our own in holding quarterly meetings. These meetings are held in the evening in alternate churches, and both congregations are invited to be present. During the year we have listened to earnest and stirring addresses from the Rev. Dr. P. D. Van Cleef, of Jersey City Rev. Dr. Bliss, of Constantinople, Rev. Mr. Rapalje, of China and Rev. Dr. E. A. Reed, of New York.

Following the suggestion of the Missionary Convention held at Yonkers, in October, through the efforts of our society, a "Young People's Mission Band" was organized in the Sunday-school—an adaptation of the one described by Miss Mallory in the "Mission Gleaner" of November. We have six collectors who monthly or quarterly call on each lady, member of the church for their contributions, and who endeavor to enlist all new members of the church as contributors and workers in the society. And so we close the record of the year, gratefully acknowledging the goodness of God in our work for Him, trusting by His continued grace we may do yet more the coming year."
Utica Reformed Church.—"From reports of the Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of this church for the year ending March 30th, 1885, it appears that the average attendance at the monthly meetings has been about the same as in preceding years. One valued member, Mrs. Lyman, has been removed by death. The contributions for foreign missions have been one hundred and sixty-three dollars for the year.

That they are not quite as large as last year, does not, we believe, indicate any less interest in the cause of missions, but rather that circumstances have prevented the usual collections from being made. It is well known that the year has been one of more than common anxiety and effort on the part of the Boards to pay off a heavy indebtedness remaining since last year, and at the same time carry on the work. In response to a request from the Executive Committee of the Woman's Board, a meeting was held in the Reformed Church the afternoon of the last Sabbath of the year for prayer that the Lord would move the hearts of His people throughout this land to greater self-denial and liberality in their contributions to the great work of missions. The meeting was well attended. For some years past two girls in Mrs. Scudder's school at Vellore have been supported by contributions from individual members of this society. A letter has been received from Mrs. Scudder saying that the girls had graduated most satisfactorily, and asking that the same ladies would continue their contributions for the benefit of two others, which they have consented to do. The Sunday-school has also promised to devote their weekly collections to the support of one of Mrs. Scudder's girls. The information given and selections read by the President have been so well chosen and so calculated to increase that interest, we cannot but regret that a greater number could not have heard them and been cheered and aroused to fresh effort by knowing of the success and progress of missions in our own and foreign lands. Truly, it is the Lord's work, and it will go on, and in His own good time be consummated. May He honor our little circle by blessing our efforts to aid in the work, and to show appreciation of the value of His salvation by sending the glad tidings to the world.
Upper Red Hook Reformed Church.—The leader of the mission band called the "Willing Workers," has furnished the children with jugs for their pennies, and when the time arrived for a public jug-breaking, they yielded about sixteen dollars, and the receipts from the entertainment as much more; so that they had the pleasure of sending thirty-two dollars as their contribution to the Woman’s Board for this year. The “Workers” number fifteen: thirteen girls, and two boys, and have been very diligent and self-denying in this work.

Upper Red Hook, "Scudder Memorial."—This auxiliary reports a nine years existence. The membership remains the same, thirty-four. The accession of one new member being over-balanced by the death of another. The contributions have been raised by membership fees, contributions and a donation of thirty dollars from one lady for the support of a Bible reader. During the year two letters have been received from Anna Josephine, the young girl now being educated by the society. They bore very satisfactory proof of her improvement, and this together with a letter from Mrs. Jared Scudder gave a new impetus to missionary spirit. Though no growth can be reported there is deep and prayerful interest in the hearts of many, and the anniversary in prospect promises to be extremely awakening.

Warwick Reformed Church, N. Y.—Fifth Annual Report of the Woman’s Missionary Society of the Reformed Church of Warwick, N. Y., to the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America. The society has gained during the last year, two new members, lost one by death and four by withdrawal, and has at present a membership of forty-one, with an average attendance of sixteen. We celebrated the fourth anniversary of our organization by a public meeting in the church, addressed by the Rev. Daniel Rapalje of Amoy, to whom we listened with much pleasure. Although we report a slight falling off in our numbers, we think the interest among the remaining members is fully as great as heretofore.
Yonkers Reformed Church.—The Yonkers auxiliary was one of the earliest societies of the now large and steadily increasing number to tender its cooperation and support to the Woman's Board. It was organized in March, 1875, and has therefore now reached its first decade of work. In addition to the regular contributions to which the society is pledged, donations to other objects have from time to time been made. Nagasaki, Kolongsu, Yokohama, have received the sympathy and substantial aid of the society. The general fund of the Woman's Board has been remembered, and in fact a liberal response made to any pressing need or call upon its treasury. We look back over this decade of years since our organization as an auxiliary with thankful hearts that we have been permitted by our Heavenly Father to assist in this work, and we would pause at this mile-stone in our onward way, and very gratefully recognize and acknowledge the guiding hand which has accompanied us at every step, and enabled us to bring the record of our work up to the present time. The envelope system, by which each contributor pledges a stated sum monthly, for missions, and deposits the same in the church collection basket on the last Sabbath of each month, is adopted by the auxiliary. This system has proved from experience, both efficient and satisfactory. By this plan every one who has received the benefits of the Gospel—the poor, as well as the rich, are called to give “as God hath prospered them,” conscientiously and from principle, thus following out as we believe, the Divine standard of systematic liberality. If every one would do this in our denomination, would do all in his or her power to increase systematic contributions to the object, the debt now resting on our Synod’s Board would be extinguished, and never again incurred.

The Secretary of the “Mission Band” reports regular weekly meetings held, and an increase of interest and membership; fifty-two names are now enrolled on register. Their gifts intended for the foreign field are appropriated this year to India. The “Mission Gleaner,” a bi-monthly magazine published by the Woman’s Board, containing letters and fresh news from our missionaries, has been subscribed for, and been the means of deepening the interest in the cause.
An encouraging letter from Mrs. Chamberlain gave us an account of our young beneficiary at Madanapalle, of progress made in her studies, and the development of her character in all that is praiseworthy. Mrs. Chamberlain wrote of the difficulty which still exists in getting the people to send their daughters to school. Even where Christianity had gained a foothold twenty-five years in advance of the work done at Madanapalle, this reluctance is still to be overcome—but with the blessing of God upon systematic effort, this opposition will eventually be removed.

Miss Scudder, daughter of the Rev. Wm. Scudder, now at Madanapalle, gave us an entertaining account of the enthusiastic and hearty welcome and reception given to the missionaries on their return from the outlying stations, where they had been holding mission meetings. The letter was heavenly in spirit, showing a heart full of love for the souls of the heathen around her.
IN MEMORIAM.

This has been in a special sense a Memorial year. The first sad intelligence we received was the announcement of the death of an Honorary Vice-President, MRS. CHARLES H. POOL, of Raritan, who came into our Board in May, 1882, taking the place of Mrs. Gridley, of Utica, who was "called higher." The Secretary of the Raritan auxiliary writes: "We have been sorely afflicted in the removal by death of our much-beloved and efficient President, MRS. Charles H. Pool. She had been our head for nearly ten years, and we had learned to look up to her as our guide and counselor. Her loss is deeply felt, but we know that our loss is her gain. She has finished her work on earth, and gone to receive her rich reward in heaven."

The death of our beloved Foreign Secretary, MRS. WILLIAM R. DURVEE, came upon us so suddenly that we were completely overwhelmed with surprise and grief. We feel that mere words are inadequate to express the sense of our bereavement as a Board, and our grief at the personal loss we have sustained. We append the "Resolutions" sent from the auxiliary in the Lafayette Church of Jersey City, to the Woman's Board, expressing the loss sustained by the society in her death. But while we weep over the memory of our beloved dead, let us not lose sight of their joy in being forever with the Lord.

"No sin, or grief, or pain,
Safe in their happy home;
Their fears all fled, their doubts all slain,
Their hour of triumph come."
RESOLUTIONS

Passed by the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Lafayette Reformed Church, of Jersey City, on the death of their President, Mrs. Charlotte W. Duryee:

Whereas, We, the members of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Reformed Church of Lafayette, have been called to mourn the loss of our dear late President and beloved sister, Mrs. Charlotte W. Duryee, therefore

Resolved, That words are too feeble to express our sorrow and our sense of the great loss we have sustained;

Resolved, That we bear our testimony to the Christian character of our sister, and her faithful and conscientious labors in all the activities of the church with which she has been connected the past twenty years. Being a Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, her knowledge of the work abroad admirably fitted her to interest us in the work at home. From us, as a Missionary Society, we feel a strong, devoted, valiant leader is taken. Always ready for every good work, she was pre-eminently fitted to work in the cause of missions, and by her example, no less than by her wise counsel and extraordinary liberality, contributed much to the progress of the cause of Christ. As a teacher in the Sunday School she was a zealous worker, never absent from her place unless prevented by illness or duties at home. She was known to all the parish through her yearly visitations, and none knew her but to love her. We rejoice to bear testimony to her worth as a friend in need. We all remember the rays of sunshine she has brought to our hearts by her tender sympathy and thoughtful attentions when sickness and death have come to our homes. We shall miss her in the Lord's house; we shall miss her in the Sunday School; intensely shall we miss her as a dear friend and neighbor; but most of all, her pleasant face and smile as she kindly and gladly welcomed us to her delightful missionary meetings in the hospitable Parsonage home.

May her mantle fall upon us who are left, and by the grace of God, may we follow her example as she followed Christ.
Resolved, That we extend our sympathy to our beloved Pastor and his bereaved family, and mourn with them over a common affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions.

Abby Atwood, Henrietta Bartlett, Mary C. Van Dien, E. W. Brinkerhoff, Committee. Vice-President Sarah C. Sherwood.

From several of the auxiliary societies we have received information of the death of valued co-laborers. Belleville, Nyack, Hudson, Utica, Freehold, Greenport, all write of their sorrow in losing active members. What a gathering there will be in that “land of pure delight,” and in the company of the redeemed in the glad hereafter! May we not believe that those who mutually engage in the Master's service on earth shall continue to “serve him day and night” in the “Temple not made with hands?” We know that those loved ones who have passed away were “engraven on the palms of his hands,” and have entered into the “mansions” the Saviour has “prepared for those that love him.”

Beloved Pastors have been removed by death from the societies which owed so much, indeed everything, to their cheerful aid. The South Reformed Church of West Troy, and the Caatsban Church, mourn very deeply this great bereavement. But we feel that if they could speak to us they would say—

“I a heavenly kingdom shall inherit
With the Son,
Through Christ's efficacious merit—
Christ's alone.
I shall wear a robe of whiteness,
And in heaven’s unfolding brightness
Find my home.

Then ne'er think of me as lying
'Neath the sod,
But on angel's pinions flying
Near to God.
Speak my name with no hushed voicing,
But with sanctified rejoicing,
As you go.”

Mrs. J. P. Cumming, Home Corresponding Sec'y.
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Interest on Nagasaki Fund to date ........................................
Total disbursements ....................................................... 20,801 06
Nagasaki Balance, May 1st, 1884 ......................................... 3,552 84
Interest ................................................................. 155 80
Nagasaki Balance, May 1st, 1885 ......................................... 2,614 27
The undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts and compared the vouchers, finds the same to be correct, and that the balance in the treasury is three thousand five hundred and fifty-two $3,552 84 dollars, of which two thousand six hundred and fourteen $2,614 27 dollars belong to the Nagasaki Fund.

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS.

New York, 27 April, 1885.

DISBURSEMENTS.

1884.

May 3, Mr. G. G. Smith, Treasurer Synod's Board, $45 00
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Aug. 5, " " " 100 00
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" Eliza Stimis ........................................... "
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" W. J. R. Taylor ........................................ Newark, N. J.
" J. A. Todd ............................................. Tarrytown, N. Y.
" David Thompson ........................................ New York City.
" C. R. Tooker .......................................... Harlem, N. Y.
" Goyne Talmage ......................................... Port Jervis, N. Y.
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  E. P. Terhune ........................................ Brooklyn, N. Y.
Miss Thompson ............................................. New York City.
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  M. E. Talmage ........................................ Amoy, China.
  Lizzie Thorpe .......................................... Passaic, N. J.
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  Kate L. Warner ........................................ New York City.
  Deborah Williams ....................................
  J. H. White .......................................... 
  F. E. Westbrook ......................................
  Samuel Westbrook ..................................... Clover Hill, N. J.
  Richard R. Williams ................................ Canajoharie, N. Y.
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  Alex Young ............................................ Greenville, N. J.

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CONSTITUTION.

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

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

Art. 3. Each person paying one dollar annually, through an Auxiliary, or directly to the treasury, shall become a member of this Association. The payment of twenty-five dollars by one person, at one time, shall constitute a Life Membership.

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

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

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

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

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

BY-LAWS.

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

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

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

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

Art. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and hold, and keep an account of all money given to the Board, and shall disburse it as the Managers shall direct. She shall report the state of the treasury at each regular meeting of the Executive Committee, and make a quarterly report to the Managers. Her annual report shall be examined by an auditor appointed by the Managers.
Art. 6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a full record of the proceedings of the Executive Committee and Managers, which shall be read for correction at the close of each meeting, and she shall give proper notice of special and stated meetings.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries for the foreign field to conduct the business of this Board with the Board of Foreign Missions, and also with the Missionaries, Teachers, and Bible-readers supported by this Association. They shall prepare the annual report of the Managers; and Missionaries supported by this Association shall report to them.

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

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

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

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

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

FOR

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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."