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THAT DEBT IS KILLED.

THAT debt which grew to be \$52,000, as to which the first outcry on these pages was uttered in *The Home Missionary* for August last, and has been kept up in every number since; that debt which has so long been a familiar topic in the religious papers, in circulars, leaflets, private and official letters, in missionary concerts, church prayer-meetings, ministerial associations, and, later, in gatherings of the Y. P. S. C. E.; that debt which for months has had so large a place in petitions in the church, at the family altar, and in the closet—that debt is killed.

Who killed it? Our Heavenly Father, from whose hand and heart cometh every good thing. Praised be his name! How did he kill it? By breathing into the hearts of thousands of his people the conviction that the debt ought to die, and so moving and directing their hands as to give it its death-blow. Look at the crowded columns of "Receipts in March," a few pages further on. Count the number of individual offerings in that month; then those of Sunday-schools, sewing circles, children's and youth's mission bands, Young Peoples' Societies of Christian Endeavor, and other organizations. Guess how many willing hands are represented. See from how many widely scattered homes they come. Mark the difference between the greatest and the least sum given. See how many small offerings help to make up this great total of \$70,168.39 for the month, \$56,570.11 of it from living givers—the largest amount ever so received in one month since the Society began its work. There are generous sums from the faithful Auxiliaries, representing a great multitude of helpers in those States; there are some large gifts from those whom the Lord has trusted with wealth; there is nearly \$6,000 from 194 branches of the lively young people wide awake for Christian Endeavor. But there are many more small but precious offerings of ministers, home and foreign missionaries, with their wives and children; of missionaries' widows, invalids, children scarcely more than infants, and veterans of more than ninety-six years. Seven dollars were the entire savings of a boy taken early from earth, given by his parents for the use he would have made of it. Five dollars represent "Little Robbie's Money," the twenty-five cents he had stored up for future use. When he had been

"three years in heaven" those identical coins, with many tears and prayers, were placed in the home missionary collection of a New Hampshire church. In the hands of a volunteer executor here they have quietly grown to these five dollars. Possibly they may yet grow to more.

That debt is killed. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord for this great mercy. But, being dead, that debt yet speaketh. Hearken, and it may teach us several things: (1.) To trust the Lord. He loves this cause, and will take care of it. (2.) To trust his true people. They too love this cause, and will work, give, and pray for it when they really know and feel its claims. (3.) To appreciate the power of individual effort. Many of these remittances are the fruit of one man's, one woman's, or one child's work in a parish, Sunday-school, day school, social circle, sewing or reading society, family, or Y. P. S. C. E. The one Strong hand that wrote "Our Country" has brought in not a few of these thousands. (4.) We may learn the wisdom of giving so systematically and freely as to prevent another debt. Since the money will surely be given, and I shall surely give my part, why not give it now—and enough of it? (5.) We may learn what might be, if every pastor and every member of our churches and other sources of spiritual power were of like spirit with these. Is the time coming one day—does it hasten?—when all shall be, in their spirit of consecration, as the Lord's best are now. (Zech. xiv, 20.)

THE SARATOGA MEETING.

THE Sixty-first Annual Meeting of the American Home Missionary Society will be held in the Methodist Church, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., commencing on Tuesday evening, June 7th, 1887, with the annual sermon by Rev. Frederick A. Noble, D.D., of Chicago, Ill. There will be three sessions—morning, afternoon and evening, on Wednesday and Thursday, June 8th and 9th.

The Præsident of the Society, Rev. Julius H. Seelye, D.D., of Amherst College, is expected to preside and deliver an address on Wednesday morning. The meeting of Wednesday evening will doubtless be of peculiar interest. The committee selected at the last meeting in relation to the appointment of a secretary for the work in cities, will make their report. The same committee was appointed by the National Council to consider the general subject of evangelization. In connection with their report brief addresses may be expected from Dr. Lyman Abbott, Dr. J. G. Johnson, Dr. Josiah Strong, Dr. J. G. Roberts, Dr. Geo. F. Pentecost and others.

The women will hold their meeting, as usual, on Wednesday afternoon. For other particulars in reference to speakers, etc., our readers

are referred to the religious papers. In these papers will also be published the special terms given by the different hotels and boarding houses, and the arrangements made with railroads and steamboat lines for reduced fares.

This anniversary gathering at Saratoga has taken its place among the great feasts of our Congregational Israel. It is expected that the meeting this year will equal, if not surpass, in interest those that have preceded it. In all probability the meeting next year will be at the West. Let all the friends of Home Missions rally at Saratoga and make the approaching anniversary the best of the series!

RESIGNATIONS.—Rev. L. P. Rose, for thirteen years Superintendent for the State of Indiana, has felt impelled to resign his office. Mr. Rose has served the State and the Society long and well, and will take with him the undivided respect of his brethren, and the gratitude of the churches.

Rev. D. L. Leonard, after a service of six years in the trying field of Utah, has resigned his superintendency. His administration has been marked by wisdom and energy; and by as large a measure of success as could be reasonably expected. Mr. Leonard's study of the Mormon problem has been particularly fruitful, and his articles for the newspaper and periodical press have interested and enlightened many readers both East and West.

Y. P. S. C. E.

To the Y. P. S. C. E., North Congregational Church, Springfield, Mass.:

FROM KANSAS.—I take great pleasure in notifying you that, in response to your circular of last month, our Society to-day forwards to the A. H. M. S. sixty-one dollars towards extinguishing the debt. Our church is a small one, and this is our first year of self-support, having been, heretofore, under the care of the A. H. M. S. Our active membership is sixty-seven; our associate membership six. We were very glad to respond to such a call as this, and have every confidence that the debt will be paid.—*Albert L. Cross, Cor. Sec. Clyde Soc.*

FROM MINNESOTA.—I give thanks to God for your wise and most helpful efforts to lift the debt from our beloved A. H. M. S. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you.—*Rev. M. W. Montgomery.*

FROM MICHIGAN.—In the noble work you have undertaken our little Society of Christian Endeavor hope to do their share.—*Maudie Eastman, Sec., Benton Harbor.*

FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE.—As a Y. P. S. C. E. we are yet, so to speak, in embryo. This small offering is the first bit of money collected in our Society. May the Lord bless the work!—*Rev. A. H. Burr, Petersborough.*

THE Society of the First Church, Northampton, Mass., after forwarding its own generous contribution to the A. H. M. S. for the debt, sends out a word of inspiration to all other societies, closing with these words, which we commend to the notice of all church-members throughout the land: "Remember, fellow-member, that *your failure* to contribute makes the burden heavier for the other churches and societies."

THE HOME MISSIONARY CRISIS.—The home missionary crisis is a serious matter for the West. It is like the cry of failing water at sea. It is a matter of vital concern; not that any of our missionaries will seriously suffer, for the work in hand will not be cut down materially, or, if it be cut down, it will be done gradually, so as not to entail any large amount of suffering. But the order, "*no more new work*," means defeat; and that is a sadder thought to our missionaries than curtailment or delayed payments. They did not come West for salary; they expected self-denial, and they are not disposed to count their trials; they came West to do their part to win this growing region for Christ. It is this which stirs their enthusiasm and sustains their courage. So long as they can see this being done, they welcome the conflicts and the trials involved.

But "*no more new work*" means that this must be abandoned. The frontier must move on and leave our work in the rear. The immense immigration filling up our western plains so rapidly must be left uncared for. While railroads, commerce and enterprise are straining every energy to reach these new centers and new cities, we must fold our hands and wait. No matter how urgent the call, "*no more new work*" is the order. While everything is pushing to the front the missionary work must lag behind; the only influence known among us which is not on the alert. The missionaries feel as an army would feel, when ordered into their intrenchments in the presence of their enemy, "*because the supplies are short.*"

Now is the time to plant the gospel. Communities, like men, acquire their character in youth. The early influences are the abiding influences. We had plans for meeting this emergency in part at least. The country had been explored, points of interest had been marked for occupancy, and arrangements were being made for the forward movements. But the order is imperative: "*no more new work, however urgent or promising.*" So we stop in the midst of our progress and wait. How long shall we wait, and for what do we wait? "The failure of legacies has caused the disaster." Must we wait then till the dead shall speak? Or shall the living take up the work and provide for a

new and speedy advance?—*Rev. R. Cordley, D.D., Lawrence, Kan., in "The Church Builder."*

NEEDED INFORMATION.—When a subscriber, who passes the Bible House every day, sends his sixty cents to Boston for *The Home Missionary*—when intelligent Christian men and women are in a condition of bewildering confusion as to the office and work of the six societies of our Congregational churches which are organized for work in our own land—we are prepared to give a hearty welcome to the new monthly recently started by the NEW YORK WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION, and appropriately named for that Society. Its first number is filled with valuable information, which should be read by every home missionary society in the land. Send to Mrs. C. C. Creegan, Syracuse, N. Y., for a copy.

PROGRESS.—The St. Mary's Avenue Congregational Church, Omaha, not yet four years old, which was added to our "Roll of Honor" one year ago, has recently purchased the finest church location in that region. When their pastor, Rev. Willard Scott, asked, one Sunday morning, for the necessary \$13,000 to pay for the lot, they subscribed \$14,000 on the spot, and at the same time a generous sum for the building, which they propose to put up *this season*. This valuable building lot has a frontage on three streets, and will hold the church, chapel, Sunday-school rooms, and manse, with plenty of room and frontage for all. This church is also supporting a Bohemian mission in the city of Omaha.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS.—From the *Nebraska News* we learn that the series of fellowship and home missionary meetings, which have been held at important points through the State, have been "unqualifiedly successful." Before this paragraph reaches our readers there will have been held, as an outgrowth of these meetings, a strongly equipped home missionary convention at some ten different places in the State. With a live Board of Directors and a live Superintendent in earnest and concerted action, supported by a wide-awake organ like the *News*, Nebraska is well equipped for work.

I HOPE you are hearing of the results of our work in our "Fellowship Meetings." Mr. Maile and I set forth the cause in the Omaha First, last Sunday, while Mr. Sherrill preached for me on the Avenue, and we got \$516, and more is coming. Fremont, where we were last Sunday, has made up \$219. Our St. Mary's Avenue collection will come on Easter Sunday. We pledge over \$200—the dollar per member. Beatrice, Ashland, and the rest fall into the same line, and the campaign is still going on.—*Rev. W. Scott, Omaha, Neb.*

PILGRIM ON HIS OLD TRACK.

THE evangelizing process in Dakota took its rise in Turkey in Asia from the banks of the Euphrates. The wife of Rev. C. H. Wheeler wrote her brother, Judge Brookings, at Yankton, to apply to the American Home Missionary Society for its service in that opening Territory. In 1868 Rev. Mr. Cook was sent on to start the work at Yankton till Joseph Ward could get through at Andover to take it up. He soon followed. By July, 1870, he had the first Congregational church edifice in the Territory ready for dedication. Pilgrim, returning from a tour in Colorado, came this way to assist in that service. On his next tour to Dakota, in 1871, he rode over from Yankton to Sioux Falls in an open mail wagon, having that day a chill and fever sixty miles long. Sioux Falls was just coming to be—not as a cataract, but as a settlement. The leading proprietor, Dr. Phillips, was living in the officers' part of the military barracks, there abandoned. In the soldiers' part, made of split puncheons set on end, covered with brush, hay and earth, with the ground for a floor, a Sunday-school had been kept up for six months under a lady superintendent and occasional preaching by one of the missionaries of the Society. In that place of worship on the Lord's day we organized the church. The next year the missionary traveler being out to attend the new Dakota Association at Canton, came around this way to see the growing town.

His next visit he is now making. Preaching over Sunday for pastor Holp, he finds a church of over two hundred members, a Sunday school of one hundred and fifty, a large congregation morning *and evening*, a splendid choir, a popular pastor who has a salary of eighteen hundred dollars. Though a dozen other churches have come on since that early planting, the first one to be organized still keeps the lead. The church was counted among the Society's graduates seven or eight years ago. A few years since Rev. C. F. Clapp had here one of his revival meetings which greatly set forward the church. It is the old idea—lay down the gospel plant early.

A tradition lingers here that Pilgrim, climbing over the rocky crags that buttress these stately Falls, wrote them up and named them "The Lowell of the West." Now he finds upon this rock foundation a seven-story stone "Queen Bee Mill," in whose building and running an English syndicate has used up seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars to come to a necessary smash-up financially. The property is falling to Geo. I. Seney and his son who lives here, and it is expected that this *queen bee* will soon have the hive a-buzz again with workers. "The Cascade Mill," of less pretension, has been always doing a fine business. A polishing mill is also driven to polish the "jasper stone," a reddish

quartz, for ornamental purposes, taken from the banks at the Falls. Other factories belt themselves on to the trembling waters. Three great railway systems, the Northwestern, the Milwaukee and the Burlington, have sought out these Falls of the prairies. The State Penitentiary and the Deaf Mute Institution are located here in befitting establishments. There are here now Baptist and Episcopal colleges, with a fine high school crowning the public school series. Four banks serve the seven thousand two hundred citizens. Business occupies the amphitheatre, and residences creep up over and beyond the river far beyond my expectation. And why shouldn't they be an enterprising people of moral tone when they have been taken off as cream from so many of our older western communities, whom I have known there many years in their old homes?

I told the congregation that on my first visit I came to plant the tree, and now I had come to gather some of the fruit. A few basketfuls were picked up for the American Missionary Association. And so it is that home mission cultivation feeds all the other enterprises of benevolence. And still there is reciprocity. I found that two of the leading ladies in that church had been teachers under the American Missionary Association—one of them for four years and most of that time during the war.—*Sioux Falls, D. T.*

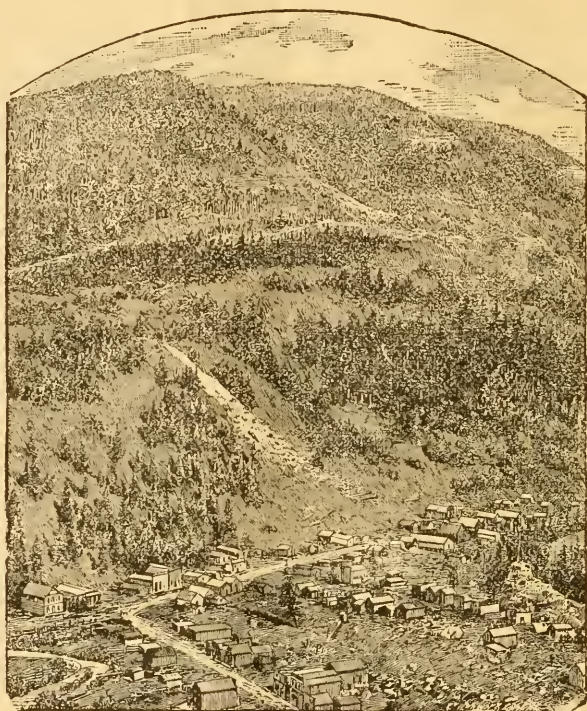
A WAY-UP PARISH.

BY REV. C. M. SANDERS, COLORADO, SUPERINTENDENT.

"I NEVER expected to preach at so high a point on earth as I did when standing in the F—— pulpit one Sabbath," remarked a city parson who had exchanged with a country dominie. I shall not soon forget my own experience in that lofty box. Those staid old veterans looked and the young people smiled as my head came into view. The occupants of the front pew were inclined to stretch their necks and lean back a little, and even after this effort some of them must have "died without the sight." That was indeed a lofty watch-tower on a towering hill, but I have recently been more highly exalted.

Imagine yourself seated at the door of a log-cabin. Within you see a comfortable, well-arranged and neatly furnished room, with other rooms adjacent; turning to the outward view you find that the cabin is located on the very steep side of a very high mountain, among other cabins of a like kind. Just below you is a narrow mountain road, upon which teams can pass only at certain points. This road winds around the hill. You look down upon a team passing at this moment. Below

the road, the hill is as steep as above it. A stone the size of your head set rolling from the road would most likely not stop until it had reached the valley 1,500 feet below. And yet 500 feet from this road are located



the steam mill and tramway belonging to the mines. The most valuable mine is the "Iron Mask," located a little to our right. Still beyond is the "Ben Butler," also a valuable one. In the narrow bottom of this valley you see the railroad. The ore is brought out of the hills by rail and dumped a thousand feet below into cars placed to receive it. A quarter of a mile to the right of where you are seated is a small table-land and on this is located a village of a few hundred people. It is a new town named for the good man at whose cabin you are stopping.

Over beyond the deep valley before you is a range of mountains lifting its lofty peaks, mantled with snow, into the very clouds. Beyond and above these is the "Mount of the Holy Cross" towering its ermined shoulders to an altitude of 14,176 feet above the sea, and some 3,000 feet above where you are seated, for you are at an altitude of about 11,000 feet. It is a "buena vista"—a beautiful view indeed, and one calculated to awaken thought and inspire reverence. "No grander view can be conceived than that of this wonderful mountain which bears upon its bosom the sacred symbol of Christianity." I doubt not it was 'mid

some such scenes that the Psalmist wrote such words as these: "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever." Like Peter of old you feel to say "It is good to be here," and you would not object to a summer resort near this spot; but you are not called here to see the country simply. There is work to be done.

We go to the village to find the usual complements of a frontier hamlet. One of the best buildings is the school-house. The two principal men of the town, though not church-members, coming from eastern homes where the school and the church are important factors, and realizing that they were leaders here, purposed to educate the children, and to respect God's day. To do this properly a building was needed that would answer for school-house and church. Contributions were solicited that all might share in the enterprise. A substantial frame structure was erected and seated to hold 160 persons. A cabinet organ was bought and one hundred "Gospel Songs" secured. A teacher was hired and a Sunday-school was organized. The "Iron Mask" mine which these two men control is not worked on the Sabbath. On Sunday evening the school-house is opened for Christian worship. At once the house is filled. These two men do not feel that they are exempted from the service. They act as ushers and helpers, and make themselves a felt force for good among those whom they employ.

Said Mr. Gilman: "The enterprise started at once vigorously. We were surprised at the interest manifested, and became somewhat anxious, wondering what in the world we should do. Who would conduct the services? Along came Rev. H. P. Case, your Sunday-school man; he preached and organized a Sunday-school. And now here *you* are, offering to aid us in securing a minister. It is simply wonderful."

I attended the Sunday-school, at which forty-five were present. By request, I taught a Bible class, composed mainly of young men. It was an intelligent and interesting class. In the evening it was my privilege to conduct the service and preach a sermon. The house was thronged, and some were left outside. The audience consisted of young men mainly, although there were twenty-five ladies, a few children, and one or two men with a sprinkling of gray hairs. Different nationalities were represented, but I should judge most of them to be Americans. Quite a number of the young men were college graduates.* It was a most respectful and orderly company, able to appreciate the best one had to offer. Standing before them, every eye fixed upon me expectantly, I felt the best in me rising for expression. The singing was congregational, led by a choir. It was ringing and hearty. As I looked upon the audience I thought how many mothers and fathers in the East have an interest in this service to-night. Taking for my text "What is your life?" I spoke of the value and possibilities of life, asking, what is *your* life to yourself? to your friends? to your position? to the church o

Christ? to God? In concluding I sought to emphasize this thought of another: "Exalt God in your thinking and he will exalt you in your working."

I thought, what a field this would be for a young man of ability! Where could such a man do more for the church and cause of Christ, and indeed, for himself, than in such a parish? And even were he to return to the East afterward, what a grand school this would be for a year or two of his earlier manhood! Then I thought of those who are doing so much to sustain our Home Missions, and wished that those who contribute so liberally to our cause could have been with me. They would have received a few of their dividends on the spot. They must have been impressed with the value and needs of our work.

The next day while at the station, waiting for the train, a stranger gave me a cordial greeting, and said: "I heard you preach last night; wished my wife had been there. I haven't heard a sermon in three years." His little boy, standing near, added: "I hain't neither." This man lived thirty miles away. A week later as Rev. Wm. L. Gilman, who went with me to this field and who now supplies at Gilman, and also at Red Cliff, four miles from Gilman, was about to take the train at the same place, he became interested in a young man who was also waiting for the train. During the conversation the young man remarked that something in my sermon the week previous awakened his attention. Rev. Mr. Gilman's sermon of the night before had deepened the impression. He said that his irregular life had caused his parents much trouble and pain, but now he had come to himself. "I think," said he "that the most satisfactory Christmas present I can make to my parents is to give them myself, in my right mind, and I am on my way home." That night the weather was very cold, and the car was uncomfortable. Mr. Gilman settled himself as best he could and finally fell asleep. On awaking he found that this young man had taken off his own overcoat and placed it over him. These young men have hearts as well as souls. How many eastern homes are interested in the home mission work of this frontier?

FRUIT.—I.

"**THY FIRST LOVE.**"—My work at an out-station on the eastern side of my parish has been attended with unusual difficulties this season. The weather has been unprecedentedly stormy so that congregations have been thin. Yet the Master has been with us and our hearts are refreshed with ten hopeful conversions. I must tell you of one case. One evening an old gray-headed man came to service for the first time in fifteen years. He went away troubled in his conscience. Within a couple of weeks I called the people together for special services, and

this old man was the first to ask for prayers. The Lord heard prayer and the man went home filled with the joy of salvation. Living with him are his married daughter and daughter-in-law, with their families, their husbands being away lumbering. Through the experience of the father both daughters have been led to seek and find the Lord, and are very happy in his love. Domestic worship has been instituted and the six little children are astonished and delighted. I was in one evening after service, and their eyes were dilating in wonder. They had jumped out of bed to hear "Grandpa read in that Book and pray!" This family are hard pressed just now to find food and fuel, but they are strangely happy. With a blizzard every other day, and the thermometer dropping down into the thirties, the old man said, "I haven't been cold for a week!" "Thy first love." What a pity we should ever let the fire decline!—*Rev. T. Sims, Valley City, Dak.*

TO THE UTTERMOST.—An Irishman, a corn doctor by profession, who has been roving about the world for years, arose in one of our meetings and said: "When I came into this Tabernacle two weeks ago I was a tramp, given over to intemperance and vice; I was a broken, ragged, and miserable creature. Since I have accepted Christ as my personal Savior I have a good business, I am clean, and clothed, and in my right reason, sitting at the feet of Jesus. Moreover I have money to pay my bills." . . . A man who runs a low-down variety show brought a lot of girls and women here to play in his place. The very day the troupe arrived one of our lady workers found one of these girls, who had been induced to run away from home. She brought her to church. The girl was converted, and is now working in a religious family, and will go back to her mother as soon as she earns money enough. Similar incidents are of frequent occurrence in our work here.—*Rev. T. Uzzell, Denver, Col.*

A WORD OF CHEER.—We are in the midst of most interesting revival meetings. I am preaching every evening. God is blessing us. Several have given their hearts to Christ. Remember us in prayer.—*Rev. G. Marsh, Douglass, Kan.*

HELPFUL MEMBERS.—My church here is a *working church*. I have an experience and prayer service in connection with nearly all my regular preaching services, and the result is that the members, even those converted only six months ago, are very helpful in revival work. I have two who can fill my own outside appointments when I am detained by special revival services. Every member of this church (with two exceptions), speaks and prays in public, so I am supported in my missionary undertakings by a small, but warm-hearted, active, and working church.—*Rev. F. Balch, Hood River, Oregon.*

"THAT'S HIS BUSINESS!"—I began here with seven church-members—five women and two men. A few months later we had several young

converts in the church, but there was a stumbling-block in the way, which greatly hindered the work. The most wealthy of the original seven members of our church was a lady, living one mile from town, who never attended our services, but found time to attend places of worldly amusement to the injury of the cause of the Master. I wanted to see this lady and talk with her; but having no horse, and not being able at that time to walk that distance, I wrote her a letter. On receiving it she walked her room in anger for a while. The next morning she read the letter again, and after thinking it all over, she exclaimed, "Yes, that's his business! He *ought* to look after his church-members. I was angry enough last night to have taken a horsewhip to him! But he is right. It's his duty to look after his flock. That's business!" Not long after, this lady was actively engaged in the Master's service, and progressive euchre and dancing parties had to get along without her. The little book, "Our Country," is worth more than gold to me here. It reaches people who cannot be touched by books that directly attack infidelity. There are not a few who, while they refuse to hear the ministers preach, willingly accept and read that book. I have in mind at this moment a well-to-do farmer, who has for months been persecuting his wife because she gave her heart to Christ and united with our church. I believe he will yet be brought in, and that the instrumentality used will be that precious book, "Our Country."—*A Missionary in Michigan.*

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

WORDS FROM WOMEN.

FROM MISSOURI.—You will be interested to know that one of our church ladies presented each of our twenty-two auxiliaries with a copy of "Our Country," with the request that it should be read in their respective societies. Our Ladies' Home Missionary Society of Pilgrim Church will raise \$500 for the "Woman's Fund for work among Foreigners" this year. God's kingdom is marching on, and what a glorious privilege to have a share in its upbuilding.—*Mrs. C. L. G.*

FROM NEBRASKA.—Some facetious writer has observed: "The great woman question of the day is, What did she have on?" Popular as this theme may be, Nebraska claims a few young women who dare discuss the higher problem—"What did she do?" And that our girls are not playing at missionary work merely for pastime, but that there is growth in knowledge and interest, that there are sacrifices and self-denials, that there are added graces of Christian womanhood, such as sympathy with Christ and his work alone can give, all become apparent in the

earnest, thoughtful papers they have presented at our associational meetings.—*Mrs. E. H. B.*

FROM ILLINOIS.—I wish you could have been at our Wednesday evening prayer-meeting of this week. By invitation of the pastor our "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION" occupied the evening. Four original papers were read by four earnest, intelligent women, and the large audience seemed intensely interested. Our local society is gradually working its way to the front. The Lord has blessed us in our year's labor for him, and our report at the annual church meeting showed collections for Home Missions from the Woman's Home Missionary Society of sixty members for this, its first year, \$376.36. This sum was divided between the State Home Missionary Society and four of the national Home Missionary Societies. May the Lord continue to raise us helpers—men and women, and children too—till this whole nation shall be redeemed to him.—*Mrs. H. S. H.*

FROM MINNESOTA.—Our chief effort ought to be to reach the uninterested ones whose souls are lean with their present schemes of happiness. Let us who love the work reiterate our fealty to it, persistently witness to the wealthy poor hearts, unable to find in material pleasures a balm for troubled spirits, that our work for the Master brings dividends when expositions fail, and ice palaces melt. As for the pennies and nickels of those who can give but a little, tell them that the largest church in Minneapolis—the Swedish Mission Tabernacle—which, when finished, will seat more than three thousand people, has been chiefly built by the pennies and nickels of our Scandinavian friends, mostly poor people. Press for the pennies, not forgetting the children. Push for the nickels. Keep the work before all those who can give but little, and the enthusiasm will reach those who can give largely.—*Mrs. H. L. C.*

FROM MICHIGAN.—Our mite-box system is a leaven leavening the whole lump, I hope. At least we gain dollars every month from those who have never given before, and who probably would never give otherwise. Also some are becoming interested in the work, and come to the monthly meetings, who have never been before, except when some part has been assigned them to read. Throughout our State there seems to be a growing interest. We want to get hold of the youth and the little folks. I have great hopes of these *if parents will only plant the seed of systematic and conscientious giving*, making it a part of the great principle of daily living. This we should talk of and pray for in missionary, church, and temperance work. If we could do this, how much less need there would be of burden-bearing.

REPORTS of an empty treasury—with the consequent privation and suffering of our devoted and faithful home missionaries—and the need for retrenchment that is sounded in the ears of our superintendents,

and which, if carried out, as it must be without additional means, may be the death-knell of many a home missionary church, make more imperative the necessity that our \$4,000 be raised, and that it be raised at once. We invite you, sisters of Michigan, to aid the Society by combining the young women, as well as the mothers in our churches, in AUXILIARIES, and by forming the children into MISSION BANDS.—*Mrs. E. F. G.*

FROM IOWA.—A contribution has just come to our work from a state-prison convict; one whose mother always gave a tenth to the Lord, and taught her children to do so. He promised his mother that he would always observe the practice. Now he is in prison for some offense, and earns a very little by making and selling small articles. He remembers his mother's early teachings, and his own early pledges to her and to the Lord. The contribution was one dollar and fifty cents. Let us all pray that this convict may give his whole heart to the Lord, if he has not already done so.

INCLOSED please find \$4 for the mite boxes. A young lad who has a printing-press is putting on the blank side of each box, "Family Birthday Offerings," and a committee of boys and girls will be sent out to distribute them, putting one into each family of our church and congregation. We hope the returns at the time of ingathering will be gratifying. The boxes do not, in any way take the place of the regular systematic pledges, but will be used for the special offerings as indicated, and we hope that each member of the many families will remember it. We have introduced "Pledge Cards" in our society, and quite a number of other Societies are doing the same. I sincerely believe this to be the best way of giving to the Lord's work. Our plan for "Birthday Offerings" was suggested by a little article in the September *Home Missionary*. One of our ladies presented the plan at our monthly meeting, with a recommendation to adopt it in our society. This same lady reports the work of the American Home Missionary Society month by month, and her familiar talks are most interesting. The other branches of home missionary work are also reported, so that we have variety and much interest in our meetings.—*Mrs. T. O. D.*

OUR YOUNG LADIES.

ALLOW me to present one thought which I wish might be impressed upon the minds of all, viz.: The imperative need of training our young ladies for more efficient missionary work, and by this I mean both the work in connection with the management of our societies, and also the still more important work at the front, on the mission field. It is very evident that we are not utilizing all the forces among the ladies of our

churches when the young ladies are not fully enlisted. Let us make special effort to bring out this latent power—this talent folded away in a napkin rather than used for the Master. There is more of it than most of us are wont to think.

Many of the older ladies are hindered from active work on account of advancing years, or through lack of training in early life, which causes them to shrink from taking public part in our societies. Others have domestic cares in the superintendence of home and the nurture of young children, which absorbs the time and strength of most mother to the exclusion of all outside interests, and this is as it should be.

No sympathy for the Indian in his wigwam, or the Chinese in his opium den, or the negro in his hut, singing in his ignorance his weird plantation songs, should ever so claim the thought of the mother that she shall for a moment neglect the training of the immortal souls in her own home.

Thus it would seem that the burden of the work must, and should, fall upon the young ladies, and those who are comparatively free from other cares. And why should not young ladies be expected to prepare themselves to do something in the world, as much as young men? It is generally conceded that young men who are worth anything will have some useful employment. Why may we not apply the same rule to young ladies, and what grander and more useful work can she engage in than that of assisting in the salvation of our country?

Many a mother who could not consent to send her daughter abroad to carry the gospel to the heathen in other lands, might be willing to send her to carry the gospel to the heathen in our own land. Oh, that the coming year may not only be rich in contributions of loving sympathy, prayers and money, but let us hope and pray that we may have also the more precious gifts of willing hearts who will say, "Here am I, Lord, send me."—*Mrs. C. C. Creegan, Syracuse, N. Y.*

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

The Home Missionary has been plying the young people with "questions" for the last six months. Now the young people are returning the compliment. Here is question number one:

"What must we do to become an auxiliary of *The American Home Missionary Society*?"

(1.) Let us know that you wish to be auxiliary to this Society. (2.) Send us your Constitution. (3.) Do something for the Society in your own way.

"Do we belong to your 'Home Mission Circle' if we help the *A. M. A.*, and the other Societies who work for our country?"

Certainly! All young people who are helping to save this land for Christ belong to our Home Mission Circle.

LETTER NO. 8.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS.—If you look at the first page of my cover, you will notice that I have had a birthday! This month ushers in my SIXTIETH YEAR; but while you continue to love me and care for me as you do now, I cannot grow musty or even yellow, with age. On the contrary, I think you will find my color somewhat clearer and brighter as though I had been “freshened up” a bit.

I know that in your hearts you wish your old friend a happy new year. Shall I tell you what will make it the very happiest of all my years? It is this: To know that every one of my beloved home missionary young people, who take so kind an interest in this Society, are loving and faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ; and to know also, that each young life is shining so brightly that others *must* catch the light and be won to join the bright army. Such a message from one of you would be worth more than *anything* that this world could possibly give me.

The letter from Kate S—— this month, in which she speaks of her disappointment in not being able to push old *Massachusetts* in ahead of *Michigan*, reminds me that I ought to tell you something, which will comfort our ambitious Kate, and some others of the same State loyalty. It is this: Your letters and answers are “counted in” for the Banner State, when they reach the Bible House, whether they are printed or not. Having only *one page*, and that only once a month, for letters from all the children in this country, or any other, who choose to write, I cannot of course *print* them all; but the fact that you write, and answer the questions, brings you and your State into the home missionary circle. And now I must close to make room for your “Aunt Nabby” who has something for you this month.—*Your friend, The Home Missionary.*

THAT “MISSIONARY PENNY.”

WHEN Aunt Nabby read in the March *Home Missionary*, page 423, about the little boy who lost his missionary penny, she smiled and said to herself: “There’s more in that than meets the naked eye!” A *great many* missionary pennies have been lost; in fact, the old lady has a faint suspicion that she’s lost more or less herself. In a flash there came to her this “Happy Thought.” It was a good scheme to make that fair divide of the pennies to start with; and if a few hundred boys and

girls should do the same thing, taking care to have a good strong box to drop the *missionary* pennies into, so that they couldn't get lost, before it came time to forward them to the American Home Missionary Society—conundrum: How many dollars would it amount to in a year? Now, if all the generous-hearted boys and girls who read this, will try the plan of dividing, for this purpose, the pennies given them to spend for their own gratification they might find it, aside from the pleasure of doing good, a nice business arrangement! For example: Uncle Jack who tosses out a penny to buy candy, would very naturally donate a handful, if he understood that the missionary cause was to reap the benefit.

Aunt Nabby is so much pleased with this little plan, that she proposes to give ten cents to each of the first ten boys and girls who respond to this appeal, to start their mission boxes. If you think favorably of the proposal just mention it to your friend *The Home Missionary*, and on its next birthday we will answer the conundrum, by telling you the amount of the "Aunt Nabby fund."

QUESTIONS.

21. What is the name of that good Christian Bohemian who preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people in 1403?
22. Who will tell us something about him?
23. How long were the followers of this good man persecuted on account of their religious belief?
24. What King released them from this persecution?
25. What is the crest of the Prince of Wales? and where did England get that crest?
26. What connection has Queen Victoria with the Bohemians?

[We have received some very interesting bits of history in answer to questions 21 and 22. The various accounts of John Huss, prepared by our boys and girls, will be printed as we have space for them.]

BANNER STATE THIS MONTH.

IN CONTRIBUTIONS—of Home Missionary States, MICHIGAN; of Auxiliary States, CONNECTICUT.

IN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AND LETTERS—MASSACHUSETTS.

IN HOME MISSION CIRCLES—OHIO. *See page 22.*

BY-LAWS OF THE WILLING HELPERS.

LANSING, MICHIGAN.

Rule 1. Each member shall pledge himself to contribute willingly as his conscience shall dictate.

Rule 2. Each member shall pledge himself to give hearty support to the President in his efforts to make the meetings pleasant and profitable.

Rule 3. All members absent from Roll call, unless detained by sickness, or absence from the city, shall be fined five cents. This money to be kept separately as a contingent fund for the society.

Rule 4. Each member shall pledge himself to contribute his share towards the profit and entertainment of the society at the regular meeting, when asked to do so by the presiding officer.

THE WORK AT HAND.—III.

A Story for Girls.

BY MRS. LOUISA P. HOPKINS.

“Do the duty that lies nearest thee; the next will already have become plainer.”

“OH, why have I never seen it before, Anna? It is the one thing for us to do! We—you and I—must bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to these people for whom nobody cares!”

“How can we begin?” said Lucia; “I do not see any way to reach them. How can you introduce yourself? On what pretext will you approach them? They will hardly recognize your right to teach them. They withdraw themselves so, and give everybody a wide berth. You very well know that the people up town have learned to let them aelno and they simply regard this village as a picturesque part of the drive, to the beach. What can you or I do for them?”

“We shall see a way I am sure,” said Anna, hopefully; “we can begin now by speaking to this little brown-eyed girl who peeps at us around the gate.

“Little girl, do you live here?”

When Lucia’s warm hand was placed upon her arm the child at first drew back, but soon yielded to its spontaneous touch of love, and answered, “Yes, marm,” as she kicked the dirt with her bare feet.

“And do you go to school?”

“No, marm; there ain’t no school here.”

“What do you do?” said Anna, while Lucia had by this time taken the little brown hand in hers and parted the tangled hair.

“I don’ know; wade, and shell clams, and go out in dad’s boat.”

“What is your name? tell me, dear,” said Lucia, “for I’m coming to see you to-morrow and I will bring you something.”

The astonished face was raised with a gleam of sweetness, and the little fingers twisted Lucia’s dress till she presently replied, “My name is Liza Jane Thing, and there comes my brothers.” At this moment two comical looking boys ran to within a short distance and stood with their hands in ragged pockets, which were apparently the most carefully conserved part of their vesture, and stared with a curious gaze—the bewildering likeness of which in both almost idiotic faces was ludicrous in the extreme. It seemed as if one human being had been presented in duplicates to make out even a minimum personality.

“What are your brothers’ names, Eliza?” said Lucia.

With an air of pride the child answered briskly, “George Washing

ton and John Quincy Adams Thing." After the announcement of their illustrious names the discouraging specimens turned about with a yell of excitement, and running to the door-step called out, "Lize Jane, marm says you must come in quick." A brief smile of appreciation of this scene passed between the maidens before the little girl snatched away her hand and ran swiftly toward the house, hardly hearing their good-byes as they stood there in the fading light.

The house was an ancient brown house, smeared with rough yellow, and stood out at the end of the street looking toward the sea, from whose long white line of breakers it was sometimes dashed with spray. It looked like the sentinel of the village, as its tall plumes of prince's feather tossed before the small window-panes through which a woman's face peered with a forbidding frown. Anna and Lucia turned away, after one last look at the foaming bar. Over the submerged flat the anchored boats rocked on the swelling tide as their souls upon the bosom of God's love, and they each felt that a way was opened for their brains, hearts and hands to enter into their Master's work.

OUR LETTER BOX.

DEAR HOME MISSIONARY: Inclosed please find five dollars, which I want to give to the Bohemian Fund. I am a little girl twelve years old, and this is my apple money. We have four apple-trees in our yard, and as there is more fruit on them than we need, mamma and I sell some of it, and use the money to do good with. Mamma says I may have five dollars of it to send to you.—Yours truly, *Carrie E. C.*
—*Massachusetts.*

[I hope other little girls who read your letter will find something in the yard or house which can be turned into money to do good with.]

DEAR HOME MISSIONARY: We have formed a circle to be called the "Mt. Hermon Band of Boys," and have chosen for our first work the Bohemian boys, their customs and life, and the work being done among them by the home missionaries.—*Massachusetts.*

[An excellent plan! Will your secretary write us a letter now and then, telling us what you find out about the Bohemian boys?]

DEAR HOME MISSIONARY: I do enjoy your children's corner very much, especially your letters to us. They are very nice. My dear little brother John sings Sunday-school hymns very sweetly. He is a great pet. One night he saw a picture of a large lion, and he exclaimed, "What a *commence* lion!—*Missouri.*

[I don't wonder you love that sweet little brother. Our little "Jojo," about his age, says, whenever he passes the Episcopal church, "That's the *pickle* church!"]

Jessie L.—, *Michigan*, says, “My mother is a home missionary woman, and I am a home missionary girl.”

[Good! What can you find to do for Home Missions in Michigan, Jessie?]

DEAR HOME MISSIONARY: When I came home from school yesterday noon I found you had arrived. I confess I felt a good deal disappointed to find that my answers did not reach you in season for this month. I *did* want to see that *Massachusetts* had outstripped *Missouri* in the number of questions answered! I have resolved to answer those of this month immediately, so that mine may reach you as early as any. Please give us more than two to answer next month, for I like to find them out, and I mean to interest some other children here to write to you.—*Kate C. S.—Massachusetts.*

[I am ready, dear Kate, to shake hands with all the children whom you introduce into our home missionary circle. Our family is increasing very rapidly, but I notice that with every addition my old heart gets bigger and younger. I'm only too thankful that through you young people it isn't in any present danger of shriveling for lack of love.—*The Home Missionary.*]

AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

REV. JOHN A. HAMILTON, D.D., *Secretary.*
 10 Congregational House, Boston. JAMES M. GORDON, Esq., *Treasurer.*
 [Money may be sent to JAMES M. GORDON, Esq., Treasurer, No. 10 Congregational House, Boston; or to REV. ALEXANDER H. CLAPP, D.D., 34 Bible House, New York.]

THE NEED OF MORE MINISTERS.—An earnest and influential Christian laborer in Nebraska writes as follows:

For two reasons, chiefly, the need of ministers and missionaries on the western frontiers is imperative. First, the immense immigration, and second, the prevailing danger of Christians relapsing into worldliness and neglecting duty when beyond the influences of the church and the Sabbath. The missionary *must* go with the people.

A town site was surveyed July 31st, 1885: lots sold August 1st. Sept. 13th, a church organized in a gospel tent; less than three months after the church was formed, a neat church building was ready for dedication, the town then having more than 1,000 people.

This work was done by a missionary Superintendent, whose services were needed in several places at the same time. A man was immediately sought to relieve him here; but months passed before one could be found. To be the father of church work in a town of such promise should awaken the ambition of any lover of the Master's cause.

A county containing 5,000 people in one of our frontier States had five Congregational church organizations in 1882 and not a pastor for any one of them. No church building existed in the county, neither a

church prayer-meeting. About seventy members were enrolled in the five churches. In less than five years the population has more than doubled. Eight Congregational churches are in existence; four of these have good church buildings paid for; the membership in the county has reached nearly 400; three of the churches having received into membership in the first three months of 1887 as many members as the five churches contained in 1882. Prayer-meetings are well sustained.

The frontier missionary superintendents are *praying and searching for men* for these vacant churches. Were this all, the problem would be greatly simplified. But what shall be done for the *new* communities? Counties in Nebraska which three years ago knew only the cow-boys, have to-day nearly 10,000 people each. Is there a proportionate increase of self-sacrificing Christian workers for these rapidly opening fields? The statistics from our Theological Seminaries answer with an emphatic no. Let the churches consider this. Let the AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY consider it and do with its might in the way of giving aid and encouragement to young men of the true spirit to prepare themselves for entering the doors of these great opportunities.

Much of the best material for ministers and missionaries is with that class of young men who are destitute of pecuniary means and therefore unable to meet without assistance the great expenses of a college and seminary course. Shall they be turned to other pursuits than those of the Christian preacher and missionary laborer because the prayers and helping hands of the Lord's people are withheld?

Surely this inquiry is one which the churches are solemnly called to answer. They cannot be indifferent to the work of *raising up ministers* if they truly love Christ's gospel and desire its faithful proclamation among men. For "how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach *except they be sent?*"

MISSIONARY BOXES.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.

2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.

3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.

4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise, as "fast freight," by railroad, taking *two* receipts from the Company.

5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of *freight* (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.

6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for *freight*, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in THE HOME MISSIONARY.

7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.

8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding the name of the place from which it comes.

9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a list of contents to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the size of each adult, and the age and sex of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.

10. These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society. It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

WOMAN'S FUND FOR FOREIGN WORK.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,925 46
Connecticut, Litchfield.....	5 00
New London.....	75 00
Massachusetts, Amherst.....	119 00
Ashburnham.....	11 00
Boston.....	183 33
Bridgewater, East.....	13 75
Brockton.....	5 00
Brookfield, North.....	80 00
Chicopee Falls.....	30 00
Dorchester.....	160 25
Fairhaven.....	4 00
Globe Village.....	2 00
Hadley.....	5 00
Huntington.....	5 00
Lawrence.....	87 71
Leeds.....	25 00
Longmeadow.....	102 26
Monson.....	25 00
Newbury, West.....	4 50
Newtonville.....	5 00
Northampton.....	135 00
Orange.....	35 00
Pittsfield.....	200 00
Randolph.....	12 00
South Hadley.....	127 40
Somerville.....	10 00
Springfield.....	230 00
Stockbridge.....	5 00
Walpole.....	64 00
Ware.....	7 50
Westfield.....	40 00
Westminster.....	26 00
Maine, Gardiner.....	1 00
Missouri, St. Louis.....	213 00
New York, Binghamton.....	25 00
Brooklyn.....	11 25
New York.....	10 00
Riverhead.....	25 00
Vermont, St. Johnsbury.....	100 00
Wallingford.....	1 00
	\$4,150 51

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,258 64
Connecticut, Danbury.....	65 00
Darien.....	40
Westminster.....	2 00
Iowa, Mount Pleasant.....	6 60
Massachusetts, Chicopee.....	10 00
Falmouth.....	34 00
Neponset.....	6 52
Westfield.....	9 00
Michigan, Olivet.....	7 50
New York, Saratoga Springs.....	15 00
Ohio, Harmar.....	20 00
Mansfield.....	10 00
Springfield.....	1 60
Rhode Island, Kingston.....	10 00
	\$1,456 36

HOME MISSION CIRCLES.

Forty-nine Home Mission Circles have thus far come to our knowledge. We shall be glad to hear from others. Of these forty-nine, Ohio has 12; Nebraska, 10; Massachusetts, 8; New York, 6; Dakota, 4; Michigan, 3; Connecticut, 2; Minnesota, Missouri, District of Columbia, and New Hampshire, each 1.

APPOINTMENTS IN MARCH, 1887.

Not in commission last year.

Batley, George J., Ree Heights, Greenleaf and Baker school-house, So. Dak.
 Cooper, Samuel B., Pitston and Exeter, Penn.
 De Geer, W. W., Ada and Baldwin, Mich.
 Denham, Dr. A. C., Teacher, Atlanta, Ga.
 Earl, James, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Foster, Henry R., Walla Walla, Wash. Ter.
 Frary, Lucien H., Sierra Madre, Cal.
 Geer, Heman, Bradshaw and Randolph, Neb.
 Harrison, James, North Bend, Neb.
 Hewitt, John B. H., Breckinridge, Colo.
 Howell, Edward B., Mojave, Cal.
 Hughes, Benjamin M., Shamokin, Penn.
 Kanagy, Josiah J., Vaudrillat and Berryville, Mich.
 Martin, Evan H., Corry, Penn.
 Millar, William H., Gaylord, Mich.
 Richardson, William T., Apopka and Merrimack, Fla.
 Stone, Sidney, Ada, Minn.

Re-commissioned.

Albert, John H., Stillwater, Minn.
 Bonnell, William H., Julesburg, Colo.
 Bowers, John M., Kidder, Mo.
 Breckenridge, Daniel M., Port Orange and Holly Hill, Fla.
 Bronson, Samuel M., Dassel, Cokato and Collingwood, Minn.
 Bunnell, John J., Bridgman and Sawyer's, Mich.
 Chandler, Joseph, Lakeland and Afton, Minn.
 Cole, H. Hammond, Tucson, Ariz.
 Cooper, James, Severy, Kan.
 Crane, Henry C., Omaha and Omaha View, Neb.
 Crane, John F., Horton's Bay and Hayes, Mich.
 Dalgliesh, George C., Roscommon, Mich.
 Dexter, Granville M., Soquel, Cal.
 Dixon, Marshall W., Ft. Recovery, Ohio.
 Dixon, Ellis W., Wenas and Natchez, Wash. Ter.
 Edwards, William, Ft. Abercrombie and McCauleyville, No. Dak.
 Gilchrist, Howard H., Longton and Elk Falls, Kan.
 Gray, Matthew S., East Paris, Mich.
 Hamilton, Henry P., Eldred, N. Y.
 Harrison, Charles S., Franklin, Neb.
 Harrison, Marvin B., Scribner, Neb.
 Herriek, Robert P., Montevideo and vicinity, Minn.

Hodges, John G., Ironton and out-stations, Mich.
 Houston, Warren H., Alpine, Macon and Harmony, Neb.
 Howell, James, Bala and out-stations, Kan.
 Hulet, James A., Bartlett and Clear Creek, Neb.
 Jenkins, E. H., Stockholm, N. Y.
 Jewell, J. Spencer, Albuquerque, New Mex.
 Johnson, Alfred P., Springfield, Mo.
 Kelsey, Lyssander, Portland Heights and Beavertown, Or.
 Leavitt, William, Muscotah and New Madden, Kan.
 Lewis, William, Etnaville, Ohio.
 Lewis, William H., Cherokee City, Ark.
 Lucas, Oramel W., Pendleton, Or.
 Lyman, Albert T., Alexandria and Emery, So Dak.
 McConaughy, Frank, Sprague, Rock Lake and Crab Creek, Wash. Ter.
 Mather, Wallace E., Paris, N. Y.
 Montgomery, William C., San Mateo and Rinconada, New Mex.
 Morris, George, Port Costa and Crockett, Cal.
 Nicol, John, Chase and out-stations, Mich.
 Page, William D., Cowles and Guide Rock, Neb.
 Parker, Thomas, Shelby, Mich.
 Peebles, Arthur B., Hooper and Lynne, Utah.
 Phillips, John, Stony Point, Cal.
 Read, Robert H., D. D., Eureka, Ark.
 Richards, Howard A. N., Hampden, Ohio.
 Riedinger, Jacob P., Findlay, Ohio.
 Rood, John, Lake City, Zumbrota and Forest Mills, Minn.
 Smith, Silas L., St. Louis, Mo.
 Southworth, Edward, Clay Center, Neb.
 Sparrow, Josiah P., Lakeside and Bitney's school-house, Neb.
 Spelman, Levi P., Coral and Howard City, Mich.
 Stevenson, William D. J., Glencoe, Fairview and Dodge, Neb.
 Stewart, William C., Etna, Ft. Jones, Oro Fino and Callahans, Cal.
 Storer, F. A. S., Syracuse, N. Y.
 Thalberg, H. L., Huron, So. Dak.
 Thrloway, Timothy, Green River City, Wyo.
 Thome, James A., Ogalalla, Neb.
 Travers, Robert M., Ravenna, Neb.
 Trimble, George W., Tipton and out-stations, Cal.
 Tutthill, Edward B., San Miguel, Cal.
 Van Camp, Albert J., Bridgeport, Mich.
 Williams, John, Bangor, Penn.

RECEIPTS IN MARCH, 1887.

The following statement includes the amounts paid directly into the Treasury, together with those reported by Auxiliaries, as expended in their fields during the last Missionary year.

The sums expended by Auxiliaries within their bounds are marked (*).

MAINE—\$854.22.

Maine Missionary Society.....	*\$16,709 91
Acton, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by W. A. Merrill.....	7 24
Bangor, A Friend, for the Debt.....	5 00
Bethel, Second Ch., for the Debt, by Rev. D. Garland.....	10 00
Castine, Ch., \$6.84; Sunday-school, \$5; Y. P. S. C. E., \$3.43, for the Debt, by A. F. Adams.....	15 27
Mrs. Cate, by Rev. J. P. Cushman....	40
Center Lebanon, A Friend, for the Debt Falmouth, First, Extra Coll. for Debt, by Rev. H. C. M. Knight.....	100 00
Farmington, A Friend, for Debt, by Rev. C. H. Pope.....	10 00
Fort Fairfield, Dea. S. Seabury, by Rev. R. D. Osgood.....	5 00
Gardiner, A Lady friend, for Woman's Dept.....	1 00
Kennebunk, by Jos. Titcomb.....	36 74
Machas, Ladies of Cong. Ch., for Debt, by G. Longfellow.....	15 00
North Bridgeton, by N. Lincoln.....	6 65
North Brighton, Ladies, for the Debt,	

by Mrs. C. C. Farnsworth.....	\$5 00
Norridgewock, A Friend.....	4 00
Portland, Bethel Ch., by Maj. J. M. Gould.....	10 25
Second Parish Ch., \$87.85; Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, \$32.65, by C. A. Dunlap.....	120 00
West Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by A. L. Fuller.....	8 00
State Street Ch., \$318.55; Sunday-school, \$55; J. R. Prince's class, \$10, for Debt, by W. S. Corey.....	383 55
Williston, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by W. H. Pennell.....	25 00
Sunday-school, for the Debt, by E. F. Garland.....	25 00
Readfield, A Friend, for the Debt....	5 00
Scarboro, by Arthur Smith.....	5 40
Searsport, First Ch., for the Debt, by Rev. R. G. Harbutt.....	12 45
South Freeport, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Rev. C. L. Nichols.....	5 00
West Auburn, for the Debt, by S. N. Grose.....	3 27
Yarmouth, B. Freeman, for Debt.....	20 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$3,750.66; of which		Nashua, First.....	\$100 00
Legacies, \$2,000.00.		New Hampshire, "Little Robbie's money".....	5 00
New Hampshire Missionary Society.*\$11,946 72		Newport, A Lady.....	5 00
Received by L. D. Stevens, Treas. N. H. M. Soc.:		North Hamp on, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by H. C. Yates.....	15 05
Atkinson, \$10; A Friend, \$5.....	\$15 00	Northwood Center, Mrs. E. E. Wiggin, for the Debt.....	20 00
Brookline.....	5 00	Ossipee, A. J. Scoggel, \$2; E. J. Smith, \$2, by E. J. Smith.....	4 00
Concord, First Ch., to const. Mrs. F. H. George, Mrs. C. R. Schoolcraft, Dea., A. S. Smith and John C. Thorn L. Ms.....	400 00	Pelham, Mrs. G. W. Tyler.....	10 00
A Friend.....	2 00	Penacook, by Rev. C. E. Millikin.....	10 00
Exeter, Coll. at Union Miss. meeting in Second Ch.....	53 02	Peterborough, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Miss M. M. Knight.....	2 00
Epping, John M. Fitz.....	5 00	Portsmouth, A Friend of Home Missions for the Debt, \$500 00.	
Hampstead, Miss Anna M. Howard.....	10 00	[Erroneously acknowledged in April.]	
Keene, First.....	94 00	Rochester, First, by H. M. Plumer.....	60 00
Meredith Village, \$65; Lakeside Workers, \$5.....	70 00	Stratham, Cong. Ch., A Friend, for the Debt.....	4 00
Peterborough, Union Evan. Ch.....	38 25	Warner, Ladies' Miss. Soc., for the Debt, by Miss R. B. Thompson.....	4 00
Wichester, Mrs. J. C. Smith's Primary class in Sunday-school.....	10 00	Mrs. A. G. H. Eaton, for the Debt.....	10 00
Alstead Center, Mabel Gibson, for Debt, by Rev. G. A. Beckwith.....	10	West Lebanon, Y. P. S. C. E., \$11.25; Sunday-school, \$15; Charles H. Dana, \$25 for the Debt, by W. F. Hale.....	51 25
Amherst, Rev. A. J. McGoun, for Debt	10 00	Mrs. Latham, by W. F. Hale.....	5 00
Bath, by Carrie E. Patterson.....	6 10	Wincchester, for the Debt, by Rev. M. S. Hartwell.....	43 00
Brentwood, by H. C. Mank.....	9 00	Ladies' H. M. Soc., special, by Mrs. A. G. Atherton.....	11 00
Cheerful Givers, for Children's Bohemian fund, by Chas. Flanders.....	5 00	VERMONT—\$2,529.17; of which Legacy 1,000.00.	
Claremont, Five members of Ch., by Ellen R. Putnam.....	11 00	Vermont Dom. Missionary Society.*\$10,718 48	
Coucord, On account of Legacy of James McQuesten, by Hon. L. D. Stevens, EX.....	1,400 00	Benson, E. S. A. and J. A. S.....	1 00
Y. P. S. C. E. of North Ch., for the Debt, by M. H. Ballard.....	16 63	"From Lend a Hand," for Debt.....	1 00
Deerfield, Legacy of Stephen Brown, by J. T. Brown, EX.....	100 00	Bennington, Miss A. C. Park, for Debt	50 00
Derry, First, for the Debt, by G. W. Barker.....	100 00	Brandon, by J. H. Vail.....	18 00
Y. P. S. C. E., for Debt, by Miss C. M. Underhill.....	14 00	Brattleboro, Dea. J. S. Wilder, \$25; C. F. Thompson, \$5.....	30 00
East Alstead, A Friend, for Debt, by Rev. G. A. Beckwith.....	90	Brownington, Mrs. Fanny Smith.....	2 00
East Derry, First Ch., "In memory of one who died embracing the promises," for Debt, by F. W. Parker.....	100 00	Burlington, First, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by W. L. B. Collins.....	28 30
Epping, Family of Rev. J. H. Stearns, by Mrs. F. W. Spaulding.....	10 00	Castleton, by G. P. Byington of which for Debt \$12.68.....	18 36
Exeter, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt.....	57 05	Charlotte, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Rev. A. W. Wild.....	10 00
A Friend, for Debt.....	2 00	Chelsea, First, by Mrs. W. P. Townsend.....	30 00
A Friend, for the Debt.....	10 00	A Friend, for Debt.....	4 00
Francetown, Ch. and Sunday-school, for the Debt, by A. Downes.....	21 00	Corinth, for the Debt, by Rev. H. P. James.....	16 50
For Debt, "B.".....	5 00	Corwall, by Rev. M. C. Stebbins.....	75 00
Franklin, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by L. S. Davenport.....	4 50	E. R. Robbins.....	5 00
Gilmanton, Center Ch., for Debt, by J. H. Drew.....	5 00	A Friend for Debt.....	1 00
Hampton, A Friend.....	6 00	Dorset, A. M. Holley, in full for L. M. and for the Debt.....	25 00
Hanover, Miss B. L. Moody, for the Debt.....	5 00	Ferrisburgh, S. A. Carpenter.....	5 00
A Friend.....	50 00	Hartford, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Rev. S. I. Briant.....	14 00
Haverhill, Sunday-school, \$7.64; Two Friends, \$1.25, for the Debt, by W. O. Burbeck.....	8 89	Manchester, Rev. A. Hemenway, for the Debt.....	5 00
Hinsdale, by N. E. Pratt.....	9 66	A Friend.....	1 00
Cong. Sunday-school, for the Debt, by C. W. Clark.....	19 75	Milton, by C. H. Jackson.....	6 48
Hollis, Legacy of John C. Jewett, by E. J. Colburn, EX.....	500 00	Cong. Sunday-school for Debt, by F. C. Ladd.....	15 00
Littleton, First Ch., by A. J. Church.....	17 33	Middlebury, Mission Circle of the Cong. Ch., for Debt, by Miss Mary L. Speare.....	5 00
Manchester, Haverup Street Ch., \$114.08; Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, \$35, by J. A. Goodrich.....	143 08	L. R. S.....	2 00
Mason, Cong. Sunday-school, for the Debt, by Rev. D. Goodwin.....	5 00	North Bennington, Y. P. S. C. E., for Debt, by Rev. G. R. Hewitt.....	2 50
C. B. Goodwin.....	7 00	North Craftsbury, Rev. J. Fraser, for the Debt.....	10 00
Milford, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by C. S. Emerson.....	37 60	Northfield, E. H. Catlin.....	5 00
Milton Mills, by Mrs. G. S. Butler.....	5 50	North Pownal, M. Whipple.....	50 00
Mt. Vernon, for the Debt, by Rev. R. H. McGown.....	17 00	Norwich, N. R. Nichols, for the Debt.....	1 00
		Peru, Rev. A. B. Peffers, for the Debt.....	5 00
		Quechee, Mrs. H. Thomas, Jr., for Debt.....	3 00
		Randolph, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Miss A. S. Murphy.....	8 00
		St. Albans, by C. Wyman.....	208 00
		St. Johnsbury, Legacy of Miss E. L. Taylor, by J. C. Taylor, EX.....	1,000 00
		North Ch., \$17.60; Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, \$5.29, by W. C. Tyler.....	22 89

North Ch., W. H. M. S., "M." \$20; Ten cent contributions, \$42.33, for the Debt, by Mrs. W. P. Smith.....	\$62 33	Berkley, for Debt, by Rev. J. E. M. Wright.....	\$10 25
South Ch., A Friend, for the Debt.....	100 00	Berlin, S. W. Lincoln.....	5 00
Ladies' H. M. Soc. of South Ch., \$75; Mrs. W. P. Fairbanks, \$25.....	100 00	Eeverly, San Great Assoc., for the Debt, by W. F. Crafts.....	76 00
Girls' Mission Band, for the Debt, by Mrs. G. H. Cross.....	10 60	Blandford, L. D. Tiffany.....	40
"S. M. B.," for Debt.....	3 00	Boston, On account of Legacy of John Gilbert, by Elizabeth G. Frost, Ex... 1,000 00	1,000 00
St. Johnsbury, East, "Band of Prom- ise," for the Debt, by I. M. Locke....	1 00	Legacy of a Lady ninety-six years of age.....	100 00
Saxton's River, by John Ramsay, for the Debt.....	25 64	Shaumut Ch., A. S. Lovett, for Debt..	15 00
South Royalton, Mrs. J. R. Morris, for Debt, by E. Foster.....	100 60	W. H. M. A., by Mrs. H. H. Proctor, Treas.....	183 33
Springfield, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Rev. C. S. Mills.....	26 08	Rev. A. E. Dunning, for the Debt....	20 00
"A Contribution for the work".....	300 00	Rev. L. Farnham, for Debt.....	10 03
Stowe, "Vermont," for the Debt.....	12 03	Rev. I. P. Langworthy, D.D.....	10 00
Thetford, Mrs. A. H. Farr, for Debt....	5 00	A Friend of the cause, for Debt....	500 00
Vergennes, by Andrew Ross, for the Debt.....	25 00	From a Friend, through Rev. E. B. Palmer, special.....	5 00
Wallingford, Woman's Aux., for the Debt, by Miss C. A. Marsh.....	13 00	Boxford, A Friend.....	5 00
Miss C. M. Townsend, Woman's Dep't Waterbury, by Rev. C. M. Sheldon....	8 36	Braintree, Infant Sunday-school, First Ch., for Debt.....	10 00
West Brattleboro, in full, to const. M. J. Mather a L. M., by H. H. Thomp- son.....	13 52	E. F. E. T.....	10 00
West Randolph, A Friend.....	3 00	Brighton, Ladies, \$9.05; Children's Mis- sion Band, \$13; Young Chr. Assoc., \$5; for the Debt, by Mrs. B. Worm- melle.....	27 65
Westminster, West, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by D. R. Ranney.....	8 11	Brockton, Ladies' Praying Circle, for Woman's Dept., by Mrs. E. F. Gard- ner.....	5 00
Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Rev. A. Stevens, D.D.....	15 00	Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by M. S. Gurney.....	25 00
Williamstown, A Friend.....	83	Brookfield, Mrs. J. P. Montague, for the Debt.....	5 00
Windham, for the Debt, by A. J. Stearns.....	10 00	Cambridge, Prof. J. H. Thayer, for Debt	10 00
MASSACHUSETTS—\$27,453.27; of which Legacies, \$8,350.00.		Cambridgeport, Prospect Street, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by A. L. Merrill A Friend.....	8 29 5 00
Mass. Home Missionary Society.....* \$43,070 71		Charlestown, Mrs. C. A. Goodwin.....	5 00
Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.....	2,000 00	Chariton, Special coll. for Debt, by Rev. W. Sewall.....	7 00
For Western work among Foreigners	4,500 60	Chelsea, E. B. Evans, for the Debt.....	5 00
Special for the Debt.....	5,656 57	Chicopee, Busy Bee Mission Circle, Third Ch., by A. F. Gaylord, for Chil- dren's Bohemian fund.....	10 00
By B. T. Gale, of Lee.....	75 00	Y. P. S. C. E., for Debt, by Emma B. Hosley.....	30 00
Received by C. Marsh, Treas. Hamp- den Benev. Assoc.:		Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by W. E. Dickinson.....	25 00
Longmeadow, Rev. C. Peabody..	\$5 00	Chicopee Falls, Y. P. S. C. E. of Second Ch., for the Debt, by Isabel Stevens..	33 00
South Hadley Falls.....	21 25	Miss M. M. Hoisington, for the Debt.	5 00
Thorndike, A Friend.....	5 00	Concord, Y. P. S. C. E. of Trin. Cong. Ch., for Debt, by G. H. Hopkins.....	17 53
Westfield, First, Y. P. S. C. E.	135 00	Conway, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Mrs. W. E. Hauks.....	8 00
First, for Bohemian work.....	9 00	Deerfield, Y. P. S. C. E., for Debt, by Rev. A. Hazen.....	28 00
Wilbraham, in full to const.		East Granville, Y. P. S. C. E. for the Debt, by W. Griswold.....	10 72
Miss A. L. Corbin a L. M.....	32 75	Easthampton, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Miss E. H. Dewar.....	20 00
	208 00	Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Payson Ch., for Debt, by Miss Lydia A. Ferry...	50 00
Amherst, First, by W. Hamlin, of which for Debt, \$125.....	175 00	East Milton, A Friend, for Debt.....	5 00
Amesbury, Union Evan. Ch., by E. A. Goodwin.....	15 00	A Friend, for Debt.....	1 00
Andover, South Ch., \$25; Edward Tay- lor, \$50; Y. P. S. C. E., \$50, for the Debt, by Geo. Gould.....	125 00	Essex, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by I. P. Howes.....	15 50
Seminary Ch., a few friends, for the Debt, by Mrs. H. N. Fay.....	50 00	Falmouth, Ladies' Sew. Circle, by Miss S. E. Herendeen.....	5 00
From friends in Seminary Ch., special coll. for Debt, by Mrs. Fay, by Rev. C. C. Carpenter.....	50 00	Susie Herendeen, for Debt.....	2 00
"Mrs. S. A. G.," for the Debt.....	5 00	Fall River, A Friend, a Thank offering, for Debt.....	5 00
Ashburnham, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by C. G. Tobey.....	7 00	Fitchburg, C. C. Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by W. K. Bailey.....	54 75
Rev. J. D. Crosby.....	5 00	Mrs. A. C. Hill, for Debt.....	10 00
Ashfield, Ch., in full to const. C. A. Richmond a L. M., by Mrs. D. Wil- liams.....	45 75	Florence, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by W. R. Wood.....	30 00
Y. P. S. C. E., \$7.50; Cong. Sunday- school, \$7.50, for Debt, by Rev. J. Wadhams.....	15 00	A Friend, for Debt.....	1 00
Attleboro, Second, for the Debt, by A. B. Carpenter.....	32 00	Foxboro, for the Debt, by Rev. A. E. Tracy.....	50 00
Attleboro Falls, Central Ch., for the Debt, by Rev. G. O. Jenness.....	11 00	Framingham, Legacy of George A. Trowbridge, by W. H. and B. A. Trowbridge.....	500 00
Barre, Ladies' Soc., for the Debt, by Mrs. A. G. Williams.....	6 00	Gilbertville, by Rev. A. H. Richardson.	5 55
Belchertown, for the Debt, by Rev. P. W. Lyman.....	6 00	Globe Village, Young Helpers of Free Ch., by Rev. S. Hayward.....	30 00
A. C. Blodgett, for the Debt.....	2 00		

Evan. Ch., Young Helpers, by Rev. S. Hayward.....	\$5 00	N. M. Lyon, for Debt.....	\$100 00
Gloucester, Y. P. S. C. E. of the Evan. Cong. Ch., for the Debt, by C. C. Fisher.....	103 00	C. W. Holmes, Jr., for the Debt.....	50 00
Granby, A Friend.....	8 00	Mrs. E. L. Coburn, for the Debt.....	10 00
Great Barrington, Sunday-school, for the Debt, by L. A. Rogers.....	7 00	The Widow's Mite, for the Debt.....	5 00
Groton, Mrs. Mary M. S. Spaulding, for Debt, to const her a L. M.....	50 00	Mt. Washington, by Rev. W. F. Zell... for Debt.....	2 00
Hadley, First, for the Debt, by Rodney Smith.....	15 05	Natick, First Ch., for the Debt, by R. H. Randall.....	150 00
Russell Ch., M. C.....	3 00	Neponset, Sunday-school of Cong. Ch., for Children's Bohemian fund, by Rev. H. A. Schaulier.....	6 52
Hamilton, Mrs. Mary P. Allen, for Debt	5 00	Newburyport, A Friend.....	5 00
Haverhill, A Friend for the Debt.....	3 00	New Bedford, Mrs. I. H. Bartlett, Jr., for Debt.....	100 00
Hinsdale, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Miss G. M. Brague.....	25 00	Newton, Eliot Ch., H. P. Kenway, \$50; Alice Kenway, \$50, by D. E. Snow, to const. H. P. Kenway a L. M.....	100 00
Holden, Miss Nancy Perry, for Debt, and to const. her a L. M.....	50 00	A Friend, for the Debt.....	2 00
Holliston, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by W. B. Whiting.....	25 00	Newton Center, Mrs. S. A. Howard.....	10 00
Holyoke, First, of which \$25 for Debt and \$25, special, by J. R. Judd.....	50 00	Newtonville, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by G. W. Anyansea.....	50 00
First Ca., for the Debt, by Dea. Henry Chapin.....	16 00	Ladies of the Central Ch., for Debt, by Mrs. W. Jones.....	14 00
Hopkinton, by Rev. P. B. Wing.....	100 00	Mrs. A. W. Grant.....	20 00
"A. H. P.".....	2 00	Northampton, A Friend.....	40
Housatonic, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by C. L. Giddings.....	15 00	A Friend for Debt.....	5 00
Ladies' Benev. Soc., \$50; Williams-ville and vicinity, Friends, \$37, by Mrs. W. Giddings.....	87 00	North Andover, Ch., \$35, by J. S. Sanborn, to const. Mrs. Carrie Wilson a L. M.; Ladies' Praying Circle, \$53, to const. Mrs. Stella M. Barker a L. M., for Debt.....	138 00
Hyde Park, Ch., \$136.01; W. H. M. U., \$50; Y. P. S. C. E., \$15.50, for the Debt, by J. E. Piper.....	201 51	North Attleboro, Miss L. A. Adams, \$2; Mrs. J. G. Hull, 10c., Miss L. McLeod, 10c., by Miss L. A. Adams.....	2 20
Jamaica Plain, Young Christian workers of Central Ch., by Miss M. Butler	32 00	Noruboro, Y. P. S. C. E., \$11.55; Lyman Soc., \$5; Sunday-school, \$10, of Evan. Ch., for the Debt, by W. S. Harrington.....	26 55
C. N. M. Lincoln, for the Debt.....	100 00	From a Friend of Home Missions of which, \$25, for the Debt.....	50 00
Lawrence, Lawrence Street Cong. Ch., J. H. E., \$75; Mrs. J. H. E., \$25, to const. G. H. Eaton and F. H. Eaton L. Ms.....	100 00	Northbridge, Y. P. S. C. E., for Debt, by R. M. Brown.....	5 00
Trinity Cong. Ch., \$43.92; Ladies' Miss. Soc., \$10.21; Mrs. Garland, \$10, by J. Hartley.....	64 13	North Brookfield, Ladies of First Ch., Woman's Dep., by Mrs. H. M. Nye.....	80 00
Sunday-school of South Ch., by Rev. C. Carter.....	20 59	North Hatfield, Cong. Sunday-school, \$8; A Friend, \$1 for Debt, by Mrs. O. Beiden.....	9 00
Lee, Mrs. D. S. Smith, for the Debt....	25 00	North Chelmsford, Second, by A. H. Sheldon, to const. A. H. Sheldon and Mrs. C. R. Sprague L. Ms.....	100 00
Leicester, A Thank offering.....	5 00	North Dana, M. P. Estey, for the Debt	1 00
Lenox, by E. Barrett.....	3 05	Norton, Trin. Ch. and Soc., \$108.28; Ladies' Miss. Soc. \$25; Sunday-school, \$5.....	138 28
"Do what you can Soc." in Cong. Ch. for Debt, by Carrie C. Sedgwick.....	27 00	Orange, Central Ch., for the Debt, by H. W. Foster.....	10 00
Leverett, First, by B. M. Field.....	15 03	Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Mrs. G. P. Metcalf.....	15 00
Lowell, Legacy of Mary J. Tyler, by J. W. B. Shaw.....	500 00	Palmer, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, to const. Mrs. J. S. Holden a L. M., by H. W. Pope.....	50 00
Highland Ch., for the Debt, by N. W. Strout.....	7 00	The last gift of Elery Hastings, deceased—age nine years—by his parents.....	7 00
Pawtucket Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Miss L. C. Ward.....	5 00	Pittsfield, Mrs. Phineas Allen, Birthday offering, for Debt, by J. F. Allen	20 00
Helping Hand Soc. of Eliot Ch., for the Debt, by B. G. Randall.....	16 00	Reading, Y. P. S. C. E. of Cong. Ch., for Debt, by Minnie E. Dewey.....	7 74
Mrs. G. C. Osgood.....	5 00	Roxbury, Mrs. H. B. Hooker, special..	5 00
Lynn, Central Ch., William F. Morgan, to const. W. F. Morgan and Emeline B. Morgan L. Ms.....	100 00	Randolph, Miss Abby W. Turner.....	100 00
Malden, First Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by J. E. Higgins.....	5 46	Salem, Legacy of Elizabeth B. Mansfield, by N. B. Mansfield and J. C. Osgood, Exs.....	1,000 00
Manorbett, Mrs. E. Cleveland.....	2 00	Saundersville, Amanda P., for Debt...	10 00
Marlboro, Union Ch., by Rev. A. F. Newton, to const. Mrs. E. F. Johnson and Mrs. S. B. Pratt, L. Ms.....	112 12	Shelfield, Special coll., by H. Dutton..	26 81
Marshfield, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by A Friend.....	1 00	South Amherst, by C. W. Shaw.....	6 34
E. Alden, for Debt.....	25 00	Southbridge, for the Debt, by F. W. Eaton.....	34 50
Medfield, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Mrs. A. L. Sinson.....	13 00	South Egremont, Ladies' Sew. Soc. of Cong Ch., for Debt, by Rev. C. H. Keyser.....	10 00
Medway, E. F. Richardson.....	12 50	For the Debt, by A. M. Smith.....	17 60
Merose, "Frontier Aid Soc. of Orth. Ch.," for the Debt.....	25 00	South Hadley, Mrs. M. A. Hooker, for the Debt.....	5 00
Milbury, First Ch., for the Debt, by C. A. Putnam.....	20 55	South Natick, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Miss J. L. Dehm.....	5 00
Mutineague, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Rev. J. E. Huribut.....	51 00	Southville, Rev. J. Le Bosquet and wife, \$1; Susie R. Le Bosquet, \$1; S. M. Perkins and wife, \$1.....	3 00
Millis, Mother and Daughter, for the Debt.....	4 00		
Milton, A Friend.....	5 00		
Monson, Ladies Benev. Soc. Cong. Ch., by Emily M. Newton.....	25 00		

Spencer, Legacy of Lucy Prouty, by D. Prouty, Ex.	\$4,000 00
Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by F. A. Drury	110 00
Springfield, Y. P. S. C. E. of North Ch., for the Debt, by A. E. Blodgett.	110 25
Memorial Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by F. H. Stebbins.	56 26
S. Morris Coe, for Debt	5 00
A Friend	20 00
Sterling, Sunday-school class, for the Debt, by E. A. Wilder	2 00
Stockbridge, Alice Byington, for Debt.	100 00
"A Lady Friend"	5 00
A Lady, for the Debt	5 00
Stoughton, W. D. W., for the Debt.	1 00
Taunton, Winslow Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by E. K. Dean	60 00
Rev. S. H. and Mrs. J. R. Emery, for the Debt	10 00
Uxbridge, Legacy of Mrs. A. H. Tucker, by Jacob Taft, Ex.	1,200 90
Ware, East Ch., William Hyde, \$250; Mrs. Fanny Green, \$2; Mrs. J. L. Gilbert, \$2, for the Debt, by Hon. William Hyde	254 00
Warren, Estate of Emily S. Gleason, deceased, to const. Julia C. Smith a L. M., by R. T. Gleason	50 00
To const. Rev. D. O. Clark and R. P. Bestic L. Ms., by E. W. Butterworth	100 00
Ch. and Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, to const. a L. M., by M. D. Rockwood	50 00
Watertown, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt	26 00
Webster, First, for Debt, by E. L. Spalding	35 00
Wellesley Hills, C.	25 00
Westboro, Susan M. Miller, for Debt.	1 00
West Boylston, C. T. White	4 00
West Brookfield, E. W.	1 00
Westfield, First, for Debt, by Miss Lucy C. Smith	100 00
Mary E. Rood, Woman's Dept.	5 00
Westminster, M. A. Warner	5 00
West Newton, C. B. Richardson, for the Debt	5 00
West Springfield, Mrs. L. M. Bagg, for the Debt	150 00
Watinsville, Mrs. M. F. W. Abbott, for the Debt	5 00
Williamstown, First, \$15.92; for the Debt, \$66.79, by C. S. Cole	82 71
Rev. J. H. Denison, for Debt	100 00
Woburn, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by C. E. Richardson	37 50
A Friend, for Debt	3 00
Worcester, Salem Street, for the Debt, by E. A. Tucker	67 95
Pilgrim Ch., Miss. Soc., for the Debt, by Mrs. C. Duckworth	10 12
H. M. Wheeler, for Debt	25 00
Rev. A. J. W., for the Debt	2 00
A Widow's Mite, for Debt, H. H. S.	5 00
Friends	5 00

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Rhode Island Home Miss. Soc.	*\$3,011 74
Central Falls, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Miss D. A. Allen	150 50
East Providence, Sam'l Belden, to const. Rev. R. D-Witt Mallory, John H. Mattoon and Gratton Pelton L. Ms.	150 00
Kingston, Sunday-school, for Children's Benevolent work, by N. Helme	10 00
Newport, United Cong. Ch., from Daniel B. Fitts, in memoriam, for the Debt, by S. McAdam	1,000 00
Providence, Benevolent Ch., A Lady Member	15 00
Central Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by H. Fuller	113 17
Academy Avenue Ch., by Rev. A. L. Kelley	15 00
Young Ladies' Mission Band of Benevolent Ch., for the Debt, by Mary E. Lamprey	25 00

A Friend, for Debt	\$20 00
A Friend, for the Debt	5 00
Tiverton, Ann E. Brown, for Debt	5 00
Four Corners, A Friend, \$10; for the Debt, by J. Q. A. Brown, \$5.	15 00
Westerly, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by G. L. Clark	17 35

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Missionary Society of Connecticut	*\$14,057 02
Miss. Soc. of Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec.	557 55
Received by P. T. Jarman:	
East Haven, Ch., to const. Rev. D. J. Clark a L. M.	\$52 36
New Haven, J. M. B. Dwight	17 00
United Ch., A Friend, \$2; A Friend, 50 cts.	2 50
A Friend	6 00
North Guilford, Ch., in full to const. Rev. F. R. Kahler a L. M.	50 06
Westville, I. S. Dickerman	10 00

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Received by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Sec. Woman's Home Miss. Union of Conn.:	
Bridgeport, Ladies' Soc. of North Ch.	\$75 00
Huntington, Ladies of Cong. Ch.	10 00
Pomfret, Ladies' H. M. Soc., for the Debt	6 00
Wallingford, Ladies' Benev. Soc., for the Debt	53 00

141 00

Andover, Two Friends, for the Debt	16 00
Ansonia, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by H. C. Fudlick	35 00
Berlin, Woman's H. M. offering, \$63; W. S. Brandegee, \$50; Y. P. S. C. E., \$7, for the Debt, by Mrs. W. W. Woodworth	120 00
Bethel, A Friend, for the Debt	5 00
Birmingham, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Rev. C. W. Park	53 33
G. W. Snelton, for the Debt	5 00
Branford, A Friend	2 00
Bridgeport, Second, add'l, by O. H. Brothwell	96 32
Sunday-school, by E. W. Marsh	50 00
Y. P. S. C. E. of South Cn., by L. E. Clarke	67 00
Y. P. S. C. E. of Olive Ch., for the Debt, by Rev. E. K. Holden	1 85
A Friend, for Debt	4 40
Bristol, Ch., \$99; Sunday-school class, \$5; Y. P. S. C. E., \$26, for Debt; For Gen. work, \$75, by H. Beckwith	205 00
Thank offering for the Debt, from children and grandchildren of Mrs. E. C. Brewster, by N. L. Brewster	26 00
E. B. Dunbar, by Rev. A. Anderson	5 00
Rev. A. Anderson	1 00
Brooklyn, First Trinity Ch., in full, to const. William Woodridge a L. M., by M. W. Crosby	42 00
Canaan, A Friend in First Ch., for Debt, by Rev. D. M. Moore	15 00
Canton Center, Ladies' Benev. Soc., for the Debt, by Mrs. W. G. Hallock	5 00
Y. P. S. C. E. of Cong. Ch., for Debt, by B. T. Coe	20 00
Chaplin, Mrs. M. H. Dorrance, \$25; Miss J. W. Crosby, \$50, to const. herself a L. M.; H. T. Crosby, \$5, for the Debt	80 00
Cheshire, by A. C. Peck	30 00
C. E. Soc., by E. H. Baldwin	2 50
A Friend	25 00
Colchester, Mrs. C. C. Destin, \$2; Miss Lottie T. Destin, \$1	3 00
A Friend	10 00
Columbia, Sunday-school, for the Debt, \$20; A Friend, \$1, by J. Hutchins	21 00
Cornwall, Second Cn. Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by E. L. Dean	5 00
Coventry, Mrs. B. T. Preston, for Debt	5 00

Cromwell, Ch., for Debt, by R. B. Savage.....	\$50 00	South Ch., by E. Douglas.....	\$251 87
Danbury, Mission Circle of the First Cong. Sunday-school, for the Children's Bohemian Fund, by W. A. Gordon.....	65 00	Dea. S. Goodrich, by C. A. Boardman.....	10 00
Danielsonville, J. Waldo.....	15 00	W. M. Dean.....	5 00
Darien, Mrs. M. E. Gleason, for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	40	A. B. C.....	5 00
East Hampton, First Ch., in full, to const. A. H. Conklin, H. Clark and Mrs. G. Jones L. M., by S. Skinner. P. Bevin, for Debt.....	44 06 25 00	Monroe, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Miss H. L. Curtiss.....	8 25
East Hartford, First, by E. A. Williams, of which for Debt, \$20.....	70 00	"A few friends," for the Debt.....	25 00
East Windsor, Mrs. S. L. Wells.....	5 00	Morris, D. W. Whittlesey.....	5 00
East Woodstock, Mrs. S. E. A. Carr, for the Debt.....	2 00	Mt. Carmel, Mrs. J. M. Swift, for Debt New Britain, First, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by A. C. Blake.....	2 00 17 50
Ellington, by E. C. Chapman, to const. Rev. W. T. Hutchins and A. A. Hyde L. Ms.....	137 05	South Ch., to const. Mrs. J. S. Fenton a L. M., \$263.53; Miss Maria Kelsey, \$5; A Friend, \$11.50, by W. H. Hart South Ch., Rev. C. E. Steele's Sunday-school class.....	280 03 7 54
Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by C. H. West.....	11 00	Young men in Sunday-school of South Ch., for the Debt, by Miss E. R. Eastman.....	20 00
Enfield, Gleaners' Mission Circle, in part, for L. M., by Mrs. F. B. Gowdy Fair Haven, add'l, \$15.22; Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, \$8.25, by J. Blakeslee Gastoubury, First, by J. B. Moseley. W. S. Williams, for the Debt.....	25 00 23 47 105 85 200 00	New Haven, First, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Rev. B. Hart.....	25 00
Greenwich, Second Cong. Sunday-school, for the Debt, by M. B. Wright Mrs. Mary C. Brush, for Debt.....	63 31 5 00	Y. P. S. C. E., of Humphrey Street Ch., for the Debt, by H. P. Sharer.....	256 50
Griswold, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by C. H. Peck.....	13 00	Y. P. S. C. E. and Sunday-school of United Ch., for the Debt, by E. P. Murray.....	150 00
Guilford, First Ch., to const. Mrs. Mary E. Leete a L. M., by E. W. Leete.....	50 00	Dwight Place, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by J. Y. McDermott.....	80 00
K. H. Dudley.....	5 00	Infant class, by Y. P. S. C. E., add'l, by Rev. B. Hart.....	4 25
Hampton, for the Debt, by Rev. D. Denison.....	20 00	Westville Ch., by Rev. J. L. Willard. Davenport, Ch., by C. E. Hart.....	24 25 55 36
Cong. Ch., in full, to const. Dea. Joseph W. Congdou a L. M., by Miss S. S. Tappen.....	30 25	A. Walker.....	10 00
Hartford, Asylum Hill Ch., for Debt, by C. E. Thompson.....	50 00	Rev. C. L. Kitchel.....	5 00
G. F. B., for Debt, by C. E. Thompson.....	5 00	M. Werden, for the Debt.....	1 00
Young People of Asylum Hill Ch., by C. E. Thompson, for the Debt.....	56 00	A Friend.....	10 00
Warburton Chapel, special.....	9 05	New London, First, by C. D. Boss, Jr., First, Mrs. Robert McEwen, to const. W. L. Raub and C. P. Tinker L. Ms. Second, \$92.31; Sunday-school, \$18.76, for Debt, by I. G. Porter.....	84 91 100 00
Boys' Chr. Assoc. of First Ch., for the Debt, by H. H. Talutor.....	25 00	Mrs. L. E. L., Woman's Dept.....	111 07
Charles T. Hillier.....	1,000 00	A Friend, for Debt.....	25 00
Mrs. A. W. Barrows, for the Debt.....	25 00	A Lady, Woman's Dept.....	50 00
Mrs. J. R. Loomis.....	10 00	New Milford, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by F. E. Mygatt.....	51 14
A Friend, by H. H. Taintor.....	1 50	New Preston, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt by Lizzie M. Whittlesey.....	1 00
Harwinton, "Try in Earnest Club," by L. E. Hayes.....	8 25	Rev. H. Upson.....	5 00
Higganum, by R. J. Gladwin.....	20 00	Norfolk, Ch. and Y. P. S. C. E., Gen. fund, \$150; for Debt, \$60.82, by J. N. Cowles.....	210 82 20 00
Sunday-school, for the Debt, by Mrs. D. Huntington.....	36 00	By Rev. J. DePue.....	20 00
Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by O. J. Brainerd.....	5 00	North Branford, \$5.20; Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by C. Page.....	15 52
Hockanum, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Rev. F. R. Wait.....	15 00	Northfield, for the Debt, by H. C. Peck North Haven, Mrs. Cornelia B. Page, to const. B. E. Page a L. M., for Debt. North Manchester, Second, of which \$25 for the Debt, by G. M. Griswold North Stonington, A Friend for Debt..	25 00 50 00 275 00 40 00
Huntington, B. N. S.....	1 00	A Friend.....	1 00
Kensington, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by H. C. Cowles.....	68 61	Norwalk, "H.".....	10 00
Kent, Y. P. S. C. E., \$15.20; Ch., \$10.81, for the Debt, by Miss M. A. Hopson.....	26 04	Norwich, Broadway Ch., B. W. Tompkins, to const. Rev. N. Millard, D.D., and Rev. S. W. Howe, D.D., L. Ms.....	100 00
Lakeville, A Friend for Debt.....	50 00	Y. P. S. C. E., of First Ch., for the Debt, by L. A. Hyde.....	50 00
Lebanon, Goshen Soc., by E. Geer.....	27 50	C. H. M., for the Debt.....	10 00
Three Ladies, for Debt, by Miss Julia R. Maxwell.....	15 00	H. G. R.....	5 00
Litchfield, A Friend, for Debt.....	5 00	Plainville, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, of which \$25; from Dea. W. Cowles bal, to const. himself a L. M., by Miss H. M. Pierce.....	120 00
A Friend, for Woman's Dept.....	5 00	Plantsville, by E. P. Hotchkiss.....	18 61
Manchester, Mrs. L. W. Robbins.....	5 00	Sunday-school, for the Debt, by E. N. Walkley.....	25 00
Meriden, Ch., by W. H. Catlin, to const. Mrs. T. S. Rust, N. J. Linsley, L. H. White, C. L. Nagel, L. A. Taylor, and N. M. White L. Ms., \$300; Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, \$121, to const. H. L. Devereux and Lillian B. Smith, L. Ms.....	421 00	Mrs. E. P. Hotchkiss, for Debt.....	2 00
Middlebury, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by J. L. Townsend.....	5 00	Plymouth, Ch. special coll. for Debt, by A. Beardsley.....	65 58
Middletown, Ladies' H. M. Soc., First Ch., by Miss C. M. Bacon.....	12 00	Pomfret, Sunday-school, for the Debt, by Mrs. C. C. Williams.....	37 63
		Pomfret Center, Miss J. T. Ripley, for Debt.....	6 30
		Putnam, Second, by H. N. Fenn.....	22 64
		Mrs. H. G. Shaw, for the Debt.....	5 00
		Redding, \$15; Huntington, L. I., A	

Friend, \$5 for the Debt, by Rev. W. J. Jennings.....	\$20 00	Poughkeepsie, Ladies' H. M. Soc., for Debt.....	\$25 00
Ridgfield, First Ch., \$5.08; Y. P. S. C. E., \$18, by Rev. W. W. Lecte.....	23 08	Riverhead, W. H. M. Soc., Woman's Dept.....	25 00
Rockville, by E. C. Chapman.....	13 08	Warsaw, Ladies' Aux. Soc., for the Debt.....	17 50
Second Cong. Sunday-school, for the Debt, by S. T. Noble.....	80 00		\$209 50
Salem, for Debt, Mrs. E. B. and Miss E. C. Fox.....	10 00	Albany, First, by W. Gould, Jr.....	151 86
Salisbury, A Friend, for Debt.....	5 00	Miss G. H. Learned, for Debt.....	30 00
Saugatuck, Miss Mary E. Atkinson, for Debt.....	10 00	Hon. W. L. Learned.....	25 00
Scotland, by Rev. G. A. Bryan.....	32 58	Angola, Mrs. H. D. Gaslay, contents of the Family Miss. Box.....	4 00
Southington, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Ch., \$15; A Friend, \$5, for Debt, by Miss Mary E. Gridley.....	20 00	Antwerp, First, by A. Hoyt.....	38 50
Stamford, First, by E. B. Hoyt.....	25 44	Cong. Sunday-school, by A. Hoyt....	17 00
Stratford, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00	Binghamton, Mrs. G. A. Price.....	20 00
For Debt, Mrs. Peter Curtiss.....	5 00	A Friend.....	5 00
Talcottville, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Talcott Bros.....	50 00	Bridgewater, Ch., \$16; Ladies' Miss. Soc., \$10, by Rev. J. Marsland.....	26 00
Terryville, Ch., \$55; Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, \$9, by G. M. Allen.....	64 00	Brier Hill, Y. P. S. C. E., for Debt, \$8; Miss Mariah Young, a birthday offering, \$1.....	9 00
Thomaston, Y. P. S. C. E., for Debt, by H. A. Welton.....	20 00	Brooklyn, Ch. of the Pilgrims, by J. P. Dike.....	966 47
Cong. Sunday-school, by A. Stoughton.....	14 24	Rochester Avenue Ch., to const. Dea. John Fraser a L. M., by Rev. J. G. Roberts, D. D.....	60 36
Thompson, by Rev. M. T. Towne.....	30 50	A Lady, for Woman's Dept., \$10; From a Tenth box, \$1; A Lady Friend, \$5; A Friend, \$2; A Friend, \$5; A Friend, for Woman's Dept., \$1.25; A. Z. Cobb, for the Debt, \$1; B. L. Benedict, for the Debt, \$25; W. H. Williams, for the Debt, \$25.....	75 25
Torrington, for the Debt, by C. H. Barber.....	12 75	Buffalo, Pilgrim Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by F. A. Warren.....	12 00
Unionville, First Ch., by George Dunham.....	35 86	Cambridge, Sunday-school, for the Debt, by Rev. H. G. Blinn.....	10 00
Wallingford, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by A. L. Judd.....	15 00	Canandaigua, for the Debt, by E. G. Tyler.....	50 00
Miss J. Beadle, for Debt.....	1 40	Candor, E. A. Booth, for the Debt.....	25 00
Waterbury, "A.".....	1 00	By Rev. C. C. Johnson.....	50 00
Watertown, Cong. Sunday-school, by F. M. Loveland.....	25 00	Catskill, Mrs. H. E. Prentice.....	2 00
Westford, S. S. Stowell.....	5 00	Clifton Springs, E. M. Duff, a Birthday offering.....	10 00
West Hartford, Mrs. Mary A. Butler, for Debt, by W. H. Hall.....	20 00	Copenhagen, by Rev. W. J. Cuthbertson	25 00
Mrs. C. R. Swift, for Debt.....	3 00	Crown Point, First, \$23.91; Mrs. Deane's Sunday-school class, \$1.75.....	25 56
West Hartland, Rev. H. N. Gates, for the Debt.....	10 00	Cutchogue, Mrs. Wickham.....	20 00
West Haven, Cong. Sunday-school, for the Debt, by W. H. Moulthrop.....	14 16	Essex, A Friend.....	50 00
Mrs. P. K. Smith, for the Debt.....	2 00	Farmersville Station, by Rev. E. Roberts.....	20 00
Mrs. E. C. Kimball.....	6 00	Flatbush, Mrs. S. K. Thurston.....	6 00
Westminster, Rev. S. B. Carter and wife, \$12; for the Children's fund for Bohemian work, \$2.....	14 00	Flushing, Frances A. Janes, for Debt....	10 00
West Redding, Mrs. J. H. Meeker, for Debt.....	20 00	Fort Covington, "A. P.".....	1 00
West Torrington, A. M. Doolittle, for the Debt.....	5 00	Franklin, Ch. and Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by G. Mann.....	20 00
West Woodstock, by A. W. Bicknell....	4 85	Gilbertsville, Rev. A. Wood.....	10 00
Westville, A Friend, special.....	10 60	Ithaca, by Miss C. Atwater.....	31 30
Wethersfield, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by F. E. Stone.....	13 00	Jamesport, by Rev. W. Hedges.....	5 00
Wilton, A Friend, by Rev. J. G. Davenport, to const. Carrie A. D. Whitlock a L. M.....	50 00	Jamestown, W. A. Keeler.....	10 00
Windham, A Friend.....	1 00	Joudaiville, C. F. W., for the Debt.....	5 00
Windsor, Y. P. S. C. E. of First Ch., for the Debt, by C. H. Stocum.....	50 00	Lewis and Wadhams Mills, by Rev. A. R. Crawford.....	8 00
Windsor Locks, Casn, for Debt.....	10 00	Lawrenceville, L. Hulburd.....	5 00
Wolcott, Sunday-school, for the Debt, by Miss M. R. Hough.....	6 00	Middletown, First, \$39.26; Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, \$3.08, by S. R. Corwin. Cong. Sunday-school, by F. P. S. Crane.....	42 34
Woodbridge, \$12.35; Sunday-school, \$30, for the Debt, by R. C. Newton....	42 35	Mt. Sinai, for the Debt, by Rev. E. A. Hazeltine.....	8 50
NEW YORK—\$8,457.93; of which Legacy, \$2,648.28.		Nassau, Miss E. G. Means, for the Debt.....	5 00
Received by Mrs. L. H. Cobb, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:		Newark Valley, Sunday-school, for the Debt, by C. Frank.....	8 00
Albany, Ladies' Aux., special, \$30 00		New York City, Broadway Tabernacle Ch., in part, by I. R. Fisher, Treas., \$1,699.90; A. H. C. and wife, \$250; C. F. Browning, \$200; C. N. Bliss, \$100; A. C. Armstrong, \$30; C. F. Ravnor, \$20; S. M. Knevals, \$5; C. B. Knevals, \$10; Mrs. T. H. Skinner, \$5.....	2,319 90
Binghamton, W. H. M. Soc., to const. Mrs. Harmon C. Riggs a L. M., special, of which \$25 for Woman's Dept., and \$25, special.....	50 00	Soc. of Inq. of the Union Theo. Sem., by A. H. Evans, of which for Debt, \$4.50.....	35 25
Brooklyn, Central Ch., special 25 00		W. S. Opydke, for the debt, \$25; A Friend, \$1; A Friend, \$20; "A Little Extra," from Mrs. H. M. S., \$10;	
Copenhagen, for the Debt.....	3 00		
Harford, Ladies' Aux.....	9 00		
Homer, Ladies' H. M. Soc., of which \$5 from Mrs. B. W. Payne.....	25 00		

S. B. S., \$25; H. S. C., \$200; A. M. R., \$50; M. W. Lyon, \$25; C. L. A., for Debt, \$2; Mrs. Josephine M. Ayer, through the Ladies' H. M. Soc. of the Ch. of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, N. Y., by Mrs. P. McCarter, \$750.....	\$1,108 00	Guy's Mills, Woman's H. M. Soc., \$5; Mrs. K. S. Smith, \$1; Mrs. F. M. Guy, \$1, by Mrs. F. M. Guy.....	\$87 00
Norwich, Mrs. R. A. Barber, in Memoriam, for Debt.....	5 00	Mahanoy City, Welsh Ch., Infant class of Sunday-school, for the Debt, by Miss S. Jeffries.....	10 00
North Lawrence, Louisa Barnes, dec., Mrs. Nancy Williams.....	5 00 1 00	Mt. Carmel, by Rev. D. D. Davies.....	12 00
Ogdensburgh, Y. P. S. C. E. of First Ch., for Debt, by R. P. Alden, Sec. Orient, by M. B. Brown.....	5 00 9 36	Philadelphia, Roxboro, A Friend.....	10 00
Patchogue, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by J. E. Gerrodette.....	4 25	Pottsville, Welsh Cong. Sunday-school, for Debt, by Rev. D. T. Davies.....	23 00
Perry Center, Legacy of Martha B. Sheldon, by M. A. Barber, Ex.....	2,048 28	Riceville, \$3.83; Centerville, \$1.57, by Rev. F. W. Westpfahl.....	5 40
Penn Yan, C. C. Sheppard.....	500 00	Young Ladies' H. M. Soc., for Debt, by Clara B. Westgate.....	3 00
Philadelphia, by Rev. A. S. Wood.....	25 00	Ridgeway, First Ch., Ladies' Miss Circle, by J. T. Waid.....	18 56
Pulaski, by Rev. C. C. Creegan.....	18 66	Scranton, Plymouth Ch., by T. Eynon..	10 35
Rensselaer Falls, Esther Dart.....	2 00	Plymouth Ch., Thank-offering, for the Debt, by T. Eynon.....	63 72
Miss E. Spooner, 50c.; A Thank offering, \$1, by J. J. Doty.....	1 50	Sunday-school class, by "A Miner Boy".....	3 00
Rutland, First Cong. Sunday-school, by F. Underwood.....	15 00	Slatington, by Rev. W. H. Jones.....	6 00
Saratoga Springs, Sunday-school, \$8; Y. P. S. C. E., \$7, for Bohemian work and Debt, by Mrs. S. M. Jones.....	15 00	West Bangor, by Rev. J. Cadwalader.....	2 00
Misses M. L. Bailey and Eleanor Bailey.....	2 00	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$355.75.	
Seneca Falls, First, by W. L. Bellows. Summer Hill, by Rev. C. H. Curtis.....	21 00 5 47	Mt. Carmel, add'l, \$1.50; Mt. Pleasant, \$68.50, by Rev. C. H. Small.....	70 00
Union Falls, P. E. Duncan.....	18 04	Washington, Tab. Ch., by Rev. W. C. Scofield.....	7 50
Upperville, Sunday-School, by H. M. Dixon.....	10 00	J. W. Rice, a Thank-offering, for Debt, \$25; Mrs. N. A. Thacher, for Debt, \$12.....	37 00 200 00
Walton, First, by G. W. Fitch.....	72 00	First, by S. H. Galpin.....	
Warsaw, Cong. Sunday-school, by H. R. Bristol, to const. Rev. A. F. Fierce a L. M., for the Debt.....	50 00	Ladies' H. M. Soc. of First Ch., special, by Miss L. Patterson.....	16 25
Waterville, Welsh Ch., for the Debt, by Rev. T. Jenkins.....	10 00	"Old Member," for the Debt.....	5 00
Westmoreland, by J. Bell.....	17 02	Rev. E. Whittlesey, in full, to const. Geo. P. Whittlesey a L. M.....	20 00
West Winfield, by S. Bonfoy.....	15 17	MARYLAND—\$323.92.	
Wilmington, by Rev. D. Fish.....	5 06	Baltimore, First, by M. Hawley.....	223 92
NEW JERSEY—\$1,194.92.		Maryland, A Friend, for Debt.....	100 00
Arlington, J. B. Peck.....	\$10 00	VIRGINIA—\$28.91.	
Closter, Ch., by Rev. G. W. Plack.....	10 00	Falls Church, by Rev. B. W. Pond....	14 66
Camden, Mrs. F. W. Cowles, add'l, for Debt.....	5 00	By Rev. F. W. Tuckerman.....	14 25
East Orange, L. F. Hovey.....	10 00	WEST VIRGINIA—\$3.06.	
Elizabeth, Y. P. S. C. E. and Bible Band of First Ch., for the Debt, by E. G. Dederick.....	25 00	Huntington, by Rev. G. Martin.....	3 06
Ivington, R. S. Underwood, \$35; Mrs. R. S. Underwood, \$15, to const. Mrs. Harriet W. Kent a L. M.....	50 00	GEORGIA—\$172.03.	
Montclair, First Ch., by F. T. Bailey, \$410.23; E. Sweet, \$100; S. Wilde, \$20; Cong. Sunday-school, by T. H. Bouden, \$100.....	630 23	Atlanta, Ladies' Union of the Ch. of the Redeemer, in Memoriam, by Mrs. F. C. Wade.....	62 00
New Brunswick, Mary H. Parker, for the Debt.....	5 00	Thomasville, Mrs. E. Hackett, in Memoriam, to const. Miss Abbie F. Cram and Mrs. Harriet E. Tidd L. Ms., \$100; special, \$10.....	110 00
Newark, Belleville Avenue Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Miss Kittie Denison.....	32 81	ALABAMA—\$41.50.	
Aged Life Member, Thank-offering... Horace Day.....	5 00 5 00	Shelby Iron Works, Evan. Ch., for the Debt, by Rev. J. S. Upton.....	41 50
F. M.....	1 50	LOUISIANA—\$2.50.	
F. M.....	3 09	Jennings, by Rev. J. A. Jones.....	2 50
Orange, Trinity Ch., by R. D. Weeks... Paterson, by J. Chase.....	274 57 13 11	ARKANSAS—\$42.03.	
Riverton, Rev. J. H. Frazee, for the Debt.....	5 00	Cherokee City, by Rev. W. H. Lewis... Eureka Springs, Mrs. A. J. Morris.....	2 00 10 00
Stanley, by Rev. R. S. Stone.....	5 00	Rogers, \$15.03; Mrs. Crosswell, \$5, by Rev. M. S. Crosswell.....	29 03
Summit, Central Pres. Ch., A Friend.. Westfield, by J. R. Connolly.....	25 00 52 61	Rev. M. S. Crosswell.....	5 00
Woodbridge, by D. S. Voornees.....	20 85	Siloam Springs, Mrs. M. H. Copeland..	5 00
Newark Assoc., by Rev. C. Noble.....	3 24	TENNESSEE—\$25.00.	
PENNSYLVANIA—\$217.40.		Knoxville, Plymouth Ch., by S. C. Roney.....	25 00
Corry, by Rev. E. H. Martin.....	25 00	FLORIDA—\$317.62.	
Drifton, A Friend.....	6 34	Apopka, \$4.35; Jacksonville, \$5; Winter Park, \$110.86, by F. W. Lyman.....	120 21
Edwardsdale, Y. P. S. C. E., Welsh Ch. for Debt, by Charlotte Davies.....	5 00	By Rev. W. T. Richardson.....	5 65
Glade Run, by Rev. S. Rowland.....	7 00	Georgiana, F. W. Munson and wife... Interlachen, Rev. J. Porter, D.D., by J. W. Porter.....	1 00 25 00
		Norwalk, by Rev. B. T. Stafford.....	2 50
		Pomona, by Rev. M. C. Welch.....	15 00
		Port Orange, by Rev. D. M. Breckenridge.....	8 26
		Sanford, Mrs. Moses Lyman.....	10 00
		Tampa, by F. J. Pettingell.....	30 00
		Winter Park, F. W. Lyman, for the Debt, to const. Mrs. A. Rogers and Mrs. E. I. Coan L. Ms.....	100 00

TEXAS—\$31.25.
 Palestine, by Rev. E. F. Fales..... \$27 00
 Sherman, by Rev. W. A. Hyde..... 4 25
 INDIAN TERRITORY—\$5.00.
 McAllister, by Rev. G. H. Brown..... 5 00
 NEW MEXICO—\$10.00.
 La Barca, Rev. H. M. Bissell..... 5 00
 San Mateo, Rev. W. C. Montgomery... 5 00
 OHIO—\$1,963.39.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser:
 Alliance, \$9; Sunday-school, \$2,
 by Rev. J. M. Thomas..... \$11 00
 Ashtabula..... 5 22
 Belden, by E. Killip..... 6 84
 Bellevue, by Rev. A. P. John-
 son..... 32 75
 Berlin Heights..... 3 15
 Woman's Miss. Soc..... 2 35
 Brookfield, Welsh Ch., by J. L.
 Thomas..... 8 00
 Canfield, by Rev. J. S. Whit-
 man..... 13 50
 Circumati, Central Ch., add'l,
 by Horace Stacy..... 22 00
 Sunday-school, by Horace
 Stacy..... 14 59
 Fitchville, Second, by John
 Bigelow..... 2 75
 Freedom, by Rev. J. R. Nich-
 ols..... 9 50
 Greenwich, by W. A. Hossler... 15 85
 Lafayette..... 6 00
 Madison, Central, A Friend... 10 00
 Marysville, by W. P. Anderson... 15 50
 Medina, Special, by Rev. W. S.
 Ament..... 26 00
 Parkman, by A. D. Willmot... 6 33
 Pierpont, by E. B. Pitcher... 4 40
 Radnor, Welsh Ch., by John
 Powell..... 11 44
 Ravenna, by Rev. S. W. Meeke
 Troy, by E. E. Pratt..... 5 07
 Twinsburgh, Mrs. L. S. Buell,
 for Debt..... 10 00
 Wakeman, Sunday-school, by
 S. H. Todd..... 8 45
 Wayne, by Rev. J. B. Davison... 17 50
 York..... 30 00
 Zanesville, by E. A. Farquhar,
 Jr..... 6 02
 Sunday-school, by Rev. I. W.
 Metcalf..... 1 00
 Sunday Special Collections... 52 73

396 75

Received by S. P. Churchill,
 Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleve-
 land, Feb.:
 Cleveland, First..... \$25 00
 Refunded..... 23 41
 Cuyahoga Falls, Sunday-school 5 47
 Hudson, Mrs. C. M. Brau..... 5 00
 Madison, Mrs. H. B. Fraser.... 50 00
 Sandusky, Sunday-school..... 3 00
 111 88

March:
 Anonymous..... \$3 00
 Cleveland, Plymouth Sunday-
 school, Miss C. M. Smith's
 class..... 4 00
 Mesopotamia..... 3 00
 North Bloomfield, Union Sun-
 day-school..... 1 00
 O. W. H. M. Union, special... 51 71
 Wayne, O. H. M. S., special... 1 00
 Sunday-school .. 19 00
 Winchester, Mass., A Friend.. 5 00
 87 71

199 59

Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. E.
 J. Mahony, Treas.:
 Atwater, Ladies' Miss. Soc.... \$9 00
 Garrettsville, Aux. Soc..... 5 00
 Greenwich, Ladies' Miss. Soc... 4 99
 Kelley's Island, Aux. Soc..... 17 30
 Mansfield, W. B. Soc..... 3 85

Medina, L. M. Soc..... \$4 25
 Mt. Vernon, Senior Mission
 Band of First Ch..... 15 00
 Olmsted, W. H. M. Soc..... 5 00
 Salem, Mrs. D. A. Allen..... 5 00
 Springfield, W. H. M. Soc..... 20 00
 Girl's class, \$5; Boy's class,
 \$1; Infant class, \$3..... 9 00
 998 39
 Berea, First, by C. W. Sanborn.... 14 45
 Chardon, A. C. Waters..... 5 00
 Cinchmati, Walnut Hills, Cong. Ch.,
 add'l, by C. H. Stevens..... 10 00
 Central Ch., add'l, Rev. Josiah Strong
 Claridon, A Friend, for the Debt.... 2 00
 Cleveland, The Young Ladies of the
 Franklin Avenue Ch., "The King's
 Daughters," by Miss M. Kidder.... 10 00
 Collinwood, by Rev. C. L. Hamlen.... 12 00
 Columbus, First, by F. C. Sessions... 177 90
 Coolville, by Rev. R. W. Graham... 9 00
 Cornerville, \$7.50; Moss Run, \$2.60, by
 Rev. R. G. Beynon..... 10 10
 Cuyahoga Falls, First Cong. Sunday-
 school, for Sunday-school work, by
 J. W. V. Burt..... 8 68
 Dover, by Rev. L. J. Aldrich..... 23 00
 Findlay, Ch., \$63.91; Sunday-school,
 \$2.50, by Rev. J. P. Riedinger..... 66 41
 Garrettsville, by H. N. Meinwin.... 12 25
 Harmar, Ch., of which for Debt, \$10, by
 D. Putnam..... 135 45
 Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by K. W.
 Knapp..... 10 00
 Sunday-school, \$15.74; Children's
 Mission Band, \$4.26, for Bohemian
 work, by Rev. H. C. Haskell..... 20 00
 Hudson, W. C. Webster, to const. Ellen
 M. and Mary E. Webster L. Ms., of
 which \$50 for the Debt..... 100 00
 Lodi, A Friend, by Mrs. E. R. Whipple
 Lorain, Ch., \$35.05; Sunday-school, for
 the Debt, \$10, by Rev. A. D. Barber... 45 05
 Mansfield, by E. B. Caldwell, for Chil-
 dren's Bohemian fund..... 10 00
 Tracy and Avery, to const. Rev. Sid-
 ney Strong a L. M..... 100 00
 Marietta, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Ch.,
 for the Debt, by C. L. Mills..... 8 00
 Mineral Ridge, by T. G. Jones..... 30 00
 Mt. Vernon, First Ch., Y. P. S. C. E.,
 for the Debt, by F. N. Spindler..... 100 00
 Newark, by Rev. E. I. Jones..... 5 00
 North Kingsville, Mrs. F. W. Conings
 North Monroeville, First, by R. B. Forster... 9 07
 Norwalk, Ch., for Debt, by W. Belant... 10 00
 Oberlin, W. H. Mead, for Debt..... 15 00
 Oxford, Mrs. O. B. Hutchins..... 5 00
 Perryburgh, J. K. Dearing..... 1 25
 Radnor, W. Cong. Sunday-school, for
 the Debt by J. Powell..... 4 40
 Ravenna, An Ohio Friend, for Debt... 5 00
 Rock Creek, by Rev. S. R. Kceboro... 7 50
 Rootstown, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt,
 by E. P. Russell..... 2 28
 Sandusky, First, by H. H. West..... 1 25
 Saybrook, "F"..... 3 00
 Seville, T. B. Doud, for Debt..... 5 00
 Springfield, First, Y. P. S. C. E., for the
 Debt, by E. A. Fay..... 77 00
 Ch., \$25; Young Ladies' Miss. Soc.,
 \$10; Y. P. S. C. E., \$10; A. D.
 Beecher's S. S. class, \$10; M. Hend-
 ley's S. S. class, \$5.50; S. E. Fay's
 S. S. class, \$5; Miss Berry's S. S.
 class, \$3.85; Miss J. Fay's S. S. class,
 \$1.70; Mrs. S. E. Fay's S. S. class,
 \$2.50; Miss Hattie J. Mellen's S. S.
 class, \$4.28; Miss Lucie Fay's S. S.
 class, \$1; Infant class, for Bohemian
 work, \$1.60, by Rev. W. H. War-
 ren, in full, to const. Mrs. Lucy J.
 Wright and W. J. Fay L. Ms..... 80 43
 Steubenville, First, by Mary C. Trainer... 6 03
 Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by A. J.
 Simpson.....

Sugar Creek, by Rev. J. T. Griffith.....	\$4 25	By Rev. S. L. Smith.....	\$10 00
Tallmadge, Clemence C. Wright, for Debt.....	3 00	Woman's H. M. Soc. of Pilgrim Ch., for Woman's Dept., by J. F. Oli- phant.....	213 00
Toledo, E. Allen, for Debt.....	5 00	Aubert Place, Cong. Mission Y. P. S. C. E., by M. Mitchell.....	5 00
Tostogany, J. Whithead.....	5 00	Friends in Pilgrim Ch., by G. L. Day	529 25
Wellington, Ch. and Y. P. S. C. E., \$20; Huntington, \$10, for Debt, by T. F. Rodhouse.....	30 00		
INDIANA—\$28.70.			
Angola and Fremont, by Rev. H. B. Knight.....	\$7 25	MICHIGAN—\$4,547.95.	
Indianapolis, Mayflower Cong. Ch., by Rev. N. A. Hyde, D.D.....	21 45	Received by Rev. L. Warren :	
ILLINOIS—\$419.11.			
Illinois Home Missionary Soc.....*	—	Alamo, J. Hackley.....	\$20 00
Alton, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Mary A. O. Haven.....	21 25	Almont, add'l.....	5 00
Amboy, Mrs. L. B. Mead, for Debt.....	5 00	Ashley.....	3 16
Batavia, Young People's Miss. Soc. of Cong. Ch., by Lucy Rowe.....	15 00	Augusta.....	8 00
Y. P. M. S., for the Debt, add'l, by Lucy Rowe.....	5 00	Bay City.....	12 41
Beardstown, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by L. N. Fieckner.....	2 10	Sunday-school.....	20 31
Bone Gap, O. S. Rice, for Debt.....	10 00	Bedford.....	8 00
Byron, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Rev. S. A. Harris.....	4 00	Children's Miss. Soc.....	1 62
Chicago, Y. P. S. C. E. of Union Park Ch., for the Debt, by A. L. Fanning..	80 00	W. M. S.....	5 38
W. W. Baird, for the Debt.....	10 00	Carmel.....	2 00
Danvers, First Ch., H. Ross.....	2 00	Carson City.....	7 94
Emington, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by E. Gilbert.....	1 60	Ceresco.....	2 30
Galesburg, First Ch., for the Debt, by J. T. McKnight.....	25 00	Charlotte.....	50 00
Geneseo, Ladies' Miss. Soc., for Debt, by Mrs. A. H. Manington.....	27 00	Cleon and Marilla.....	2 11
Ladies' Mission Circle, by Mrs. N. B. Huntington.....	5 00	Covert, Ch.....	13 00
Glencoe, A. H. Day, for Debt.....	10 00	Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 65
Kankakee, Mrs. M. F. Bradley.....	5 00	East Tawas.....	1 53
Morrison, Robert Wallace, \$50; Rev. E. G. Smith, \$10, to const. a L. M.....	60 00	Galesburgh.....	20 68
Polo, B. H. and H. D. Barber and Friends.....	50 00	A Friend.....	100 00
Port Byron, Ch., \$4.10; Ladies' Soc., \$12, by W. S. Grove.....	16 10	Goodrich, Mrs. J. W. Campbell	5 00
Western Springs, Miss Lillie Stephen- son, for Debt.....	2 00	Grand Blanc, Rev. F. Hurd.....	10 00
Quincy, Joshua Perry.....	10 00	Hartland.....	8 82
Kidge Prairie, Rev. A. Kern.....	5 00	Hubbardston.....	8 33
Rockford, Thos. D. Robertson, for the Debt.....	50 00	Lamont.....	4 00
An Aged Widow, for Debt.....	12 00	Lansing, Weekly offering.....	51 00
Wheaton, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by N. Hale.....	2 00	Leslie, add'l.....	1 75
Woodburn, Ch., \$4.06; Sunday-school, \$10, by E. R. Welch.....	14 06	Lowell.....	16 00
MISSOURI—\$1,501.28.			
Woman's H. M. Soc. of Mo., by Mrs. H. A. Brown:		Ludington.....	48 77
Kansas City, Olivet Ch.....	\$5 00	Mauntee, First.....	56 31
St. Louis, Third Ch.....	1 00	Mendon.....	5 00
Amity, for the Debt, by Rev. J. P. Field.....	6 00	Metamora.....	6 00
Anson and Athens, by Rev. A. W. Wig- gins.....	5 00	Michigan, "Mr. Aliquis".....	100 00
Breckenridge, for Debt, by Rev. D. C. McIntosh.....	11 00	Middleville.....	4 71
Bonne Terre, by Rev. F. B. Doe.....	23 61	Napoleon.....	7 55
Dodge, by Rev. R. J. Mathews.....	2 10	Newaygo.....	31 75
Foristell, by Rev. E. H. Byrons.....	7 00	North Ada.....	9 00
Ioeria, by Rev. A. Douglas.....	25	Olivet, add'l.....	24 05
Kansas City, The Clyde Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Rev. A. L. Cross.....	61 00	Pinckney.....	2 00
Kidder, by Rev. J. M. Bowers.....	13 00	Portland.....	45 60
La Grange, by Rev. J. Reuth.....	5 00	Port Sanilac, Sunday-school.....	7 00
North Springfield, Rev. H. C. Brown..	25 00	Rasnville.....	5 00
North Springfield and Nichols, by Rev. H. J. Zercher.....	8 42	St. Johns, Rev. S. Sessions.....	2 00
Pierce City, First Cong. Sunday-school, by L. L. L. Allen.....	5 00	Sandstone.....	24 00
Special, by Rev. G. S. Ricker.....	5 00	Saranac, add'l.....	50
St. Louis, Pilgrim Ch., by G. L. Day..	530 96	Sault de Ste Marie.....	5 00
Hyde Park Ch., by T. H. Whitehill..	30 70	Sherman.....	1 50
		Somerset.....	7 06
		Tyrove.....	9 61
		Webster.....	5 00
		West Adrian.....	14 00
		White Cloud.....	8 50
			\$862 20
		Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas. Woman's H. M. Soc.:	
		Allegran.....	\$5 00
		Allendale, by Mrs. H. C. Fin- ster.....	5 00
		Almont, by Mrs. A. Durham.....	5 00
		Ann Arbor, by Mrs. W. V. Tor- rans.....	14 07
		Bangor.....	14 00
		Benton Harbor.....	8 35
		Calumet, by Mrs. I. M. Rhodes	113 08
		Ceresco, L. M. S.....	5 00
		Cheboygan, W. H. M. S., avails of a Silk Quilt.....	47 00
		Clinton.....	10 67
		Coloma.....	5 00
		Cooper, Ladies' Pledge card offerings.....	2 50
		Covert, W. H. M. S., \$10; Mite Boxes of the Ladies, \$1.29...	25 60
		Detroit, Trumbull Avenue L. M. S., Mite Boxes.....	19 13
		W. H. M. S., Woodward Ave- nue Ch., by Mrs. M. L. Burt.....	75 00

Douglas, by Mrs. Julia H. Plummer.....	\$5 00
Dowagiac, W. H. M. S., \$8; Mite Boxes, \$22.....	30 00
Flint, by Mrs. S. B. Hoffman.....	20 00
Galesburg, by Mrs. A. K. Underwood.....	10 00
Goodrich, Mrs. Sarah M. Campbell.....	5 00
Grand Blanc, W. H. M. S.....	10 00
Grand Rapids, Primary Sunday-school class, Park Ch.....	15 62
Greenville, by Mrs. C. C. Ellsworth.....	13 54
W. H. M. S. and Mite Boxes	17 21
Hubbardston.....	6 50
Hudson, Mite Boxes.....	13 17
Jackson, Dorcas Soc.....	43 04
Lalingsburg, by Mrs. May E. Anderson.....	16 00
Litchfield, Young People's Miss. Soc.....	33 25
Lowell, by Mrs. W. B. Richert	15 00
Lowell.....	8 00
Newaygo, W. H. M. S., \$5; Y. L. M. B., \$5.....	10 00
North Ada, Ladies of the Ch.....	3 50
North Adams.....	15 00
Nunica, Ladies of the Ch.....	81
Owosso, Y. L. M. B., \$5.55; Mite Boxes, \$16.72.....	23 27
Pentwater, Ladies and children.....	2 00
Portland, Young Ladies Fanny Wadsworth Miss. Soc.....	5 00
Romeo, Mite Boxes.....	9 49
St. Johns, W. M. S.....	2 25
Sangautuck, Ladies.....	6 70
Shelby, Ladies' Aid Soc.....	5 00
South Haven, W. M. S.....	5 07
Union City, by Mrs. J. A. Barton.....	10 60
Vernon, L. M. S., and Mite Boxes.....	26 35
Wacousta, W. H. M. S.....	8 00
Watervliet.....	4 38
West Adrian, W. M. S.....	10 00
From other sources:	
Benton Harbor, Ch. special coll. for the Debt.....	7 15
Rev. W. H. Brewster.....	5 00
Calumet, Ladies of the Ch., special.....	138 92
Chelsea, Happy Messenger Mission Band, by Flora Hepper.....	5 00
Detroit, Sunbeam Band and Opportunity Club.....	10 00
Ladies' Union, First Ch., by Mrs. E. E. Leggett.....	100 00
Dnplain, Mrs. Eofer.....	52
Eaton Rapids, Ladies' Mite Box coll.....	11 50
Hartford, Mite Box coll., by Mrs. J. W. Hubbard.....	4 24
Olivet, L. A. Soc., by Mrs. H. E. Gun.....	16 00
Jewell Class for Children's Bohemian fund, by Mrs. H. E. Gun.....	7 60
OsEGO, Mabel Temple.....	1 00
Port Huron, Mrs. A. E. Wastell, \$1; Mrs. M. A. Kelsey, \$1; Mrs. Eliza Gillett, \$1.....	3 00
Saginaw Conference, by Mrs. B. B. Buckhout.....	\$5 00
Alma.....	23 00
Alpena.....	8 54
Bay City.....	5 84
Bridgeport.....	31 64
East Saginaw, W. H. M. S.....	4 81
Y. L. M. S.....	3 50
Essexville.....	1 13
Munger.....	3 79
Tawas.....	
Waconsta, Mrs. Oscar Harts...	

Mite Box.....	\$5 00
	92 25
	\$1,169 73
Ann Arbor, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by R. C. Scott.....	40 00
J. A. Scott for the Debt and in full, to const. Rev. W. H. Ryder, Mrs. A. T. Ryder, Fred Ryder, Mary Ryder, Minnie Ryder, Arthur Ryder, Robt. Ryder, C. T. Ryder, M. E. Horton, B. W. Scott and S. P. Scott L. Ms.....	500 00
Angusta, by Rev. J. D. Shults.....	12 25
Banks, \$7.05; Eastport, \$4.13, by Rev. P. F. McClelland.....	11 18
Bay Mills, \$3.95; Superior, \$5.55, by Rev. I. B. Lillie.....	9 50
Bay Mills and Superior, by Rev. I. B. Lillie.....	1 79
Bellaire, by Rev. H. A. Kerns.....	3 82
Berryville and Vanderbilt, by Rev. J. J. Kanagy.....	13 12
Bradley, \$10; Wayland, \$10, by Rev. I. B. Jones.....	20 00
Bridgeport, by Rev. A. J. VanCamp.....	10 00
Bridgman, by Rev. J. J. Bunnell.....	5 00
Calumet, by E. T. Curtis.....	247 35
Chase, by Rev. J. Nicol.....	8 00
Chester, by Rev. A. Van Anken.....	5 00
Coral, by Rev. L. P. Spielman.....	13 70
Croton, by Rev. G. Lloyd.....	8 31
Detroit, First, add'l, by G. M. Lane.....	50 00
Second, by W. F. Baker, to const. H. A. Raymond, Mabel F. Baker, Minnie Pigott and Fannie E. Peacock, L. Ms.....	322 55
"Shining Lights Soc." Trumbull Avenue Cong. Sunday-school, by M. L. Williams.....	20 00
A Friend, for Debt.....	5 00
Eastlake, by Rev. H. C. Harbut.....	10 00
East Saginaw, First, by E. W. Glynn.....	159 22
Freeport, by Rev. D. L. Eaton.....	16 00
Gaylord, by Rev. W. H. Millar.....	20 00
Genesee, by Rev. F. C. Wood.....	3 26
Grand Rapids, Ch. \$14.78, Y. P. S. C. E., \$6.55, for the Debt, by H. H. Pollard..	21 33
Soc. Ch. Add'l, by Rev. B. F. Sargent.....	2 00
Hancock, by Rev. G. F. Waters, in full, to const. E. L. Wright, G. S. Bentley and C. A. Stringer L. Ms.....	120 64
Hartford, by Rev. S. Taylor.....	5 00
Hopkins, A Friend.....	1 00
Inlay, by Rev. R. Stapleton.....	26 50
Ithaca, by Rev. N. D. Glidden.....	10 48
Kalamazoo, First, a Life Member, by J. O. Seeley.....	10 00
Kalkaska, \$8; Ex elsiors, \$1.50, by Rev. W. Sidebotham.....	9 50
Lalingsburg, First, by W. J. Tillotson.....	18 58
Mendon, by Rev. L. H. Keller.....	5 00
Michigan, A Friend, by W. W. Wines..	60 00
Onondaga, by Rev. P. M. Cripps.....	50 00
Ovid, by Rev. E. Hill.....	21 55
Perry, by Rev. F. W. Bush.....	18 25
Pierport and Pleasanton, by Rev. C. S. Delvin.....	18 57
Potterville, Chester and Chester Station, by Rev. A. Van Anken.....	12 71
Romeo, Miss Mary A. Dickinson, of which \$50 for Debt.....	100 00
W. Loud.....	30 60
Roscommon, by Rev. G. C. Dalgliesh..	3 00
Rosedale, \$8.05; Stella Kemp, \$3, by Rev. J. W. Holt.....	11 05
St. Clair, Mrs. M. A. Hopkins, of Cong. Ch., for Debt, by Rev. W. O. Millard..	100 00
St. Ignace, by Rev. C. E. Taggart.....	6 39
St. Joseph, Ch., \$212; Sunday-school, \$15; Birthdays, for Debt, \$4, by Rev. J. V. Hickmott.....	231 00
St. John, First, by J. C. Barrett.....	53 76
Salem, by M. B. Gelston.....	30 00
Sault Ste. Marie, by Rev. J. C. Van Auken.....	10 00
Shelby, by Rev. T. Parker.....	7 15
Wayne, First, by W. C. Steers.....	19 00
West Windsor, by Rev. C. F. Van Auken	96 71

Wheatland, Cong., \$36.12; Sunday-school, \$10; Ladies' Soc., \$7.30; Mite Boxes, \$5.53, by C. M. Fuller. \$60 00
 White Cloud, by Rev. H. H. Smith. 31 20

WISCONSIN—\$355.23.
 Wisconsin Home Missionary Society, *\$10,893 92
 Ashland, Rev. G. A. Hood and wife, for the Debt, and to const. Cora C. Hood a L. M. 50 00
 by Rev. G. A. Hood. 24 62
 Beloit, Woman's H. M. Union of Wis., for Debt, \$5; Woman's Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. C. C. Keeler, \$7. 12 00
 Bosobel, Y. P. S. C. E., for Debt, by Mrs. A. A. Young. 2 00
 Burlington, Clara Kantsby, for Debt. 5 00
 Clintonville, Y. P. S. C. E. of Cong. Ch., for Debt, by Miss Anna Metzner Elroy, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by E. Towne. 1 11
 Geneva Lake, Milo Burnard, for Debt. 10 00
 La Crosse, G. H. Ray, for Debt. 25 00
 Madison, J. W. Blakeslee. 5 00
 Menomonie, Cong. Sunday-school, \$5; Mrs. D. W. Gillmor, \$2, for Debt. 7 00
 John H. Knapp, for Debt. 200 00
 Monroe, Miss F. A. Locke, for Debt. 5 00
 Windsor, Mrs. E. Butler, for Debt. 3 00

IOWA—\$175.15.
 Iowa Home Missionary Society. \$11,953 36
 Bellevue, Ladies of Ch., for the Debt, by Mrs. M. J. Nicholson. 2 00
 Blainstown, A Friend. 100 00
 Buffalo Grove and Wesley, by Rev. L. C. Johnson. 2 15
 Davenport, Rev. J. A. Reed. 10 00
 Holland, A Friend. 5 00
 La Motte, Mrs. A. S. McDole. 10 00
 Mount Pleasant, Cong. Sunday-school, for Children's Bohemian Fund, by Rev. E. P. Smith. 6 60
 Newton, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Rev. S. F. Dickinson. 10 00
 Oskaloosa, C. H. Edms, for the Debt. 5 00
 Tabor, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Miss L. E. Jones. 15 00
 Tipton, Mrs. M. D. Clapp, for Debt, by Mrs. J. M. L. Daniels. 9 40

MINNESOTA—\$1,386.55; of which Legacy, \$200.
 Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:
 Minneapolis, Plymouth Ch., by H. B. Hudson. \$41 03
 Mrs. Taintor. 10 00
 Morris, A Friend. 10 00
 Rochester, by E. E. Gooding. 34 22
 St. Paul, Plymouth Ch., Mrs. Bailey, \$2.50; Mrs. Mayo, \$2.50 5 00
 Winona, W. H. M. Soc., special 55 00
 \$155 25

Received by Mrs. J. N. Cross, Treas. Minn. Woman's H. M. Soc., in Feb.:
 Alexandria, L. M. S. \$30 00
 Edina Mills, S. S. 5 00
 Huntley. 10 00
 Minneapolis, Mayflower W. M. S. 2 35
 Second, W. M. S. 16 82
 Plymouth, W. H. M. S. 31 00
 Y. L. M. S. 16 50
 Mrs. Joanna Woods, for Debt 10 00
 Sauk Center, S. S. 30 19
 St. Paul, Atlantic W. M. S. 10 00
 Worthington, W. M. S. 5 00
 \$166 83

Received by Mrs. J. N. Cross, Treas. Minn. Woman's H. M. Soc., in March:
 Faribault, Officers and Teachers of Miss. School, for the Debt. \$8 50
 Little Falls, W. M. S., special. 6 00
 Minneapolis, First Ch., W. H. M. S. 40 00

Second Ch., Drippings from a Siloam wedding. \$21 23
 Pilgrim Ch. Mission Band. 5 00
 Plymouth, Y. L. M. S., 6 50
 W. H. M. S., of which, \$95; for Debt. 129 00
 Vine Ch., W. M. S. 5 00
 Union H. M. Meeting, special coll. 9 40
 Owatonna, W. M. S. 12 50
 St. Anthony Park, W. M. S. 5 00
 St. Cloud, W. M. S., special. 18 00
 St. Paul, Atlantic Y. L. M. S. 5 00
 Villard, W. M. S. 1 50

\$272 63 \$594 74
 Anoka, by Rev. A. G. Nelson. 3 00
 Benson, by Rev. C. A. Ruddock. 1 63
 Brainerd, by Rev. J. A. Rowell, for Debt. 10 00
 Clearwater, Ch., \$6.95; Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, \$2.30, by Rev. G. W. Sargent. 9 28
 Detroit, by Rev. D. W. Morgan. 16 00
 Duluth, Ladies' Miss. Soc. of the Pilgrim Ch., for the Debt, by Emma H. Drew. 33 50
 Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by H. L. Olmsted. 22 20
 Faribault, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by S. G. Sanford. 41 00
 High Forest and Stewartville, by Rev. H. J. Colwell. 6 83
 Lyle, by Rev. J. H. Morley. 3 75
 Minneapolis, Legacy of Mrs. L. H. Porter, by Rev. S. F. Porter, ex. 203 00
 Plymouth Ch., J. E. Bell, for the Debt by Rev. K. F. Norris. 4 25
 "In Memoriam," for the Debt. 10 00
 T. H. Williams. 10 00
 E. S. Jones. 100 00
 Red Wing, A Friend, for Debt. 5 00
 Rochester, Add'l, by Rev. J. F. Taintor 2 00
 St. Cloud, First, by W. T. Clark. 12 00
 St. Paul, Atlantic Ch., by C. C. Hussey 9 40
 Plymouth Ch., by W. Burrows. 80 00
 Plymouth, by W. Burrows. 30 60
 The Little Pilgrim Miss. Soc. for Debt, by Rev. G. P. Dickinson. 3 00
 Sauk Rapids, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Rev. P. S. Smith. 4 12
 Sieepy Eve, by Rev. S. M. McNeill. 3 65
 Tyler, Ladies' Aid Soc., for Debt, by Mrs. Emily A. Lechlar. 3 00
 Wabasha, Ch., \$11.10; Cong. Sunday-school, \$11.13, by G. P. DeLong. 22 23
 Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by C. H. Johnson. 10 47
 Waterville, \$8; New Richland, \$6, by Rev. J. Hayward. 14 00
 Add'l for Debt, by A. P. Merrill. 3 50
 Winona, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Nettie Stevens. 18 00

KANSAS—\$802.17.
 Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.:
 Hiawatha, for the Debt. \$2 50
 Ottawa. 100 00
 Paola, for the Debt. 22 75
 125 25
 Altcora and Village Creek, by Rev. T. V. Davies. 16 00
 Bala, by Rev. J. Howell. 14 00
 Chapman and Sutpens' Mills, by Rev. G. H. Perry. 15 86
 Clay Center and Mt. Vernon, by Rev. L. C. Schnacke. 5 10
 Douglass, by Rev. G. Marsh. 4 50
 Downs, by Rev. F. Marsh. 4 00
 Ford, by Rev. J. E. Courter. 5 00
 Junction City, by Rev. M. S. Riddle. 12 00
 Kirwin, by Rev. L. A. Smith. 2 00
 Lawrence, Plymouth Ch., to const. Rev. R. Cordley a L. M., \$110; Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, \$10.50, by C. L. Edwards. 120 50

Longton and Elk Falls, by Rev. H. H. Glichrist.....	\$7 75	Lead City, by Rev. G. Belsey.....	\$10 50
Mannattan, by J. W. Blain.....	29 55	Letener, by Rev. J. W. Russell.....	1 00
Milford, by Rev. R. B. Foster.....	5 00	Rapid City, by Rev. J. W. Davis.....	12 50
Paola, Y. P. S. C. E., add'l, for the Debt, by N. Brayman.....	78	Ree Heights, by Rev. G. J. Battey.....	4 37
Y. P. S. C. E., for Debt, by Hettie Brayman.....	11 72	Reville and Wilson, by Rev. H. Graham.....	20 00
Pomona, Rev. L. Newcomb.....	2 00	Templeton, by Rev. S. F. Huntly.....	5 00
Reno Center, by Rev. L. H. Platt.....	14 40	Tulare and Redfield, by Rev. L. J. C. Geick.....	1 00
Severy, by Rev. J. Cooper.....	2 10	Valley Springs, \$4.36; Children's Mission Band, \$5, by Rev. W. H. Watson.....	9 36
Topeka, First, by P. A. Mason, to const. T. E. Bowman, E. J. Carlidge, P. Fisher, A. O. Gray, Mrs. Fanny J. Storrs and Mrs. Mattie H. Sje L. Ms.....	325 31	Wakonda, by Rev. C. D. Gearhart.....	6 50
Y. P. S. C. E., \$50, to const. Miss M. S. Sherrill a L. M.; Helping Hands, \$20, of First Ch., for the Debt, by E. G. Smith.....	70 00	Watertown, by Rev. R. H. Battey.....	11 41
Students of Washburn College, by R. H. Harper.....	3 00	COLORADO—\$255.79.	
Tonganoxie and Kanwaka, by Rev. A. M. Richardson.....	6 35	Colorado Springs, by Hon. J. B. Severy.....	94 29
NEBRASKA—\$361.29.		Crested Butte, Ladies Miss. Soc., by Mrs. V. F. Axtel.....	4 50
Received by Rev. J. L. Malle: By Mrs. H. D. Perry:		Denver, First, by H. P. Steele.....	73 00
Arborville.....	\$5 00	Eva Miller, for Debt.....	5 00
Crete.....	5 00	Otis, by Rev. G. Dungan.....	4 60
Syracuse.....	10 00	West Denver, Ch., \$3.25; Ladies Miss. Soc., \$20; Sunday-school, \$7.60; Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, \$4.15, by Rev. R. T. Cross.....	75 00
Waco.....	2 51	MONTANA—\$27.50.	
Weeping Water.....	5 00	Butte City, by J. B. Clark.....	17 50
Clarks, by Rev. G. W. Brown-John.....	6 00	Livingston, by Rev. W. C. Fowler.....	10 00
Cowles, by Rev. W. D. Page.....	10 00	UTAH—\$15.10.	
Fremont, by Rev. Loren F. Berry.....	222 00	Ogden, by Rev. A. J. Bailey.....	15 10
Hastings, by Mrs. W. Walters, Juvenile Lamplighters.....	10 00	CALIFORNIA—\$732.50.	
Omaha, First, by J. E. Wilbur.....	100 00	Received by J. S. Hutchinson, Fin. Agent:	
	375 51	Venicia, by S. H. Wiley.....	\$7 25
Arlington and Fontanelle, \$17.20; Donation, \$5, by Rev. W. P. Clancy.....	22 20	Los Angeles, First, in part.....	340 00
Ashland, Qr. e. ll., \$11.50; for the Debt, \$5.50, by Rev. W. Leavitt.....	17 00	Merced Falls, Mrs. A. C. Nelson.....	2 50
Beatrice, by Rev. E. H. Asmund.....	71 59	Oakland, First Cn., Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt.....	53 15
Bartlett, by Rev. J. A. Hulett.....	5 00	Plymouth Avenue.....	58 25
Creighton, T. Kent.....	7 50		
Crete, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by A. M. Eyster.....	6 41	Alturas, by Rev. G. Griffiths.....	461 15
Friend, by Rev. S. Strong.....	2 00	Auburn, by Rev. C. L. Corwin.....	7 50
Glencoe, Rev. W. D. J. Stevenson.....	10 00	Belmont, Mrs. E. L. Reed, Mrs. F. A. Blackburn, Miss Harriet Reed, Willie Reed, for the Debt.....	12 55
Gloversville, by Rev. James Billing.....	3 90	Cedarville and Eidwell, by Rev. D. F. Taylor.....	16 20
Grafton, by Rev. J. B. Doolittle.....	18 44	Clayton, \$6.85; Pacheco, \$1.35, by Rev. J. H. Strong.....	7 00
Hastings, A Friend.....	59 09	Cloverdale, by Rev. M. L. Jones.....	8 20
Huntington and Trumbull, by Rev. J. Herbert.....	3 93	Lincoln, by Rev. L. N. Barber.....	20 00
Lakeside, by Rev. J. P. Sparrow.....	3 00	Los Angeles, Park Ch., by Rev. E. R. Brainerd.....	5 60
Minden, H. W. Sprague.....	5 00	Rev. C. D. Chapin and wife.....	16 10
Ravenna, by Rev. R. M. Travers.....	2 10	National City, by Rev. E. D. Weage.....	25 00
Rising City and Uttyes, by Rev. J. T. Otis.....	21 75	Ontario, by Rev. W. H. Wolcott.....	26 30
Silver Creek, by Rev. J. Roberts.....	5 31	San Bernardino, First, by Rev. E. C. Oakley.....	25 00
South Bend and Mainland, by Rev. S. C. Dean.....	5 00	San Juan, by Rev. A. B. Palmer.....	26 30
Waco, by Rev. A. B. Snow.....	9 79	Santa Barbara, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt.....	50 00
Waverly, by Rev. G. S. Blscoe.....	13 95	Sierra Madre, by Rev. J. T. Ford.....	12 50
NORTH DAKOTA—\$113.25.		OREGON—\$178.45.	
Fargo, Plymouth Mission Band, by Rev. W. Ewing.....	6 00	Received by James Steele, Treas. Or. and Wash. Ter. H. M. Soc.:	
Glen Ulin, by Rev. C. A. Mack.....	1 50	Forest Grove, First.....	\$32 00
Grand Forks, by Rev. A. L. Gilett.....	59 09	Portland, First Ch., to const. Rev. T. E. Clappa L. M.....	51 50
Jamestown, by Rev. D. Wirt.....	16 20	The Dalles, First.....	10 00
Michigan City, \$10; Edmunds, \$2, by Rev. H. C. Simmons.....	12 00		
Wahpeton, by Rev. G. B. Barnes.....	18 46	Astoria, by Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D. D..	93 50
SOUTH DAKOTA—\$176.30.		Beaver Creek, Rev. H. R. Jones.....	8 00
Alexandria and Emery, by Rev. A. T. Lyman.....	13 50	Corvallis, by Rev. G. H. Lee.....	6 35
Arena and Logan, by Rev. M. E. Bacon Chamberlain, by Rev. W. B. Hubbard.....	7 60	Oregon City, Ch., \$20.80; Y. P. S. C. E., \$25, by Rev. G. A. Rockwood.....	45 80
Custer City, by Rev. H. Bross.....	4 25	Portland, Y. P. S. C. E., of the First Ch., for the Debt, by T. H. Fleming..	15 80
Dover, by Rev. J. H. Gurney.....	2 25	Portland Heights and Beaverton, by Rev. L. Kelsey.....	3 00
Howard and Winfred, by Rev. I. G. Gordan.....	1 76	WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$34.50.	
Lake Henry and Hartland, by Rev. F. G. Appleton.....	50 00	Ferndale and Semiahmco, by Rev. G. Baker.....	5 00
		Houghton, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Rev. S. Greene.....	2 50

Pullman and Union Flat, by Rev. J. Davies.....	\$2 50	Tremont, N. Y., Ladies' Soc. of Trinity Ch., by Mrs. Mary E. Clark, barrel and freight.....	\$73 00
Skokomish, Rev. M. Eells, by Jas. Steele, Treas. Or. and Wash. Ter. H. M. S.	4 00	Wallingford, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss Jennie E. Doolittle, barrel.....	121 18
Spokane Falls, by Rev. J. Edwards.....	2 00	Webster, Groves, Mo., W. H. M. Soc., barrel.....	8 00
Tacoma, by Rev. S. H. Cneadle.....	20 50	Wells River, Vt., Mrs. E. J. Ranslow, two barrels and freight.....	63 13
Olympia, by Rev. J. Campbell, 31 00.		Worcester, Mass., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Union Ch., by Mrs. E. H. Vail, five barrels and carpet.....	703 00
[Erroneously acknowledged in February.]			
JAPAN—\$500.00.		<i>Receipts of the Maine Missionary Society from Jan. 15th, 1887, to March 7th, 1887, JOHN L. CROSBY, Treas.</i>	
Okayama, Miss Eliza Talcott, by M. Talcott.....	500 00	Augusta, South Ch., add'l, by E. A. Nason, Tr.....	\$10 00
SANDWICH ISLANDS—\$15.00.		Bangor, Central District Sunday-school, by Ella T. Rich, which with previous donation constitutes R. H. Hunt L. M. Brewer, First Ch. and Soc., by Dea. G. A. Snow.....	2 00
Honolulu, Mrs. Lydia B. Coan, by Rev. F. A. Noble.....	15 00	Brunswick, First Ch., by R. H. Stanwood, Tr.....	40 25
HOME MISSIONARY.....	325 88	Camden, Ch. and Soc., by Dea. E. D. Mansfield, which constitutes him a L. M. Castine, Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec'y.	24 00
Expended during the year by the auxiliaries named.....		Cornish, Ch., by Willis Warren.....	5 00
Received at this office in March, 1887.....	70,138 49	Dennysville, Ch. and Soc., by Geo. A. Peabody, Tr.....	4 25
		Fort Fairfield, Ch., by Rev. R. D. Osgood.	17 50
<i>Donations of Clothing, etc.</i>		Gilead, Ch., by Rev. A. L. Gridley.....	23 29
Bildgreport, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., through W. H. M. U. Ct., by Mrs. C. R. Palmer, box and freight.....	\$216 50	Gorham, First Ch., by Rev. H. S. Huntington, for North Anson Ch.....	2 52
Bristol, R. L., Ladies' Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Annie W. Fitch, barrel and freight.....	57 00	Hallowell, Mrs. Almira C. Drummer, legacy received from Robert W. Lord and Chas. D. Barry, executors, to be called the "Mary Cleaves Fund," and the interest on same alone, to be expended for the purposes of the society.....	25 00
Brooklyn, N. Y., Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. Jas. H. Golder, two barrels.....	111 63	Hampden, by Dea. E. F. Duren.....	8,800 00
Rev. S. B. Halliday, bundle.....		Limington, by Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec'y.....	6 07
Greenville, Mich., by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas. W. H. M. Soc. of Mich.....	116 00	Madison, by Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec'y.....	7 00
Benton Harbor, three barrels and package.....	116 00	New Sharon, by Rev. G. W. Jones.....	26 00
Grand Blanc, Ladies' Aid Soc., pulpit Bible.....	7 50	Phillips, by Miss Correlia T. Crosby.....	5 35
Grand Rapids, Park Ch., barrel.....	24 87	Patten, by Mr. S. H. Woodrow.....	2 00
Griunell, Iowa, by Mrs. T. O. Douglass..	30 00	Phillips, by Miss Correlia T. Crosby.....	5 00
Ames, box.....	30 00	Portland, Williston Ch., by G. F. Thurston, Tr.....	45 93
Cedar Rapids, box.....	38 57	Saccarappa, Second Ch., Westbrook, by H. P. Murch, Tr.....	36 80
Cherokee, box and cash.....	21 00	Vassalboro, Adams Memorial Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec'y.....	5 52
Concord Bluffs, box.....	80 00	Wells, B. Maxwell, Esq.....	20 00
Deumark, box.....	10 00	Mrs. Lydia Maxwell, legacy (annual).....	6 00
Dubnue, two boxes.....	50 00	Wintrop, Mrs. Narcissa S. Bourne, legacy (in part) by Albion P. Snow, adm'r.....	5,000 00
Mt. Pleasant, box.....	44 61	Woodford, by Dea. J. H. Clark.....	25 00
Williamsburg, box.....	30 00	Income from Stocks, etc.....	567 00
Halley, Mass., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Religious Soc., by Mrs. Edwina Smith, nine pairs of socks.....	7 83		
Hammontsville, N. Y., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. J. J. Bond, clothing and cash.....	20 00		
Hartford, Ct., Ladies' Sew. Soc. of First Ch. Aux. to W. C. H. M. U., of Ct., by Miss Emma Bunce, barrel.....	112 12		
Ladies Soc. of Pearl Street Ch., by Hattie E. Cowles, barrel, half-barrel and freight.....	166 26		
Middletown, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by C. M. Bacon, barrel and box.....	130 00		
New Britain, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of First Ch., by A. C. Strickland, box.....			
New Haven, Ct., Ladies Soc. of College Street Ch. Aux. to W. H. M. U., of Ct., by Mrs. L. M. Fowler, box.....	176 00		
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Dwight Place Ch., by Mrs. C. S. Gray, box and freight.....	129 80		
Ladies' Aid Soc. of United Ch., by Mrs. De Forest, box, cash and freight.....	162 20		
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of the Ch., of the Redcmer, by H. A. Miller, box..	170 00		
Mrs. A. M. Wheeler, box.....			
New York City, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Broadway Tab. Ch., by Mrs. W. D. Harper, trunks.....	4,404 44		
State Charities Aid Assoc., bundle.....			
Norfolk, Ct., Ladies' Sew. Soc., by Miss Anna Battell, box and freight.....	163 80		
Norwich, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Park Ch., by Lydia E. Yonng, communion set.....	30 00		
St. Louis, Mo., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Pilgrim Ch., by Mrs. Clinton Rowell, six barrels.....	524 60		
Traverse City, Mich., Ladies, by Rev. Leroy Warren barrel.....	70 00		
		Previously acknowledged.....	\$14,727 26
		Total receipts from June 12th, 1886, to date.....	8,045 51
			\$22,772 77
		<i>Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in March, by REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.</i>	
		A lady, Debt.....	\$15 00
		Amherst, Rev. G. S. Dickerman, Debt....	10 00
		North, of which \$11.26 from Y. P. for debt, by S. E. Harrington, to const. Mrs. Elizabeth C. Gilman, Mrs. Ellen E. Allison, Miss Henrietta Field, Mr. Fred S. Cooley and Mr. William B. Loomis L. Ms.....	151 00
		Second, by H. Sabin, Debt.....	14 00
		Andover, South, by Geo. Gould.....	125 00
		West, A Member, by Rev. F. W. Greene, Debt.....	5 00
		Arlington, Orthodox, by Robert A. Wall, Debt.....	74 60
		Ladies' Benev. Soc., by R. A. W, Debt.	10 00
		Sunday-school, by R. A. W, Debt.....	23 09
		Ashland, by Edwin Perry, Debt.....	20 00
		Y. P., by Edwin Perry, Debt.....	5 00
		Ayer, by Levi Wallace.....	20 35

Barre, Woman's H. M. Soc., Debt.....	\$5 00	Fairhaven, Miss Sarah Pope.....	\$5 00
Barnardston by Henry Slate.....	3 27	Fall River, Central, by R. B. Borden, to const. Dea. Chas. A. Holmes, Dea. Chas. A. Baker, Dea. Thomas J. Borden L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.....	356 08
Beverly, Washington St. Y. P., by A. L. Patch, Debt.....	21 00	Y. P., by A. J. Abbe, to const. Miss Maty A. Baker L. M. of A. H. M. S., Debt.....	50 09
Boston, Special, for Mrs. H. S. C. Books. A friend, "B." Debt.....	5 00	Fitchburg, Calv. Cong. Ladies, by E. L. Packard, Debt.....	20 00
Proceeds of Coin.....	10 00	Rollstone, by W. E. Clifford, Debt.....	132 13
A. M. C., Debt.....	25	Y. P., by Tristram Goldthwaite, Emma A. Sawyer, Debt.....	30 20
Anonymous, Special for Books.....	5 00	Framingham, Saxonville, Edwards, by Trisram Goldthwaite, Debt.....	12 92
"C." Debt.....	2 00	Y. P., by Tristram Goldthwaite, Debt.....	8 60
Carrier, Miss H., Debt.....	1 00	Plymouth, A friend, by F. B. Horne, Debt.....	5 00
J. H. D., Debt.....	10 00	Y. P., by F. B. Horne, Debt.....	140 00
Dorchester, A friend, "B." Debt.....	3 00	South, Y. P. (in part), Debt.....	94 00
Pilgrim, Y. P., by E. L. Miller, Debt.....	40 00	Franklin, First, by Chas. Gowen.....	20 00
Second, by Miss Elizabeth Tolman, Debt.....	27 00	Gardner, First, by Dan'l H. Rand.....	50 00
Y. P. Coll., by Miss W. V. Blanchard, Debt.....	4 29	Georgetown, First, by L. L. Chaplin.....	36 00
By Miss E. Folman.....	68 88	Greenfield, Second, by Lucy A. Sparhawk.....	61 65
Sunday-school, by Miss E. L. Tolman, Debt.....	1 50	Groton, Union, by H. C. Rockwood.....	66 50
For the Debt.....	3 00	Groveland, by Mary A. Clarke, Debt.....	15 50
Mr. Vernon, by Mr. and Mrs. H. M. B., Debt.....	5 00	Hadley, First, by Rodney Smith.....	10 91
Old South, by Geo. R. Chapman.....	975 00	Y. P., by Mary A. Cook, Debt.....	4 31
Park St., Y. P., by E. H. Maguire.....	100 00	Hampden, Benev. Assoc., by Chas. Marsh, Tr.: Agawam, Debt.....	\$25 00
Roxbury, A friend, "H." Debt.....	5 00	Feeding Hills.....	5 00
Immanuel, by Francis J. Ward, Debt Y. P. (of which \$5 from one friend), by R. T. G. Brown, Debt.....	127 28	Chester, Second.....	10 00
Eli t, by A. McLean.....	20 00	Holyoke, Second (of which \$36.50 for Debt), to const. Mrs. Rebecca B. Allyn, Mrs. Miriam E. Childs, Mrs. Fannie J. Hardy and Mrs. Amelia R. Chapin L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.....	298 22
Mrs. Nathan Robbins, Debt.....	1 25	Ludlow.....	26 90
South Phillips, by E. J. Lincoln, for Debt.....	100 00	Ladies.....	15 00
Union, by Albert Gay, Debt.....	24 00	Sunday-school.....	1 67
By Albert Gay (\$1 of which from Mrs. M. W. Wilkinson), Debt.....	145 00	Palmer, First.....	17 32
Whitnev, Miss E. J., Debt.....	10 00	South Hadley Falls.....	34 38
Boxford, First, by Rev. R. R. Kendall, to const. Rev. R. R. K. L. M. Y. P., by R. R. Kendall, Debt.....	52 00	Springfield, Memorial.....	340 00
Braintree, First, by A. B. Keith.....	25 50	Ira A. Merrill, Thank-offering for recovery from illness.....	5 00
South, Y. P., by Miss M. B. Potter, Debt.....	6 60	North.....	47 14
Brighton, Sunday-school, by M. E. Purington, Debt.....	10 00	West, Park St.....	72 70
Brunfield, First, by M. H. Cobbin (of which \$14 thank-offering for general missy Jones' work).....	28 75	Y. P., Debt.....	100 00
Two friends of Missions, by M. H. Corbin, Debt.....	4 00	Westfield, First.....	6 15
Brockton, Campello, by E. B. Estes.....	100 00	Second.....	59 85
Porter, by Geo. C. Cary, to const. Dea. Jos. S. Smith, Harrison G. Phillips, Mrs. Harriet D. Jones, and Miss Cornelia Eddy L. Ms.....	142 50	Hanson, by Isaac C. Howland.....	14 13
Buckland, by Rev. A. C. Hodges.....	21 70	Hardwiek, Calvinistic, by Rev. C. M. Pierce.....	8 00
Y. P., by Rev. A. C. Hodges, Debt.....	13 00	Haverhill, West, by Walter F. Poore, Debt.....	17 50
Kimball S. Field, by Rev. A. C. H.....	13	Hawley, Rev. H. Seymour.....	2 00
Mrs. J. Q. A. Wiley, by Rev. A. C. H.....	16	Heath, Rev. B. B. Cutler, Debt.....	2 00
Cambridge, Miss B., Debt.....	5 00	Holbrook, Wintthrop, by E. Holbrook and Rev. O. S. Dean.....	110 00
North, A friend, by Rev. W. S. Alexander, D. D., Debt.....	5 00	Holland, by M. P. Bixby.....	20 00
Rev. W. A. Mandell and wife, Debt.....	5 00	Holliston, Mrs. S. G. Burnap, Debt.....	5 00
Cambridgeport, Pilgrim, by N. H. Holbrook.....	392 00	A Friend, by Mrs. S. G. B., Debt.....	1 00
Chelsea, First, C. E. R. Worth, Debt.....	1 00	Holyoke, Second, Y. P., by G. W. Brainerd, Debt.....	100 00
Concord, Trin. Cong., Special, by Thomas Todd, Debt.....	10 76	Hopkinton, Est. of Eliza W. Jenks, by E. J. Jenks, Exec't.....	1 63
Conway, Cong. and Sunday-school, by Francis Howland, to const. Rev. Wm. A. Thomas L. M.....	33 75	Inswich, First, by N. R. Farley.....	80 00
Cummington, West, by Rev. J. R. Flint.....	6 60	Kingston, Mayflower, by Rev. J. Crowell.....	16 00
D-dham, Three friends, Debt.....	5 00	Lanesville, Mrs. Eliza Haraden, Debt.....	25 00
Derry, N. H., A friend, Debt.....	3 00	Lawrence, United, by Rev. J. T. Whalley.....	6 25
Douglas, An aged friend, by Rev. Jas. Wells.....	10 00	Leominster, Orth., by M. E. McDonnell, Debt.....	201 34
Dover, Birthday offerings from Sunday-school, by Geo. Howe, Debt.....	9 34	Leverett, Y. P., by C. F. Frary, Debt.....	3 30
Haven, Y. P., by J. W. Higgins, Debt.....	12 50	Lexington, Hancock, by Rev. E. G. Porter.....	17 00
Egremont, South, Y. P., by Ella C. Gardner, Debt.....	5 00	Y. P., by Mrs. C. C. Goodwin, "one share of the \$25,000," Debt.....	34 00
Essex, Ladies' Benev. Circle, by Mary C. Osgood, Debt.....	25 00	Lincoln, A Friend, "F." Debt.....	10 00
Sunday-school, by Mary C. Osgood, Debt.....	25 00	Littleton, A Friend, Debt.....	100 00
		Y. P., by Miss Martha H. Kimball, Debt.....	13 42

Longmeadow, East, Y. P., by Mary R. McIntosh, Debt.....	\$26 75	West, Day St., by Peter Gray.....	\$5 05
Lowell, "In Memoriam," Debt.....	5 00	Southbridge, by F. W. Eaton.....	91 66
Kirk St., Y. P., by Chas. E. Edson, Debt.	6 00	Mrs. Mary F. Leonard, Debt.....	50 00
Union Service of Rev. W. G. Pudefoot, by I. W. Bisbee, Debt.....	90 00	Spencer, by F. E. Dutton.....	311 60
Lynn, North, Y. P., by Mary Manwell, Debt.....	5 00	Springfield, Hope, Y. P., by Emily F. Ellis, Debt.....	110 91
Lynnfield, Center, by Rev. H. L. Brickett.	15 00	Olivet, Y. P., by G. E. Buchanan, Debt	32 00
Malden, First, by Herbert Porter.....	87 00	Stockbridge, Y. P. (of which A friend	\$20.00), by Agnes W. Canning, Debt...
Maplewood, First, Mon. Con., by Mrs. H. M. Johnson.....	13 11	Stoneham, by Rev. D. A. Newton, Debt	9 17
Marblehead, Stone, Y. P., by Henry L. Blaney, Debt.....	22 60	Rev. D. A. Newton, Debt.....	28 00
Marion, S. D. Hadley.....	10 00	Stoughton, First, by D. C. Rose, M.D....	6 41
Massachusetts, A Friend, "L." Debt.....	10 00	Sturbridge, by Melvin Haynes, to const.	W. G. Reed, M.D., L. M. of A. H. M. S.
Medfield, Second, by F. S. Wight.....	96 00	Bullock Fund, in charge of Rev. M. L. Richardson, Debt.....	20 00
Medford, West, Howard Ave., by E. C. Smith.....	26 67	Sunderland, Y. P., by Kate P. Arms, Debt.....	50 00
Cong'l Ch., Mrs. Margaret M. Fletcher.	20 00	Taunton, Union, by Rev. E. N. Pomeroy	29 67
Medway, West, Second, Y. P., by Rev. A. H. Fuller, Debt.....	32 50	Templeton, by Dea. John Whittemore..	20 40
Middleboro', by A. L. Tinkham (of which \$30 by self to const. Geo. H. Shaw a L. M.).....	99 01	Tolland, by J. P. Hall.....	7 60
North, A friend.....	50 00	Townsend, by J. N. Boutelle.....	27 01
Middleton, Y. P., by Lillian P. Fletcher, Debt.....	5 60	Tyngsboro, Evan., by Mrs. Wm. Sherburne.....	1 85
Milton, First, Evang'l, by O. W. Sears.....	19 31	Upton, Mrs. Susan H. Rockwood, Debt..	2 00
Sunday-school, by W. K. Hill, with other gifts, to const. O. W. Sears L. M., Debt.....	20 00	West, Y. P., by Alfred T. Wood, Debt	31 50
Y. P., by John L. Carter, to const. A. H. Tucker L. M. Debt.....	30 00	Walpole, "A Friend".....	2 00
Millbury, Second, Y. P., by C. H. Lincoln, Debt.....	40 00	Orth., by Frederick Guild.....	52 36
Neponset, Trin. Sunday-school, by J. F. Barnes, Special for \$5,000 Bohemian Fund.....	6 52	Ware, Young Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Florence E. Sturtevant, Debt.....	27 50
New Bedford, North, by J. W. Hewey.....	98 87	East, Anson Bassett, by Hon. Wm. Hyde.....	5 00
Newbury, First, by Edward Perkins (add'l to Feb. don.).....	1 00	Wayland, "L." Debt.....	5 00
Newburyport, Prospect St., by E. G. Gerrish.....	114 75	Wellesley, Y. P., by Allie Talbot, Debt..	19 00
Newton, A friend, Debt.....	50 00	Welfleet, South, by Rev. J. S. Gay, special.....	12 50
A friend M. A. C., Debt.....	5 00	"Levitical Fifth".....	2 50
Auburnvale, by C. C. Burr, Debt.....	30 00	Wenham, by W. E. Porter.....	8 50
Y. P., by C. C. Burr, Debt.....	150 63	Westboro, Ev. Sunday-school, by Chas. L. Adams, Debt.....	27 75
Center, First, by Geo. M. Stone.....	18 26	West Brookfield, Weekly offering, by C. T. Huntington, Debt.....	15 20
By C. H. Bennett (add'l), Debt.....	25 00	Westfield, Second, Y. P., by James R. Savery, Debt.....	55 30
Miss Maria Caffen, Debt.....	5 60	West Hampton, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Louisa J. Montague, Debt.....	20 00
Northampton, First, Y. P., by Wm. S. Kellogg, Debt.....	100 00	Y. P., by Louisa J. Montague, Debt....	46 00
North Brookfield, First, by A. G. Stone..	75 00	Weymouth, First, by E. Humphrey.....	54 63
Union, by J. W. Hird, Debt.....	10 75	South Second, by Rev. H. C. Alvord, with previous gifts, to const. Rev. H. C. Alvord and John G. Hutchins L. Ms. of M. H. M. S. and Clarence W. Fearing L. M. of A. H. M. S.....	47 00
Union Service of Rev. W. G. Pudefoot, by Hiram Knight, Debt.....	18 98	Whitman, Y. P., by Mrs. Sarah P. Smith, Debt.....	52 25
Penn, "Harriet B. Stowell".....	5 00	Williamsburg, First, Y. P., by Fidelia Warner, Debt.....	20 10
Phillipston, Sunday-school, by J. A. Lamb, Debt.....	10 92	Witchester, First, by Eugene Tappan... A friend, "P," special for Bohemian work.....	31 75
Pittsfield, First, by Frank W. Dutton, Debt.....	200 00	Windsor, by Rev. J. R. Flint.....	5 00
Quincy, Atlantic Memorial, by Rev. F. L. Bristol.....	2 00	Worcester, First, by Geo. M. Pierce, to const. Mrs. Clara W. Hawes L. M.....	4 00
Primary Sunday-school, by Miss E. F. Merrill, Debt.....	5 00	Piedmont, by Wm. Woodward.....	48 00
Y. P., by Mary E. Lavers, Debt.....	14 50	Plymouth, by Jonas White, Debt.....	40 00
A friend, "M." Debt.....	1 00	Sunday-school, by Jonas White, Debt	292 50
Randolph, Geo. B. Belcher Debt.....	10 00	Y. P., Jonas White, Debt.....	12 26
Salem, South, Y. P., by A., L. Goodrich, Debt.....	70 00	Two ladies, Debt.....	14 00
Saundersville, by A. E. Gurney.....	15 00	Union, by S. Newton, Debt.....	2 00
Y. P., by B. F. Perkins, Debt.....	10 00	Sunday-school, by E. A. Merrill, Debt	270 20
Shelburne, by Z. D. Bardwell, Debt.....	9 00	David Whitecomb, to const. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus M. Taft L. Ms.....	80 79
Y. P., by Miss Lydia Fiske, Debt.....	5 00		1,000 00
Shelburne Fall, Y. P., by C. H. Ball, Debt.....	27 25		\$11,488 69
Sherborn, Pilgrim, by L. Coolidge.....	30 00	Home Missionary.....	9 50
Shirley, Rev. C. H. Whitney, Debt.....	10 15		\$11,498 19
Shrewsbury, by L. N. Smith.....	45 73		
Somerville, First Orth. Cen. Coll., by E. D. Conant.....	6 07		
Prospect Hill, Y. P. by Chas. Sisbee, Debt.....	50 00		

The returns marked Y. P. are nearly all from "Y. P. S. C. E." bodies. A few are from the Young People under various names. It was thought best, therefore, to use the general name rather than the specific.

It may be that some of the returns, not so marked, are for the "Debt," but only such

gifts as were particularly designated for that purpose were so credited.
The appropriation of \$2,000 will more than cover all, and each donor can be grateful that his offering aided in the happy deliverance.

E. B. P.

Donations of Clothing, etc., received at the office of the Mass. Home Miss. Soc. in March.

Andover, Ballardvale, Ladies, by Mrs. Bowker, barrel and freight.....	\$37 00
Ashby, Ladies' Char. Soc., by Mrs. F. W. Wright, package.....	12 00
Ashland, Home Cleaners, by L. M. Metcalf, barrel and freight.....	51 04
Bernardston, by Mrs. J. P. Clark, sacque, unappraised.....	
Boston, from Everett Lane, box of clothing, unappraised.....	
Dalton, Ladies' Sewing Soc., by Clara L. Crane, barrel and parcel, with freight.....	130 00
Dorchester, Second, Y. People's Miss. Circle, by Miss F. L. Vose, barrel and freight.....	94 35
Newton, Eliot, Ladies, by Mrs. A. E. Crosby, barrel.....	134 03
Pittsfield, First, Free Will Soc., by Mrs. M. B. Davis, barrel and freight.....	74 00
Salem, South, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by A. M. Farrington, 2 barrels.....	175 00
Somerville, West, Day St., by Mrs. H. B. Wilder, barrel and freight.....	116 06

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Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, in March, WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.

Berlin, by Rev. W. W. Woodworth.....	\$5 00
Kensington, by Rev. A. J. Benedict.....	10 00
Canterbury, First, one-sixth of income of bequest of Emblem L. Williams, by L. B. Morgan, Trustee, of Plainfield.....	10 35
Enfield, by Albert Abbe, \$35, for A. H. M. S., \$125.....	160 00
Glastonbury, First, by John B. Moseley, South, H. D. Hale, personal, for debt of A. H. M. S., to constitute Rev. Marcus Burr of South Glastonbury, Ct., a L. M.....	50 00
Hamden, Whitneyville, by F. T. Jarman.....	32 56
Hartford, Asylum Hill, by C. E. Thompson, \$16; Rev. W. H. Moore, personal, \$125.....	141 00
Windsor Ave., E. W. Belden, personal.....	5 00
Killingly, South, by Rev. Wm. H. Beard.....	8 00
Killingworth, by N. H. Everts.....	17 00
Litchfield, Milton, by Rev. Geo. J. Harrison.....	5 00
New Haven, Dixwell Ave., by W. H. Ransom.....	12 00
Howard Ave., by F. T. Jarman.....	23 00
New London, First, by C. D. Boss, Jr., quarterly.....	35 51
North Canaan, by A. B. Garfield.....	17 14
North Haven, by Whitney Elliott, \$112; additional, \$33; add'l, \$2; by Rev. W. T. Reynolds, \$5; Society of Christian Endeavor, for debt of A. H. M. S., \$7.....	159 00
Oxford, by R. B. Limburner.....	32 53
Thomaston, by P. Darrow, \$26.97; for debt of A. H. M. S., \$45.55.....	72 52
Trumbull, by Rev. N. T. Merwin.....	22 00
Voluntown and Sterling, Ekonk, by Rev. John Elderkin.....	18 00
Windsor, First, by S. H. Barber, for A. H. M. S.....	30 00
Poquonoek, by L. R. Lord.....	48 37

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Boxes.

Cromwell, Ladies Soc. Box, value.....	\$67 00
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Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in February, AARON B. MEAD, Treas.

Atkinson, Rev. Geo. L. Dickinson.....	\$5 00
Champaign, Sunday-school.....	20 00
Chicago, First.....	100 00
Walter Hill.....	25 00
New England.....	56 23
South German.....	5 00
South Park.....	7 00
Oakley Ave. Mission.....	5 00
Dongola, special.....	93 94
Englewood, North Ch., special.....	40 63
Forrest.....	30 00
Galesburg, First Cong., Woman's Miss. Soc.....	30 00
First Ch., of Christ, \$53.00; "A Widow," \$1.00; Rev. J. D. Wyckoff, \$25, special.....	79 00
Geneseo.....	146 67
Illini, Ladies' Bible class.....	6 00
Jacksonville, Ladies' H. M. Soc.....	35 00
James M. Longley.....	1 00
Jefferson.....	15 00
Lombard, Woman's Miss. Soc., for work outside the State.....	10 00
Lyonsville, Young People.....	10 65
Mattoon, Sunday-school.....	5 00
Moline, Ladies' Mission Circle.....	6 25
Odell, special.....	28 50
Ontario.....	24 30
Peru.....	6 50
Princeton, special.....	50 00
Sheffield.....	118 00
Thawville.....	10 00
Waukegan.....	1 00
Winnetka, \$44.00; special, \$33.00.....	77 00
Wyandot.....	23 50
Wyoming, Woman's Miss. Soc.....	10 00
Mrs. J. D. Whitelaw, for the Debt.....	2 00
Rev. E. A. Adams.....	5 00
Rev. A. Ethridge, special.....	10 00

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Receipts of the Wisconsin Home Missionary Society for March, R. A. MCCULLOUGH, Treas.

Alderly.....	\$5 00
Appleton.....	66 08
Arena, W. H. M. S.....	4 08
Beloit, First, \$219.69; W. H. M. S., \$10.85.....	230 54
Clintonville, \$29; W. H. M. S., \$1.50.....	30 50
Darlington, \$47; S. S., \$6.....	53 00
Delevan, S. S.....	9 57
Eau Claire.....	50 00
Fon du Lac, \$90.75; W. H. M. S., \$10.....	100 75
Janesville, W. H. M. S.....	50
Lake Geneva, Mrs. M. Bernard.....	15 00
Leeds, W. H. M. S.....	5 50
Milwaukee, Plymouth, "Helping Hands," Mukwanago.....	50 00
Mondovi.....	5 60
Necedah.....	8 10
Platteville.....	10 00
Pittsville.....	55 00
Pittsville.....	12 50
Roberts.....	10 00
Sparta, W. H. M. S.....	8 40

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Receipts of the Iowa Home Missionary Society in January, J. H. MERRILL, ESQ., Treas.

Alden, Ladies.....	\$5 00
Almoral.....	3 00
Arlington.....	1 00
Baxter, Rev. Thos. Merrill.....	5 00
Berwick.....	2 70
Burlington.....	17 37
Cass.....	20 00
Cedar Rapids, Mission S. S.....	4 16
Central City, W. H. U.....	5 10

Cherokee, F. E. Whitmore.....	\$100 00
Chester Center, \$29.59; Ladies, \$13.64....	43 23
Clay, Young Ladies.....	5 00
Corning.....	8 10
Cresco, \$10.50; S. S., \$7.14.....	17 64
Davenport, German Ch.....	10 00
Denmark.....	15 00
Des Moines, Plymouth Ch.....	183 25
Ladies.....	31 50
Dunlap.....	12 40
Durant, Young Ladies.....	5 00
Rev. F. Lawson.....	2 00
Earlville, Ch.....	10 00
Eldora, Ladies.....	10 00
Farragut.....	26 00
Gowrie.....	2 00
Grinnell.....	64 50
Friends.....	42 00
W. H. M. U.....	12 33
Hastings, Young Workers.....	3 07
Humboldt, Ladies.....	2 60
Iowa City, Mrs. C. L. McDermid.....	2 00
Long Creek, Welch Ch.....	4 15
Marion, Y. P. Miss. Soc.....	35 00
McGregor, \$18.17; W. Miss. Soc., \$17.55.....	35 72
Miles, Ladies.....	10 00
Montour, \$21.64; Ladies, \$1.50.....	22 14
Oakland.....	13 00
Osage, Woman's Miss. Soc.....	7 36
Oskaloosa.....	98 35
Polk City, \$12; Friends, \$2.35.....	14 35
Postville, \$39.52; Sunday-school Soc., \$5.....	44 52
Ladies' Miss. Soc.....	10 00
Prairie City, Ladies.....	7 00
Riceville.....	5 00
Sioux City, First Ch., Ladies.....	16 30
Pilgrim Ch.....	12 30
Sunday-school.....	1 25
Tipton, Ch.....	18 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Brande.....	5 00
Union, \$16.50; Rev. W. C. Hicks \$5.....	21 50
Warren.....	1 25
Wells, Ladies' Miss. Soc.....	3 00
Total.....	\$1,073 98

Decorah.....	\$70 00
Denmark, S. S.....	3 00
Des Moines, Plymouth.....	12 00
Ladies.....	58 00
S. S.....	50 60
Dubuque, First.....	75 31
Eldora.....	35 05
Emmettsburg.....	13 25
Woman's Miss. Union.....	5 00
Exira.....	12 50
Fairfield.....	25 00
Ladies.....	14 10
Fayette, Rev. A. S. Houston.....	5 00
Fontanelle.....	9 00
Forest City.....	3 00
Rev. C. F. Dykeman.....	3 00
Fort Atkinson.....	10 00
Fort Dodge.....	25 00
Franklin.....	2 50
Genoa Bluff, Birthday offerings.....	3 71
Glenwood, D. C. Briggs.....	5 00
Grand View.....	39 50
Grinnell.....	28 25
W. H. M. U.....	39 45
Bequest of C. W. Hobart.....	460 00
Rev. J. M. Chamberlain.....	100 00
Friends.....	40 00
Hawthorn.....	2 50
Ladies.....	1 19
Iowa City, Ladies' Sewing Soc.....	5 00
Mrs. R. M. McLan.....	2 00
Jewell.....	5 29
Jefferson, D. B. Eells.....	10 00
Kelley.....	8 50
Keokuk, S. S.....	11 33
Lansing.....	7 25
Lausing Ridge, Ladies.....	7 00
S. S.....	2 00
Lewis S. S.....	5 00
Lima.....	50
Logan, Ladies.....	3 50
Magnolia, W. H. M. U.....	5 00
Manchester, Ladies.....	10 00
Manson.....	3 00
Maquoketa.....	3 93
Marion, W. M. S.....	31 30
Mason City.....	25 69
McGregor.....	5 00
Missionary Band.....	10 00
Milton, J. D. Nash.....	5 00
Mt. Pleasant, M. A. Hillis.....	4 70
Muscataine.....	93 00
New Providence, W. M. S.....	3 40
Osage.....	120 00
Oskaloosa, Mary A. Nichols.....	5 00
Otho.....	4 75
Polk City.....	6 00
Postville.....	5 00
Riceville.....	99 70
Sheldon.....	109 00
Soldier River.....	2 00
Strawberry Point.....	8 58
Busy Bees.....	3 50
Traer.....	6 62
A Friend.....	5 00
Union.....	49 00
Ladies.....	47 62
Van Cleave.....	20 00
Waucoma S. S.....	17 00
Waverly.....	3 50
Webster, S. S.....	2 65
Wittsburg, Thank offering.....	36 10

Receipts of the Iowa Home Missionary Society, in February and March, REV. T. O. DOUGLASS, Treas.

Algona, Ladies' Miss. Soc.....	\$7 25
Almora.....	50
Anamosa, Ladies.....	2 40
Anita.....	36 75
Belknap.....	3 50
Burlington, Ladies.....	55 10
West, Ladies.....	5 00
Cass.....	9 50
Cedar Falls.....	25 00
Central City.....	18 50
Center Point.....	5 00
Cherokee, C. C. Click.....	2 00
Cincinnati.....	8 00
Ladies.....	12 00
Clinton.....	54 46
Cresco.....	19 57
Creston, First.....	21 40
S. S.....	10 81
Danville.....	11 50
Davenport.....	51 50
Rev. J. A. Reed.....	50 00

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January	8	\$134,675 40	\$65,038 79	\$2 68
"	15	133,143 52	59,929 45	2 22
"	22	93,306 84	34,153 91	2 70
"	29	106,453 92	29,255 44	3 63
February	5	53,035 37	17,751 44	2 98
"	12	120,306 33	44,150 46	2 72
"	19	81,948 09	38,646 18	2 12
"	26	57,757 26	15,521 53	3 72
March	5	145,359 56	59,642 29	2 43
"	12	97,530 72	32,682 56	2 98
"	19	65,146 90	20,740 23	3 14
"	26	164,886 76	55,828 93	2 95
April	2	133,943 52	47,402 15	2 82
"	9	76,260 32	23,536 52	3 24
"	16	149,919 15	60,843 59	2 46
"	23	96,152 61	32,358 44	2 97
"	30	93,469 87	40,568 81	2 37
May	7	84,811 04	23,795 56	3 56
"	14	127,407 77	51,242 94	2 48
"	21	92,785 05	34,819 68	2 66
"	28	116,189 57	42,962 50	2 70
June	4	135,819 45	50,159 20	2 70
"	11	169,180 70	51,163 60	3 30
"	18	101,989 64	35,348 90	2 88
"	25	160,341 97	65,534 64	2 44
July	2	80,967 18	30,485 44	2 66
"	9	127,095 08	47,947 29	2 60
"	16	123,026 46	43,701 36	2 71
"	23	23,228 20	55,907 57	2 20
"	30	104,207 32	37,761 96	2 76
August	6	97,327 59	26,989 93	3 51
"	13	95,510 28	48,232 18	3 20
"	20	91,250 81	28,584 19	3 19
"	27	87,957 00	33,868 14	5 50
September	3	96,444 76	38,234 68	2 52
"	10	84,915 00	45,437 11	1 87
"	17	87,324 74	25,929 95	3 36
"	24	60,254 95	22,307 65	2 70
October	1	127,064 22	46,394 73	2 73
"	8	84,411 61	30,610 11	2 75
"	15	71,449 97	27,858 19	2 56
"	22	74,017 50	30,788 27	2 50
"	29	195,174 59	93,333 34	2 09
November	5	73,524 49	27,981 18	2 63
"	12	103,721 20	33,558 03	3 09
"	19	101,981 47	33,188 03	3 07
"	26	62,100 88	18,980 29	3 27
December	3	108,046 04	38,495 88	2 50
"	10	145,500 03	54,507 13	2 66
"	17	135,124 46	50,725 38	2 66
"	23	66,797 32	26,436 24	3 52
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THAT KILLED DEBT!

SHAKSPERE makes Macbeth remark. "The time has been, that, when the brains were out, the man would die, and there an end." He could never have truly said that of the debts of benevolent societies. Knock out *their* brains as often as you will, "they rise again with" something more than "twenty mortal murders on their heads."

Our May number told of the braining of the debt that had at one time run up as high as \$52,000. It was really killed. At the closing of the sixty-first year's books the society owed no man anything but to love him, and had the small surplus of \$2,155.89 in the treasury. From that day each mail has brought from brethren in the field their reports of work done and their just claims upon the treasury, which its receipts were far too small to meet. The receipts in April were \$14,256.11—a gain in the gifts of the living, we gratefully acknowledge, of \$4,870 over April, 1886—but the claims maturing and presented in that month were \$27,415, or \$11,000 more than the receipts. Far too closely to be pleasant, this looks like the brainless ghost of the dead debt rising again to torment its slayers.

Shall his chilling presence sadden the coming feast at Saratoga? Shall it cast a gloom over the workers and hamper the work of the New Year? In the hands of the churches and individual friends of Home Missions there is money enough to carry forward all the work they have ordered to be done. In the end they will pay it, to the last cent. Who will show us where lies the wisdom of waiting, waiting, waiting till their administrative agents and their representatives in the field are at their wit's end, under depressing care and anxiety, instead of supplying the means to pay as we go, thus cheering the hearts and strengthening the hands of the workers?

"Tell the churches just what you want," we are daily exhorted, "and you will get it." Well, we want to-day more than \$10,000 for immediate remittance to missionaries. Before the annual meeting, June 7-9th, we shall want fully \$30,000 more. Shall we get it? The Lord move your willing hearts, dear readers, to say YES.

THE ANNUAL MEETING,

SARATOGA SPRINGS, JUNE 7-9, 1887.

THE officers of the American Home Missionary Society have made arrangements for reduced fares for persons attending the annual meeting in Saratoga, June 7-9, 1887, with the following list of roads which will accept return tickets issued under the certificate plan:

Baltimore & Ohio (east of Parkersburg, Bellaire and Wheeling); Baltimore & Potomac; Bennington & Rutland; Boston & Albany (on business between common points in New England and points west of, but not including, Albany); Boston & Lowell; Boston, Hoosac Tunnel & Western; Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia; Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh; Camden & Atlantic; Central Vermont; Delaware & Hudson Canal Co.; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western; Fitchburg; Grand Trunk; Lehigh Valley; New York Central & Hudson River; New York, Lake Erie & Western; New York, Ontario & Western; Norfolk & Western; Northern Central; Pennsylvania (except locally between Philadelphia and New York); Philadelphia & Erie; Philadelphia & Reading (except locally between Philadelphia and New York); Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore; Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg; Shenandoah Valley; Troy & Boston; West Jersey; West Shore.

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This concession will expire at the end of *three days after adjournment of the meeting*, and will be available *for continuous return trip tickets only—no stop-over privileges being allowed* under the rules on tickets sold at less than regular fares.

The local committee in Saratoga, Rev. T. W. Jones chairman, have secured large reductions in rates of board during the meetings, as per the following list. In communicating with houses the applicant will do well to name price at which board is desired, and ask for reply by return mail.

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FEATURES OF THE SARATOGA PROGRAMME.

THE sermon by Rev. Dr. Noble, of Chicago, on Tuesday evening; the address by President Seelye, of Amherst College, on Wednesday morning; the Woman's Home Missionary Meeting on Wednesday afternoon; the report of the Committee on Evangelization on Wednesday evening, with addresses by Dr. Lyman Abbott, Dr. Josiah Strong, Dr. J. G. Johnson and Dr. Geo. F. Pentecost; addresses on Thursday morning, in behalf of the American Congregational Union, by Dr. L. H. Cobb, Dr. J. G. Roberts, and the Rev. Wm. G. Puddefoot; other addresses may be expected from Rev. J. E. Rankin, D.D., of New Jersey; Rev. Wm. Elliot Griffis, D.D., of Mass.; Rev. J. G. Merrill, D.D., of Missouri; Rev. Willard Scott, of Nebraska; Rev. Joshua Coit, of Massachusetts; Rev. T. O. Douglass, of Iowa; Rev. Geo. M. Sanborn, of Arkansas; Rev. James Tompkins, of Illinois; S. B. Capen, Esq., of Massachusetts; Rev. H. D. Wiard, of Dakota; Rev. Geo. A. Hood, of Wisconsin; Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D.D., of Oregon; Rev. C. M. Sanders, of Colorado; Rev. Harmon Bross, of the Black Hills; Rev. H. A. Schaufler, of Ohio; and other prominent laymen and clergymen from different parts of the country.

TO OUR ANONYMOUS CORRESPONDENT.—You have sent us several unsigned communications, bringing serious but wholly groundless charges against a good and honored man. You seem to be sincere in your convictions, but you are in error. Please send us your name that we may disabuse your mind

“FROM first to last the story of home missionary work in our country reads like a romance. It is full of surprises on nearly every page.”—*Exchange*.

THE pastor of that brave little church at Cole Camp, Missouri, writes: “Cannot some one be found who will help this struggling home missionary church to a second-hand communion service, and a bell, which can be bought for fifty dollars?”

AIM HIGHER!—“Do you take little bits,” asks a Boston minister, “when you can’t get big ones? Please accept the inclosed, with the ardent wish it were as many thousands as it has units! Aim higher next year. Strike for a million—nothing less: and make the welkin ring until the last dollar of it comes into your open and waiting and wanting box! The Lord bless and help and push on the great and good work!

A TEST PRAYER.—“That thou mayest prosper and be in health *even as thy soul prospereth*.” Which of us would dare to pray for our beloved with such a stipulation? Should we not ourselves shrink from such prayer? For if our financial gains had to be measured by our spiritual gains, which of us would not tremble for our solvency? Yet St. John loved Gaius dearly, and did not hesitate to make the one, in his case, the condition of the other.—*Prairie Pioneer*.

A NOVEL CONTRIBUTION.—The house was neither lathed nor plastered. There was no carpet on the floor. A feeble fire in a broken-down cook-stove “took off the chill,” as the members of the Ladies’ Missionary Aid Society of Esmond, Dak., held an afternoon session with one of their members, and voted to send a contribution to the American Home Missionary Society “*towards its next debt!*” Would that such thoughtful consideration for a perplexed Parent existed throughout the whole country! There would not only never be another debt to kill, but instead of the disastrous cry “Retreat” the brave workers at the front would be electrified by the glorious shout “ADVANCE!”

KANSAS RESOLUTIONS.—The Kansas City Congregational Club, at its last meeting, held in Paola, Kan., April 11th, voted \$50 of the surplus funds on hand as a donation to the A. H. M. S., with the following communication to be sent by the Secretary:

“RESOLVED, That we, appreciating the ‘situation of the A. H. M. S., apprehending the dangers and duties of the hour,’ and looking forward with longing hope for the future, authorize and request the treasurer of the Club to send \$50 of the funds on hand to the Secretaries in New York, with this answer to the inquiry of the Secretaries, ‘How shall we keep out of debt?’ That western men and churches give more to the support of this society.”

CHURCH BELLS.—Among the advertisements in this issue will be found that of the Cincinnati Bell Foundry Co. That company issues, free of charge, a catalogue, giving descriptions, prices, etc., of its bells (church, school and fire-alarm), with more than 1,800 testimonials from purchasers in every State and Territory of this country and Canada. Many of these are from ministers, who bear testimony to the good quality of the bells, and their low prices, bringing them within reach of comparatively feeble churches. Such churches, needing bells, may do well to write to the company, in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the catalogue.

CO-OPERATION, NOT CONTENTION.—It was a happy thought of a home missionary pastor of a church in Michigan, to invite the pastors of other denominations in the place to unite with him in a “joint visitation” of the community. The three pastors have recently started out on their visits, and thus far have met with cordial welcome. The following card is presented at each house, with notices of services in the different churches:

“This joint card is handed you by the Christian ministers, whose names accompany it, in the hope that, if it is not already your habit, you may be induced to attend regularly the services of some place of worship in this village, and that the children of the households may have the opportunity of receiving regular religious instruction in the Sunday-school.”

“We might,” says this pastor, “destroy each other by contentions. Perhaps we can build each other up, and conquer the village for Christ, by going out as he sent the twelve.”

THE BROADWAY TABERNACLE CHURCH, N. Y.—The home missionary zeal of this church does not in the least diminish with the passing years. Within twelve months, ending January 31st, 1887, the members of this church and congregation contributed in cash to this treasury about \$8,000. In addition to this generous sum, the Tabernacle Ladies’ Home Missionary Society sent out twenty-three trunks of clothing, books, household goods, and money, the cash valuation of which is \$4,434 44. Six of these trunks have gone to Kansas, five to Nebraska, two each to Florida, Dakota and California, one each to Wyoming, Colorado, Michigan, New York, Massachusetts, and one to the widow of a home missionary.

When we reflect that besides a generous supply of useful garments,

each trunk also contained a library of about *twenty new books, selected by Dr. Taylor*, and an envelope "for the minister's wife," inclosing the wherewithal to meet extra expenses, we do not wonder that the letters received in return are pathetic in their grateful appreciation of such aid.

The Secretary says: "The reports of a society like this must always have more or less sameness in their character, but that is little to be regretted when, as in this case, it is the sameness of continual success. Much work has been done this year. Many friendships have been formed, and the meetings have been both pleasant and profitable, so that the upper room in which they are held has come to be associated in all our minds with some of the happiest experiences of our lives. Our pastor has been present at almost every meeting, and has, by his helpful words, largely contributed to the joy of our labors."

NORTH DAKOTA.

BY REV. H. C. SIMMONS, SUPERINTENDENT.

NORTH DAKOTA sends greeting to *The Home Missionary*, with the assurance that her visits are always welcome, always inspiring. We look over our great field and we think, "Surely our need is the *greatest*; some one must soon come to help us." Then *The Home Missionary* proves to us that our need is paralleled in every district. With an area in North Dakota nearly twice as great as Ohio—with one great transcontinental railway passing through from East to West—with another building toward the Pacific at the rate of two miles of iron per day which will reach Helena, Montana, by Christmas; with railroads coming in from the South (extensions of the great trunk lines from Chicago), with new towns springing up and the old ones growing, it is certainly no time for a halt to be called in home missionary work because of an empty treasury. Thank God for the good news that the debt is dead. May it never be resurrected!

I wish every reader of *The Home Missionary* could see some of the letters I am receiving in these days, asking for ministers. Some of our churches have had no preaching since the students left last September. Fields, too, where in some cases congregations of a hundred would gather. Other churches are being divided up by other denominations coming in where the people would gladly remain together if they could have a minister.

I went to the seminaries a few weeks since and laid the call from North Dakota before the graduating classes and plead with men privately to hear our call; but how few respond. Delicate women come to North Dakota and find our winters endurable and even bene-

ficial to their health, but *strong young men* are afraid of our winters! Where are the young men with Christian heroism? We can assign a man a whole county for a parish, where he can have good congregations and a good support. Here foundations are to be laid of one of the grandest States of the American Union; fields white for the harvest wait for the reaper. O where is the reaper?

We have had some precious revival work the past winter, although the unusual severity of the weather has prevented as much of such work as would otherwise have been. Some of our churches are making gratifying advances toward self-support, and had it not been for the severe drouth in the western part of the Territory last year more churches would have come near to the line. One church that two years ago was without a house of worship, scattered, almost hopeless, has, within two years, built a beautiful house of worship, nearly trebled its membership, reduced its application for aid the last year three hundred dollars, and now comes a contribution for the American Home Missionary Society of \$60.

One of the burning questions in North Dakota is that of establishing a college. The need is imperative, the opportunity excellent, the faith of our Home Missionaries strong. But, like all new communities, after doing our best—which is but little—who will help us? No doubt the Lord has some good brother or sister ready to become our benefactor and co-worker. May the help soon appear.

The Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society has taken one of our best pastors, Rev. Mr. Ewing, from Plymouth Church, Fargo, and has made him a Sunday-school superintendent for North Dakota; thus giving him back to us in increased interest in Sunday-school work, and a strong helper to all home missionary effort. May the readers of *The Home Missionary* pray for us and for our work.

FEEDING THE "BOOMER."

I HAVE spent the day listening to the privations of western life, and for the first time have fed the "*boomer*" to make a fire of hay—no wood, no coal—only hay. The "*boomer*" looks like a large sheet-iron boiler, double height. It is filled with hay and turned bottom up over the openings, which are made by removing the two front covers and the centerpiece. The hay is lighted at the bottom, and, as it burns up, the ashes fall down and fresh hay appears to burn. The packing of the hay prevents it falling down or burning too fast. The heat diffused warms a large room very nicely. Cooking of all kinds is easily done by this fire. Occasionally the flames get the upper hand, and, bursting out, set the house on fire. "The "*boomer*" takes its name, I suppose, from the fact that the burning is

accompanied by a sort of roaring of the draft, which, when too strong, makes the boiler red hot all around. The "boomer" is a bonanza for Dakota, for when we are shut in for a week or two, when no one ventures away from home, a hay-stack or straw-stack of flax-straw can be used to keep the family warm.—*Rev. J. P. Dyas, Athol, Dak.*

SCATTERED GRAVES.

You ask about my children. They are seven; but a loving Father has seen fit to take five home. One we laid to rest on the burning shores of Guiana, two in one grave in England, one in Boston, and one in the Rocky Mountains. The last was returned to Him who loaned her to us, last May. She went to be with Jesus thirty-six hours before I could get home across the snowy range to see her. I had left her two weeks before in apparently good health. "IT IS WELL WITH THE CHILD." A little while of waiting, and we shall be a reunited family on the other side. But for love to the Blessed One who bids us "go," and who is with us as he promised to be, we could not continue this work. Nevertheless for twenty-five years, in various lands, we have proved the truth of God's word. "Lo, I am with you always."—*Rev. T. Marsh, Downs, Kan.*

A "SPRING-TIME" PARISH.

BY REV. C. M. SANDERS, SUPERINTENDENT, COLORADO.

DANIEL WEBSTER in one of his masterly orations spoke of the young as "*The spring-time of the people.*"

There is here, in Colorado, lying at the base of the Rockies and under the shadow of Long's Peak, what might be well termed a spring-time parish—a parish composed mainly of young people. I wish that it were possible for me to sketch it, that those who read *The Home Missionary* might be aided in their realization of the great and broad work the American Home Missionary Society is doing, and that those who contribute to its support might see their contributions *in action*.

Eaton—named for Governor Eaton—is situated in Northern Colorado, eight miles north of Greeley, on the railroad leading from Denver to Cheyenne, Wyoming. A few buildings compose the village; these comprise a mill for grinding wheat, an elevator, a store, a public-house, and a few residences. Among the most conspicuous buildings is a two-story brick school-house. Dotted the prairie around this hamlet, you observe a number of ranch-houses and buildings. Looking east, you see the vast rolling plains, stretching on and on, until they and the heavens embrace each other. On the north the view is much the same. On the west is the Rocky Range, with Long's Peak

tallest of all, within this view. On the south is the far famed "cold water town," Greeley, a beautiful city, substantially built and greatly prospered. This whole region is a cultivated prairie. Eaton is a farming town. There are, in the township and about it, some 28,000 acres brought under a water ditch. As yet no lots in the village are for sale, but when these are put upon the market I bespeak for them a rapid sale. Did I wish to farm I know of no more desirable location. On these ranches, in the mill and in the store, you find people in the vigor of early manhood. Some of these young men have families, and those not yet so blessed see good prospects in that line ahead and patiently bide their time. A good school is under successful operation, as yet small, of course.

But these "spring-timers" were not satisfied with simply a school for the littler folks, they must have the Sabbath honored by public worship and the Sunday-school. The second floor of the school building is so arranged as to be well suited for church purposes for a while. The pastors of Greeley very kindly gave them an occasional Sunday-afternoon service, but this did not meet the demands of the place; so they consulted together and came to the conclusion that they must organize a Congregational church, and I was sent for to aid them in this. At their request I spent the first Sabbath in November with them, holding services Saturday evening and Sabbath morning and evening. On Sunday morning the church was organized with fourteen members.

A month later a young minister by the name of King came to Eaton to visit a relative. He was invited to supply them a few Sabbaths. This proving satisfactory, and he, being well recommended by those who knew him, was asked to remain a year as their pastor and teacher. With the "week of prayer" came special meetings with glad results. On the 8th of February these spring-time folks called a council asking to be recognized as a church and requesting the ordination of Mr. King should the council approve. The meeting of that council was an event for the place. But few of these young people had ever seen anything of the kind. It has put its impress into the history of that town; neither will the pastors and friends composing the council soon forget this occasion. Rev. A. K. Packard, who has attended many councils during his long and useful life, in his address to the people, remarked: "This is an occasion of more than usual interest. We are here to ordain a young man to the Christian ministry, to recognize a new Congregational church. And this is one of a series of special revival meetings." Rev. J. B. Gregg, the moderator, offered the prayer; Rev. A. W. Williams, the new pastor at Cheyenne, preached an able sermon, taking for his text, Gal. i, 8. Rev. R. T. Cross gave the charge, and Rev. George Michael, of Greeley, the right hand.

Near the close of the meeting, which was pre-eminently a spiritual service, the question was asked, "How many here present have started out in the Christian life since the new year commenced?" Nineteen arose. Six others arose with these, to indicate their purpose to walk with them in the way of life. It was a refreshing season surely. There were some two hundred young people present, which included nearly *everybody in that neighborhood*. One of the new converts paid the bill for the Council's supper.

Brother King called my attention to an old gray-haired man in the crowd. Said he, "That man was in the congregation last Sabbath, and I was so pleased to see an *old man* here that I went to him immediately after service to thank him for coming.

One of the young ladies became deeply interested in a friend—that he might become a Christian. When I was there the week before she told me of this friend and how he had been especially kind to her brother who had died very suddenly a little while before. She said: "I cannot talk to this friend about religion, what can I do?"

"You pray for him?" "Certainly, I do."

"Suppose you write him a note?" "Would that be proper?"

"Yes, under the circumstances." Now at the Council supper, this young lady, with others, waited upon us. No sooner was I seated at the table than she came to me, to say, "*Mr. S., that young man is converted*;" but it was not my letter, it was the sermon of the evening following which brought him to Christ." "Nevertheless, I am glad that you wrote the letter," said I.

The following Sabbath twenty-two of these "spring-timers" came, forward and stood around the young pastor and confessed Christ. It was a scene that must have given joy in heaven; so, too, it was a golden day to this church and community. Governor Eaton spent that Sabbath with his son, who is one of the trustees of the church, and attended both morning and evening services, expressing a warm interest in what he there had seen and heard.

Said a Cheyenne gentleman who had given liberally to the building of a church edifice, "What returns am I to receive for the money I am investing in this enterprise?" That was a pertinent question for him to ask. Every dollar put into a Christian church should prove a paying investment. The members of our churches, east as well as west, might dwell more than they do upon this thought, and with profit. *This home missionary work should pay its dividends*. Can there be any question as to the investment which is to be made here in this "spring-time parish?" Before a dollar has been sent them there has been an ingathering of twenty-two people on the profession of their faith, with more to follow. Possibly some one may remark, "Why does such a parish need any aid

from the American Home Missionary Society?" I have this to say in reply: This company of young men are really just starting out in life. They do not, as yet, own their ranches. Their cash capital is limited. They have contributed liberally for them, but as yet are not able to pay the full salary of their pastor. It is their purpose to "go alone" in two years, at least. Before many years, if I mistake not, they will not only support their own church, but will most liberally aid other spring-time parishes.

"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace." "Happy is that people whose God is the LORD."

NO, SIR!

AT one of my preaching stations, among 1,600 people, there are only two men of means. The entire community, with these two exceptions, is made up of laboring people. I had been preaching Christ to them for some months, and it seemed to me the time had come to have a church building. So, after prayer for divine wisdom and guidance, I called upon one of the two mill-owners, and told him my errand. "I cannot help you," said he. "The time has not come to build a church here." "When *will* the time arrive?" I asked. "I don't know," said he. "In one hundred years?" "Oh, in less time than that," he replied; and added, after a moment's reflection: "I should think the time might come in five years." "Do you believe the Bible to be true?" I asked. "I suppose it is." "Do you believe in heaven, hell, and the judgment?" "I think I do." "Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ?" The man hesitated a moment, and then replied: "I do not know whether I do or not." "*Will you be responsible for all the people who die in their sins here, during the next five years?*" "No, Sir!" he exclaimed. "Take your subscription book to the others, get what you can, and then bring it to me." I told him I could not go on without his name at the head of the list. He took the book, and said; "How much shall I put down?" I was about to say \$300, but faith was given me at the instant to say \$500. He immediately put it down, and afterwards increased it to \$1,750. When I interviewed the second mill-owner, he said he was a Spiritualist, and didn't want a church there; but eventually gave us twenty-five dollars' worth of lumber, then \$400 in cash, and the finest lot in town for the building. Can any one doubt that the Spirit of God was at work on the hearts of these two men, in answer to prayer? May their eyes be fully opened to see the truth as it is in Jesus.—*From the Front.*

FOR HIS SAKE.

“ONWARD!”—I arrived here yesterday afternoon, and have taken a rapid survey of the situation, so far as my work is concerned, and cannot say that it is at all flattering. I read discouragement in the faces of these church-members. They fear ultimate failure. But of one thing I am sure: God can turn retreat into advance, and defeat into victory! I will just put the right hand of all my power into the right hand of God’s power, and go forward. Has he not said: “I will uphold thee by the right hand of my righteousness”? It may be that God’s purposes shall best be served by our defeat in this place. So let it be, if it be his will. But that message has not come to me yet, and with the help of our good Mother, the American Home Missionary Society, enabling me to give the gospel message to these people—and God’s promise to bless his Word, why should there be a failure?

THE LITTLE COFFIN WITHOUT A GRAVE.—On one of the coldest days I was sent for to visit a home and preach a funeral sermon. I had to walk six miles in one of the coldest days I was ever out in. They asked me to accompany them to the burial. We had to go into the country. When we arrived, no preparation had been made for the burial. The weather was so awfully cold, what could we do? There was the little coffin, and no grave to put it in, and we could find no one who would venture out in the cold to help. We built a large, rousing fire, and went to work ourselves, taking turns at digging and warming ourselves, till we completed the work, and the little one was laid away. How thankful we all felt in our home that night that God had spared us such an experience.

SELF-SACRIFICE.—Of course, we share in home missionary privations. My wife has blistered her feet with the frost in our own house. We could only “ship-lap” and plaster it. We have sometimes been brought where the way would have seemed dark, if God had not taught us that he “will provide.” If the good people of the East could know how the people out here in this new country struggle for the necessities of life, *they wouldn’t wonder that so much help is needed to build churches and support missionaries.*

For example: One of our most active members lives with his family in a sod house of two rooms, houses his animals in sod barns, and burns hay to cook by and keep his home warm. His land is mortgaged, and he has been obliged to borrow money, with chattel security, at three per cent. a month. In three years, he has lost two horses and several cows. He took stock to herd, and they escaped to the Indian Reservation, and he has been fined \$50. Now, his sheep are dying. Last night he lost six. And yet, to-day he has subscribed \$15 to help support the minister. Very few are there here who have not met with great losses,

yet they support the gospel to the extent of their ability, and many would say beyond that which could reasonably be expected of them. The crops for two years have been very poor. If we have poor crops this season, I fear many must give up entirely and lose everything. Certainly a minister cannot complain when he suffers with his people, who feel that they *must have* religious privileges, and are ready to make great sacrifices for them.

We read the periodicals sent us, and then give them to families who hunger for religious papers, for which they once subscribed, but which cannot now be afforded. As we try to follow on where Christ leads in the battle against wickedness and irreligion, though sometimes it be in hard places, we are greatly encouraged when we are made to know that hearts around the warm hearthstones of New England and sister States are remembering those at the front with kindly sympathy and prayer and efforts for Christ's work out here. We had a most touching prayer-meeting this week, with Matt. vi, 33—"Seek ye first," etc.—for our subject. It came right home to so many here. Questions were many, and prayers were very full of trust that our Father will do all things well for those who trust in him.

ROUGHING IT.—Just before I started here, my wife took the three youngest boys to visit her mother. I brought with me our two eldest boys and the household goods. There was not a house or room in town I could rent, so I put up a tent, and moved into that. Our Superintendent, after a visit here, sent me word that we could have \$500 to build a parsonage. So we selected a lot, and began to build a barn; but before the first day's work was completed, there came on a great snow-storm. When I went to bed that night my shoes and socks were both wet. Shortly after, the wind began to blow a gale from the northwest, and the weather suddenly turned very cold, and the snow fell faster. Before ten o'clock it blew so hard I was afraid it would blow my tent down. Our window blew out, and everything was covered with snow. If the tent should blow down, we would be left on the open prairie without shelter. I aroused the two boys, and we dressed ourselves. My shoes and socks were frozen hard, and everything was so covered with snow that I could not find another pair. I had no overshoes, and was compelled to wrap a towel around one foot and a shirt around the other. Thus we started, lantern in hand, for the hotel, two blocks away, northwest. After wandering about in the blinding snow for some time, we saw a light, and found we were at the last house in the *southeast* part of town. If we had passed that, we might have spent the night on the prairie. Were we the only ones who missed the way in that storm, I might have thought we were careless; but a good Presbyterian friend landed in a saloon, and three men went to a number

of houses before they found the way home. One man started to go half a block, and came to the railroad track, half a mile away. We were so bewildered that I chose to sleep on the floor with two quilts, rather than go out into the storm again. The next morning, we went to the hotel, but could not afford to stay there at three dollars a day, so after the storm was over we went back to our tent again. In a few days we completed our barn, and moved into the loft—stove, beds, books, and all we needed to make us comfortable. In the mean time we built our little parsonage, and moved into that, where we now enjoy life as well as most people. The outlook here is encouraging. We have over \$500 subscribed to begin building a church in the spring.

“FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS.”

BY GEO. E. ALBRECHT, SUPERINTENDENT, GERMAN DEPARTMENT.

How much heroic work is done in home missionary churches of which hardly any one, save the Master of all work is aware, will never be known here below. Many a pastor has toiled a lifetime with steadfast devotion, too modest to let any one know of his hardships and struggles, and therefore often without help, and even without sympathy. Content to be faithful over the few things over which his Lord has placed him, he has been willing and glad to endure much hardship. The following is the history of one of these quiet workers, the pastor over one of our oldest German churches, as told to me by his faithful wife, without intending, however, that it should be told again.

Graduating from the theological seminary in '68, at the urgent request of the pastor of the English-speaking church in the same city, our missionary, whom we will call Mr. F., came to the little church, to which he has ministered ever since. The reality of the situation was considerably below the description given. The few members that had been gathered were alienated by differences; no Sunday-school, and the first Sunday five hearers. The building was nothing but a shell, burdened with a debt, on account of which a lawsuit was the first thing to claim the attention of the new pastor. An old rusty stove and a few loose benches, painted yellow, comprised the furnishing; no Bible, no hymn-books; in fact, nothing usually found in a church. Mr. F.'s wife had died during his course in the seminary, leaving him a beautiful little daughter three years old, on whose account his sister came over from Germany. She was an earnest Christian and aided her brother in every way possible. At first only very poor homes were open to them. In one of these small-pox entered. Mr. F. went to the stricken family and aided them both spiritually and by doing even the most menial services for them. His sister nursed the sick, and consequently was

stricken down by the dread disease ; for six weeks her only nurse was her brother. In the mean time the little daughter was cared for in a family, kind, but, oh, so rough! The child was frail, and had never before been separated from her father, always sleeping in his arms. The change was too great, and cost the life of the little one. A lady who knew her, recently said that she had never seen so lovely a child ; she was so fair and beautiful she seemed not to belong to earth. As soon as the sister was able to travel she returned to Germany, and the brother was left almost penniless and nearly broken-hearted ; every earthly joy was gone, and if it had not been for Christ he would have utterly despaired.

Faithfully he worked on, with little human help and sympathy. The church and Sunday-school grew slowly, the Lord honored his Word. After a while God gave to this lonely toiler another companion, who took upon her gladly the burden of her husband's work and did him "good all the days of her life." Finally the debts on the church building were paid, blinds were bought, Mr. F. painted the church with his own hands, and, with the assistance of a carpenter made the seats now in use. A friend in the East sent a small organ. By and by, but without any outside aid, a pulpit Bible, hymn-books, a stand, chairs, lamps, carpet and proper stoves were bought.

Soon the church had to be moved. The grade of the street was changed, the hill on which the building stood had to be excavated. Friends aided to the amount of \$185, but this did not suffice. So our home missionary pastor took it upon himself to excavate the hill, reserving the money for the moving of the building. From a miner he learned enough of his trade to enable him successfully, as he hoped, to finish his task. But his ambition was beyond his physical strength and ability. The task proved too great and too difficult for him. He received severe injuries, ruining his hands, lacerating them in a most painful way. The most skilled doctors were not able to give permanent relief. At times so simple an effort as opening a door would cause the wounds to break open again.

One day the son of an infidel German druggist, sick with consumption, sent, much against his father's wishes, for our pastor. Soon he died, rejoicing in a Savior's love. The father suggested a new treatment for the aching hands of our minister, and, under the blessing of God, it proved more successful. The church was moved, and neatly finished inside and outside. The Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of the people. The Sunday-school grew, so that now it has outgrown the building. The audiences likewise increased. The young ladies banded together to lay aside a nest-egg for a new building fund, and already they have nearly \$500 in the bank. The new building must come in due time, for God will not leave such faithfulness unrewarded. Through all

these years our brother has declined to accept home missionary aid, always saying that there were more needy ones than he to whom his aid could go, yet his church has never been able to give him more than \$300 salary, while he personally has earned the rest of his daily bread in other ways. Now he looks back over nearly twenty years of such work and sees not the angel form of his darling child; not the hours of menial service in the sick rooms; not the days of toil in carpentering, and painting, and blasting, and hewing rocks; not the dark clouds that encompassed him during all these years; but a church respected by every one in the city; two hundred and fifty children and young people in Sunday-school, seventy-five to one hundred in the preaching-services, the blessing of God resting upon his work so that there is no more room in the present building to contain it, and he only says: "If only we had the money we have saved the Home Missionary Society in the last eleven years to use it for our church building"!

Surely, Christian heroism is found not merely on the foreign field; many a hero fights a harder battle in our home work, in the very heart of our civilized land, than our beloved brethren across the waters. Whether this self-sacrificing sowing and toiling through these nineteen years shall spring up into a blessed fruitage of a larger and more influential work than ever before is for our churches to say, in giving or in withholding from our missionary societies the means for aiding such work.

CROOKED STICKS.

"LORD, I can't make these sticks perfectly straight. I have lost all my strength. Send me to another field." But what is the answer of the Holy Spirit? "You were not sent to that field to take every crook out of those sticks; you can't perfect human nature; that is my work." Now there is something in every man—ministers included—that is a little gnarly. It is peculiar to the individual—a streak of the old Adam inwrought in his individuality. In one it is stubbornness, in another it is suspiciousness, in another reserve, in another a disposition to be critical or fault-finding or censorious. By whatever name it may be known, it is in fact a little twist of depravity, and no human influence, no preacher can untwist it and straighten it out. It is a peculiar twist of self, inborn, inbred, inwrought. So when I discover what a man's peculiar twist is, I say, "The Lord only can take that out of him, and I won't touch it if I can help it." I tried my hand at this once on a good Scotch brother, and I will never try it again. He was a most uncompromising subject, and I am quite convinced that if I had had a little more charity for his peculiarities he would have been a very useful man.—*Dr. Spinning.*

THE LOST BOOT.

It was a cold day in midwinter; one of the much-dreaded days of southeastern Ohio; a day of wind and clouds and snow-squalls, and its dreariness was intensified by a chill in the atmosphere which penetrated to the very bones. The "natural man" would have chosen a sheltered seat by the blazing fire upon the hearth, where he could indulge in the luxury of the last rare book provided by a thoughtful friend at the east. But duty called me "up and out"! Duty has no special arrangement with the "weather bureau." The Heavenly Master made no provision for atmospheric conditions when he said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and if I am to appear at my preaching stations to-morrow, and give those waiting ones the blessed Word, I must start now. So the long rubber boots are drawn on, the body prepared to resist exposure, a little extra clothing thrown into the "gripsack," for should there be an unexpected interest in the meetings they must be continued (the workers at the Front must "strike while the iron is hot"); one last look at the blazing fire, and then the reluctant beast is torn from his comfortable stall and saddled. This faithful animal had, without doubt, anticipated the happy experience of the week before—when the swollen creeks and rivers, having overrun the roads, compelled his master to *walk* over the hills, in the soft ground, ten miles, preach at half-past ten, then on three miles further for the next service. The creeks and rivers were all up-booming, and the rain came down in torrents not soon to be forgotten. Thank God! I have had strength thus far to fight the weather and keep every appointment.

A pair of leather boots, for use at the end of the journey, are tied to the gripsack, and these two important items of a traveler's outfit are thrown across the front of the saddle, where they balance each other. Had the legs of those boots been firmly tied together before attaching them to the gripsack you would have been spared this story. Being now, to all appearance, suitably equipped for a wrestle with the elements, we start. Mud, mud, and no end of it! Thick, heavy, half-frozen mud—*red* mud—the very color and quality of soil doubtless of which our father Adam was made. Ten miles of road, where every footprint of man and beast which sinks into the soil must be pulled out with an effort.

I came at last to a wayside post-office, and, having letters to mail, I dismounted and found myself knee-deep in the mud. Just here I made an awkward discovery. One of those leather boots had, without a sound, parted company with its mate, which had an almost lifelike look of desolation as it hung dangling from the saddle—alone. Here was a dilemma! A man can't preach comfortably in one boot—I must go

back and seek and save that lost boot. With a heavy heart on one side and a lighter one on the other, my four-footed companion and I retraced our muddy route. But the search was fruitless, and I mourned not only a lost boot, but a lost day.

I sat down before the fire to warm my feet, which felt strangely numb; the rubber boots were drawn off when a curious sight met my eyes. For the first time I looked upon a pair of swollen, stiff, death-white feet. The misery of the next few hours can better be imagined than described. After long and patient rubbing we were at last rewarded by the red glow which indicated a return of life to a pair of feet which had seemed to be in the embrace of death.

The next morning, while preparing to start again, there came a brisk rap at the door, and while we wondered who wished to intrude upon our domestic, but rather interrupted, tranquility at that hour, in walked the deacon of one of my churches, bearing the lost boot, which a party of school children had rescued from its grave of mud the night before. This goes to prove that even the lambs of the flock were familiar with the boots of their shepherd! And so, ignoring troublesome feet, howling elements, and miles of mud, your missionary set out once more. The weighty business of the King cannot be deferred. The watchman on the towers of Zion must be at his post. The conflict between heaven and hell is raging, and souls are deciding their destinies every day. He who was the greatest missionary the world ever saw has written to us that God "hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." We cannot delay the work, we must not halt, for "God in Christ is reconciling the world unto himself, and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."—*A Missionary in Ohio.*

FROM HONG-KONG, CHINA.

I HAVE been greatly interested in the recent serial in your magazine, entitled "How I Became a Home Missionary." Those who have perused this graphic story will remember that the writer refers to Hong-Kong as the scene of his conversion. But much has passed since 1864; the two missionaries who were in part instrumental in awakening his slumbering conscience, have both left for their native land, and others have entered into their work. The British soldier and sailor are still here, and the scenes described in that story are being enacted over and over again. There is the same persecution against those who earnestly strive to live Christian lives. They may not always be nicknamed "psalm-singers," but they bear other names, such as "wee wees," while their attitude in prayer is often characterized as "the knee drill." Some of the British men-of-war do not have even "six" praying sailors on board; and occasionally when the few faithful ones are engaged in

prayer their devotions are disturbed by the falling of something upon their heads, purposely dropped from above. "How many Christians are there on board your ship?" I asked of a Christian sailor a few Sabbaths since. "Six," was his answer. But though few in number, they are strong in God, and during the week of prayer astonished some of the people of Hong-Kong by their religious zeal. In the social meetings that are held from week to week at some of the missionary ladies' houses, the sailors tell us how they have been brought from death unto life; and then they urge their companions with all the fervor of their new-born love to come to Christ. When some thought they ought to have a little more singing, in order to make it more social, these quickly intercepted the song by a testimony or prayer. Many of them are not learned, but one thing is evident—that the power of the Almighty is with them, and that the Bible is their one theme. Said one missionary, who is a graduate of Princeton College, after attending a meeting where these same sailors prayed and sang: "I have never been in such a meeting since coming to China."

Two have recently left the British army to take up the work of distributing the Scriptures among the Chinese. One is now studying in America to become either a foreign or a home missionary, while others are talking of taking the same step. These are but droppings from the spiritual skies, yet they indicate how closely the foreign work is related to the home work, and *vice versa*. The number may be few who are thus willing to bear the reproach and ridicule of their fellows, and yet those who do have courage thus to confess Christ are pure gold, and the faith of these simple believing ones would do credit to many older saints. Said one of them not long since: "If I leave the British service, I shall have recourse to the bank of Heaven in order to prosecute the work that God shall give me to do." And he knows how that "bank" is worked. Blessed are they that can bear testimony to the same experience.

But I meant only to tell you how many of our home missionaries become Christians through the influence of foreign missionaries, and how many go to the foreign field from the home land. Thus the two great missionary societies live and thrive only in the most vital union. Let home missionaries educate for the foreign field, and let not the foreign missionary neglect his kindred and friends in foreign lands, but let him give them the gospel as far as it lies in his power; for the foreign resident in foreign lands affects Christian missions either for weal or woe, and if our coast ports contained none but earnest Christian foreign residents, the missionaries might leave for the more unevangelized heathen districts. But I have trespassed upon your time and patience, and the only excuse I have for writing is, that I was once a Home Missionary, though now laboring in a foreign field. Old loves do not

soon die, and mine has not died for the good old American Home Missionary Society, and my prayer to God is that she may have many more of those who are converted on heathen shores to enter her service.—
Rev. C. R. Hager.

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ROLL OF HONOR.

Year ending April 1st, 1887.

SIXTY-THREE Churches have *resolved to try* and support themselves without further aid from the Society. The Pastors whose names are given were with the Churches at the time of attaining to self-support.

<i>Org.</i>	MISSOURI.	<i>Self-support.</i>
1881	....St. Louis (Hyde Park).....Rev. Alfred K. Wray.....	May 1, 1886
1870	....Meadville....." E. C. W. Hill.....	Nov. 24, "
1882	....Kansas City (Clyde Ch.)....." John H. Williams.....	Jan. 1, 1887
FLORIDA.		
1878	....Jacksonville....." Rev. Sullivan F. Gale...	Aug. 1, 1886
TEXAS.		
1877	....Dallas.....Rev. Cyrus I. Scofield.....	May 11, 1886
MICHIGAN.		
1865	....Leslie.....Rev. William C. Allen.....	June 10, 1886
1872	....Richmond....." John Whalley.....	Aug. 1, "
1839 } 1877 }	....Grandville and Hudsonville.. " George W. Jackman...	Nov. 16. "
1871 } 1866 }	....Allendale and Eastmanville.. " Clarence Finster.....	Dec. 1. "
1871	....Ovid....." Edward Hill.....	Mch. 1, 1887
MINNESOTA.		
1857	....Glencoe.....Rev. Arthur H. Tebbets....	Aug. 1, 1886
1857	....Wabasha... .." Newton T. Blakeslee...Dec. 1, "	
1884	....Minneapolis (Union)." George A. Hood.....	April 1, "
1882	...." (Como Ave.)....." Herbert W. Gleason...	Jan. 1, 1887
1883	....St. Paul (Atlantic)....." George R. Dickinson...Feb. 15, "	
KANSAS.		
1875 } 1871 }	....Brookville and Bavaria.....Rev. Samuel G. Wright.....	May 1, 1886
1869	....Ft. Scott....." H. A. L. King.....	April 1, 1887
1879	....Garden City.. .." Homer Thrall.....	" 1, "
NEBRASKA.		
1871	....Ashland.....Rev. William Leavitt.....	April 1, 1886
1882	....McCook....." George Dungan.....	May 15, "
1880 } 1885 }	....Sutton and Grafton....." Henry Bentz.....	Sept. 1, "
1875	....Friend....." Sidney Strong.....	" 18, "
1869	....Milford....." Samuel G. Lamb.....	Oct. 1. "
1872	....Suton (First Ch.)....." Ephraim H. Baker....	Nov. 10, "
1872	....Steele City....." Edmund Cressman....	" 18, "
1878	....Springfield....." Edwin P. Dada.....	Dec. 1, "

1872	....Kearney.....	Rev. John Askin.....	Jan. 1, 1887
1884	....Neligh.....	“ Alfred F. Marsh.....	“ 1, “
1885	....Bertrand.....	“ Charles H. Huestis.....	April 1, “
1875	....Indianola.....	“ George E. Taylor.....	“ 1, “
1878 } 1881 }	West Point and Wisner.....	“ George C. Hall.....	“ 1, “

NORTH DAKOTA.

1886	Armenia.....	“ Rev. Frank W. Stevens	Oct. 1 1886
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COLORADO.

1882Red Cliff.....	Rev. Jarvis C. Dennis.....	April 1, 1886
1879Manitou.....	“ Charles H. Cook.....	Nov. 1, “

CALIFORNIA.

1885	....Pasadena.....	Rev. Arthur H. Smith.....	May 1, 1886
....	San Diego.....	“ Jas. H. Harwood, D.D.	Mch. 1, 1887
1869	....San Buenaventura.....	“ Thomas D. Murphy....	April 1, “
1875	....San Jose.....	“ Charles W. Hill.....	“ 1, “

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

1877	....Colfax (Plymouth).....	Rev. Thomas W. Walters....	May 15, 1886
1885	....Pullman.....	“ James Davies.....	Dec. 1. “

AUXILIARY STATES.

MAINE.

1743	....Windham.....	Rev. Robert J. Kyle.....	June 1, 1886
1844West Auburn.....	“ Samuel H. Woodrow..	Mar. 1, 1887

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

1772Mason.....	Rev. Hartford P. Leonard..	July 1, 1886
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CONNECTICUT.

1722Tollaud.....	Rev. Charles N. Seymour....	Jan. 1, 1887
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MASSACHUSETTS.

1876Linden.....	Rev. Edmund S. Potter.....	Jan. 1, 1887
1881Beachmont.....	“ Joseph P. Bixby.....	April 1, “

VERMONT.

1806Ludlow.....	Rev. Herman P. Fisher.....	Mar. 1, 1887
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NEW YORK.

1833Oriskany Falls.....	Rev. S. A. Worden.....	April 1, 1887
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ILLINOIS.

1884Villa Ridge.....	Rev. John Gibson.....	April 1, 1887
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WISCONSIN.

1885Washburn.....	Rev. Francis Wrigley.....	Jan. 15, 1887
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IOWA.

1867Independence.....	Rev. John F. Horne.....	April 1, 1886
1886Berwick.....	“ Charles E. Blodgett....	Oct. 1, “
1870 } 1880 }	....Gilman and Newburg.....	“ George M. D. Slocum....	Aug. 1. “
1870	....Cromwell.....	“ Robert W. Janison....	Nov. 1. “
1870	....Anita.....	“ John M. Cummings....	Dec. 1, “
1872	....Emmetsburg.....	“ Oliver P. Champlin....	Jan. 1, 1887
1858	....Polk City.....	“ Robert W. Hughes.....	“ 1, “

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

CO-WORKERS.—The wife and daughters of Rev. E. A. Adams, who has charge of the Bohemian work in Chicago, are his most helpful assistants. In fact, it has been said that “this work could not possibly go on without their help.” As an inspiration to those housekeepers who cannot find time for the monthly missionary meeting, be it known that this busy missionary wife has also the care of a very large family.

On Sunday morning, these helpful co-workers start for the chapel at half-past nine o'clock, returning at half-past four. They would go back in the evening if not forbidden by the husband and father, from considerations of their health. These parents are sometimes troubled with doubts as to the wisdom in permitting their young daughters to devote themselves so exclusively to this work; but when they note how fully their hearts are in it, and how God has prepared them for it, they can only say: “He will care for them in doing it.” After a family discussion one day concerning a very advantageous opening for their father upon another field, Mrs. A. remarked, to test these girls: “It would certainly be very much pleasanter for *you*, than to remain in this work.” All, without a moment's hesitation, refused even to think of such a thing, saying, very decidedly: “But we prefer to be here.”

BOYS' MISSION CIRCLES.—We note with pleasure an increase in the number of applications for aid in organizing and interesting Boys' Mission Circles. Our boys of to-day will be the men in active life, the men of money, influence and power ten years hence. On them we shall then depend for the means to carry on the home missionary work. Let us then take pains to make them intelligent in regard to the great evangelical needs of our country; and while their hearts are tender, and their sympathies susceptible, let us train them in ways of efficient helpfulness. We refer all who wish to do more than they are doing for the cause of Home Missions to an article on “Boys' Home Mission Circles,” in *The Home Missionary* for April, 1886, and we will send that number gratuitously to all who apply for it to the American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, New York city.—*H. M. S.*

MAPS FOR MISSIONARY MEETINGS.—We have received a few applications for a map illustrating our home missionary work. The A. H. M. S. has issued such a map of the whole country: price \$12.50. But for increased intelligence in *State* work, maps of single States are called for. We suggest that our Woman's Home Missionary State Unions take this enterprize in hand, and either by special donation from some generous friend, or by general subscription, issue a large wall map, each

of its own State, having the destitute points in the State clearly indicated. Every Woman's Home Missionary Union should also have one of the maps of the whole country to loan to local societies. This would aid greatly in diffusing a comprehensive understanding of the extent and importance of the work of the national Society.—*H. M. S.*

FROM MISSIONARY WIVES IN DAKOTA.

Your dear letter of sympathy has been received, with surprise, gratitude, and tears. We can hardly realize that we have friends who take so much interest in us. May God bless and richly reward his servants, and give them great joy and peace for their noble efforts in our behalf. God grant that all prayers offered for this new and difficult field may avail much.—*Mrs. C. M. Daley, Willow Lake, Dak.*

It is wonderful how our Father has cared for us thus far step by step. Why do we ever grow faint-hearted, and wonder where our daily bread or raiment is coming from? . . . After the service yesterday, in a depot two miles away from home, we had a sort of inquiry meeting. Every seat was filled. One hard-working woman walked two miles, and brought three children with her, leaving as many more at home. I asked her if she prayed with her dear little family now. She said: "Oh, yes; every day." What a joy to gather such fruit! Several of these people asked for prayers. There are many souls in this lonely spot that ought to be cared for. After meeting we rode home in the old rickety wagon, on a seat without a back, but there was a strong arm about me all the way, and I was safe. At family worship this morning we prayed that we might *be willing* to leave undone the work we cannot do. But we asked even more earnestly that the dear Lord will replenish the home missionary treasury, and send more laborers into the field.—*Mrs. C. Seccombe, Springfield, Dak.*

WE have been having two days of rain accompanied with strong winds. This weather commenced Sunday night. I was so tired, and slept so heavily, I didn't hear it until Mr. D. spoke to me. Then we had to run with pails and boards, for it came pouring into the windows and down the steps into the rooms; for you may remember that we live under the church. I soon dispatched Mr. D. for an augur, and we bored holes to let the water through into the ground. It is a damp time for us just now, but I keep a good fire, and dry out as well as I can, and *long for a house above ground.*

To-day I called at a board shanty three miles out, where one of our flock lives. The shanty is ten by twelve feet, and there are three children in the family. The husband was in the field, and the wife piling

up sods about the place to keep the wind and water out. They are excellent Christian people, and oh! how they do enjoy the reading matter which we can give them, thanks to the dear people who are sending it to us. There is nothing more helpful than the papers thus sent. We received four new members into our church yesterday from the Sunday-school. I gave them the right hand of fellowship for the church. Our Ladies' Society met as usual last week, and we had a full attendance, although the rain was pouring down after the Dakota fashion.

We have had a heart-rending cry for a Sunday-school and preaching in a destitute, depraved neighborhood sixteen miles away. One man has offered Mr. D. fifteen dollars a year if he will go. This man lives in a barn of a house, not plastered; the cracks are large enough to put your hand through. We have found a brother to superintend the Sunday-school, but what shall we do about the preaching? Would that we might multiply ourselves twenty times. Oh, for men and means! May God open the hearts and purses of his people to save our country.

We have a cordon of Sunday-schools clear around our field, and we bless God for the papers and periodicals that are sent to us. I wish you would ask individuals to put their names on the outside of the packages that we may know whom to thank.

Thanks to Secretary Coit, of Boston, and the Norwood Y. P. S. C. E., and a boy's class in Springfield, Mass., and *The Home Missionary*, our Fanny has a barn! It is *dry*, too! I tell Mr. Drake I think we had better move into it. What a miserable old shed she did have! and it was so hard for Mr. D. to harness and unharness out of doors, and pull his hay out of a snow-drift. We are thankful to see signs of warm weather. It has been a hard winter. Our rooms were so cold we couldn't *begin* to keep warm, even with a fire, except when in bed. It has been a little tough, sometimes, to come home from our long rides and have to build a fire, and wait for it to get warm. There! now I'll stop, and warm my fingers, and praise God for our blessings.—*Mrs. A. J. Drake, Iroquois, Dak.*

ROGERS ACADEMY, ARKANSAS.

We are having a very encouraging year. There are twice as many large pupils as last year. Nine school-teachers are attending. One walks four miles to school and back every day. Several walk from two to three miles. The eagerness to learn is phenomenal. I never saw anything like it before. Our greatest need now is a finished building. We have space for ten rooms on the third floor, but no means to finish

them. We could fill them at once with the very best of students. As it is, the influence of the Academy is limited more by lack of facilities for board than all other causes combined. Thirty-five dollars will finish one room. Is there not a Society of young people who would like to finish one room, and name it? . . . Another great need: a cabinet organ.—*Rev. J. W. Scroggs, Principal.*

A GRATEFUL LETTER.

FROM A GERMAN MISSIONARY.—Please allow us to return our sincere thanks for the precious news communicated in your letter that we are to have a box. No such cheering voice have we heard throughout the year, while we have been fighting against Satan, the world, and our own inherent weaknesses, of which the material question, “What shall we eat and wherewithal shall we be clothed?” is not the least. This has often endangered our personal fearlessness in combating the evils around us by keeping us wrapped up too much in temporal cares. But now our hearts are full of joy, and we look confidently toward the future, and are ready to see, and to have others see, nothing but Jesus. We know from experience the Christ-like spirit that prompts the givers of these consecrated boxes. They have been unto us like the ravens that fed Elijah, and without their angel-like mission to us, we should have lost, not our calling and election, but the inspiration to make unto others their calling and election sure. Please accept the assurance that your gift is appreciated more than words can express. Not sinful pride will be the result of receiving your generous donation, and putting it to use, but the deepening of faith and the humiliating conviction that Christ still has his messengers of love, while we thought that no one cared for the self-denial and the taking up of the daily cross which his work demands. We are eagerly expecting the box, even counting the days. Is it sinful to be so impatient? If you could know how happy your letter makes us, you would be exceedingly joyful.

LATER.—We were immensely delighted with your generous donation. This box has once again saved us from bitter wants: and the satisfied countenances of my good wife and children betray the inner feelings of us all, and many a prayer of gratitude finds its expression in appreciation of your bountiful hearts and rich gifts. Every article in the box has not only been greatly needed, but will be put to appropriate use. The overcoat and brown dress and other articles of clothing are so beautiful and luxurious, that we are almost under the impression that *you think nothing too good or too valuable for Christ's poor workers.* Surely He will reward you.—*Missouri.*

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

LETTER NO. 9.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS:—Somebody said to your venerable correspondent the other day, "Look here! anybody can *ask* questions. It is easy enough to sit in your den, and with a few strokes of the pen create a raid among the children upon all the encyclopædias, histories, much-enduring parents and pastors in the land—but what do *you* know about John Huss?" Such a challenge could not, of course, be ignored; and although many of you have gleaned with commendable skill and care, my old eyes have also taken a peep into that strange far-away time, to see if by any chance an additional scrap of interest concerning this remarkable man might be picked up by an after-gleaner—and I find this.

When John Huss was led to the stake to be burned for his love and loyalty to Christ, his enemies placed upon his head a paper crown, illustrated with painted devils. When he saw it he said, "My Lord Jesus Christ for my sake wore a crown of thorns. Why should I not then, for his sake, wear this light crown. Truly I will do it, and that willingly." When it was set upon his head they said, "Now we commit thy soul to the devil." "But I," said Huss, lifting his eyes toward heaven, "do commit my spirit into thy hands, O Lord Jesus Christ! To thee I commend my spirit which thou hast redeemed." And so through the flames he went to be forever with his Lord.

Why have we lingered so long in our questions upon John Huss and the Bohemians? Simply this: "Five hundred years ago Bohemian students used to go to England to learn about the Bible and teach it to their people. Now thousands of Bohemians come to our country to find a home. It is our happy duty to give them teachers and Bibles, and help them get back that true gospel which was taken away from them through long years of agony and blood." This you are now helping to do through your Bohemian Fund.

The wife of Rev. Mr. Adams of Chicago, has meetings with the Bohemian boys in Chicago. Last week a boy fifteen years old asked her to lend him a Bible, saying *he had never seen one!* Think of that, children, in our own country! "How long may I keep it?" said he. "How long do you want it?" asked Mrs. Adams. "Until I have read it through," the boy replied. This lady has promised a Bible to each Bohemian child in the Sunday-school who will recite perfectly the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the 23d, 51st, and 95th Psalms, either in Bohemian or English.

Now for a few "odds and ends." The "Mt. Hermon Band of Boys," at Ware, Mass., have prepared a bright red card, containing

just five words in two lines. "MT. HERMON BAND—HONORARY MEMBER." Whoever pays twenty-five cents for one of these tickets becomes an honorary member of the Band. This wise little plan has already put into their treasury nine dollars.

A SUNDAY-SCHOOL class of boys in Harwinton, Conn., have formed themselves into a "TRY IN EARNEST CLUB." Their teacher is a young lady, and they meet at her home once in two weeks. They raised \$8.25 for the debt of this society.

THE "Willing Workers," Mt. Vernon, Ohio, take your friend, *The Home Missionary*, to their little meetings, and spend some of the time looking up the answers to the "questions" and reading your letters and mine aloud.

AT Harrison, Mich., the young people gather up all the books which can be spared from their homes, and send them west to Sunday-schools which have no libraries. They have supplied two Sunday-schools since Christmas. The writer says, "We feel richer and happier for doing this. Will not others share our enjoyment?"

WE are glad to welcome to our Circle "THE LAMPLIGHTERS," of Hastings, Nebraska. They have been busy with their needles and their songs, and send us *ten dollars* for the good work.

AND here comes California—who begs to add to our list of nationalities (answer 8) the following: "All to be found in California—Finns, Copts, Armenians, Society Islanders, Natives of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Hindoos, Javanese, Peruvians, Chilians and Colombians." Who are the "Colombians"?

ONE of our Circle in Missouri, who was late with her answers to the questions, says that her mamma calls her "Miss Put-offer"! We will hope that in time she may change her name to "Miss Prompt."

My dear girls and boys, will each one of you who kindly writes me a letter please remember to give me your *full address*? This means, your full name, street and number, town and State. I want to answer some very pleasant letters, but do not know where to find the writers.—*Always your friend, The Home Missionary.*

QUESTIONS.

21. What is the name of that good Christian Bohemian who preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people in 1403?
22. Who will tell us something about him?
23. How long were the followers of this good man persecuted on account of their religious belief?
24. What King released them from this persecution?

25. What is the crest of the Prince of Wales? and where did England get that crest?

26. What connection has Queen Victoria with the Bohemians?

27. How many BOHEMIANS and POLES are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries are preaching it to them under Superintendent Schaufliet's care?

28. How many GERMANS are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries are preaching it to them under Superintendent Albrecht's care?

29. How many SCANDINAVIANS are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries are preaching it to them under Superintendent Montgomery's care?

30. Why are there so many people in this country who never hear the gospel preached?

BANNER STATE THIS MONTH.

IN CONTRIBUTIONS—of Home Missionary States, DAKOTA; of Auxiliary States, CONNECTICUT.

IN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AND LETTERS—MICHIGAN.

IN HOME MISSION CIRCLES—OHIO.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 21 AND 22.

FROM MISSOURI.—John Huss was born 1373. His parents bestowed a great deal of care on his education. The word Huss means goose. He derived his name from his native village, Hussinitz. That was the custom of the age. His father died in his boyhood and his mother was very poor. It is supposed that he was helped through the University of Prague by Nicholas, the nobleman of the place. He became priest and preacher in 1400. He read Wickliffe's books and believed them, and preached to the people that they should read the Bible; so he was called "a stiff-necked heretic"; but he did not care, and kept on preaching till they put him in prison. July 6th, 1415, he was burned in Constance, Switzerland. His clothes and his books were all burned.—*Ella E. S.*

JOHN HUSS, was born at Hussinetz about 1373, and burned July 6th, 1415, at Constance. In 1398 he began to give lectures in theology. In 1401 he became president of the faculty of Prague university, and in 1402 was installed a minister. He published a treatise about the pilgrimages to Wilsnack. He preached against the clergy and demanded the despoiling of all useless things in the Church so as to give to the

poor. This excited strong opposition. In 1409 when Sbuike the archbishop burned 200 volumes of Wycliffe, Huss strongly objected to it, and in consequence a commission of doctors condemned the bishop. The cry of heresy was now raised against Huss. He was condemned as a heretic and ordered to quit Prague. He left the city but kept writing books. An outbreak followed in the city, so Huss returned because his followers were victorious. At this time he wrote tracts and published treatises which did a good deal of good. In 1414 he preached to great crowds at Prague. In the same year a council was called and Huss cited to appear before it. The Emperor granted him a safe conduct, so he went to Rome where he was fraternally received by the Pope. But on November 28th he was arrested and imprisoned, and a few days after he was transferred to an island in a lake. An accusation had been drawn up, and the commissioners were appointed to visit him and ask questions and copy answers. Huss asked, but was not allowed to have the assistance of a counsel. After a while he was transferred to the castle of Gottleben heavily chained. He was brought before a council four times. His books were burned as heretical. After the fourth council on July 6th, 1415, he was led forth to an open field and burned. The ashes were thrown into the Rhine and all marks obliterated. He was the greatest of early Bohemian reformers.—*Frank C. II.—Massachusetts.*

EDDIE K.—NEW HAMPSHIRE, gives us similar information concerning this persecuted man, and adds that he preached at the *Bethlehem Chapel*, at Prague. Our friend, Rev. Mr. Schauffler, calls his chapel for the Bohemians in Cleveland "BETHLEHEM CHAPEL," and now we know why. Eddie goes on to say, "John Huss was a pure, spiritual man, and because he preached so earnestly against the vice, falsehood and abuse in the church, he was burnt at the stake, and his ashes strewn on the Rhine."

M-I-C-H-I-L-I-M-A-C-I-N-A-C.

WE hear a great deal about "faith," and children often think of it as some great and wonderful thing which they cannot be expected to understand. Perhaps not, but I always think children *show* a great deal of faith when they put their money into a box or into the teacher's hand, to be taken away, out of their sight. They believe that it will go far away and help some poor child to learn to read and understand and know about the God and Father who gives us faith, and who helps us when we believe.

A long while ago there were two children who learned to have a sort of faith. It was in the days when the part of this country which belonged to us was very small and the rest belonged to the Indians. Now we have taken it away from them. We had, in Boston, a company of men who sent out missionaries in our own country.

The name of one place where the missionaries went to teach the Indians you will find at the top of this writing. They did not use all that long word, but called it MACKINAW, and I dare say you will find it now on your maps. These teachers gathered a school of girls and boys and taught them to read and write in our language, for there were no books in their own. They frequently gave these Indian children names, because their own were often as hard to spell and pronounce as M-I-C-H-I-L-I-M-A-C-I-N-A-C.

This boy and girl were told by their father that if they would go without sugar he would give them the money to educate an Indian boy and girl at Michilimacinac. *Of course* these two children did not drink tea or coffee; they knew better—or their parents did—but they gave up the sugar, even in their milk and water and in other ways. Then they named the Indian boy and girl, and heard that their education had begun; and they had faith—that is they believed about it. They heard about them from time to time, and sent the money every year. Well, those Indian children grew up, and the boy became a good man and a teacher among his people; the young woman also became a Christian, and married a good man, who was already teaching among them.

One day, not so very long ago, somebody found an old letter from her, in which she told about herself and thanked the friends who had helped her when she was a child. She said she was still working for her people. When we enter the Lord's service we enter for life, and our work can only end with our life.—*Esther*.

MISSIONARY BOXES.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.

2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.

3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.

4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise, as "fast freight," by railroad, taking *two* receipts from the Company.

5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of *freight* (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.

6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for *freight*, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in THE HOME MISSIONARY.

7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.

8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding *the name of the place from which it comes*.

9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a *list of contents* to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the *size* of each adult, and the *age and sex* of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.

10. *These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society.* It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

WOMAN'S STATE H. M. ORGANIZATIONS.

New Hampshire Female Cent Institution, org. 1805, Miss Annie A. McFarland, Concord, Sec.	Wisconsin, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead, Sec.
Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. 1872, Mrs. H. L. Chase, Minneapolis, Sec.	North Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Nov., 1883, Miss S. E. Judd, Fargo, Sec.
Nebraska Woman's Home Miss. Association, org. Oct., 1874, Mrs. E. H. Baker, Sutton, Sec.	South Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Sept., 1884, Mrs. W. H. Thrall, Armour, Sec.
Maine, Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, org. June, 1880, Mrs. Levi L. Paine, Bangor, Sec.	Connecticut, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Jan., 1885, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Hartford, Sec.
Michigan, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1881, Mrs. Mary B. Green, Olivet, Sec.	Missouri, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1885, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3100 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Sec.
Kansas, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1881, Mrs. Addison Blanchard, Topeka, Sec.	Illinois, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1885, Mrs. C. H. Taunton, Chicago, Sec.
Ohio, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1882, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin, Sec.	Iowa, The Woman's Home Missionary Union, Org. June, 1886, Miss Ella Marsh, Grinnell, Sec.
New York, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. C. Creegan, Syracuse Sec.	

WOMAN'S FUND FOR FOREIGN WORK.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$4,150 51
Connecticut, Fairfield, \$47; Farmington, \$2; Lakeville, \$44.33; Middletown, \$25; New Haven, \$11; Putnam, \$1; Salisbury, \$43.83; Suffield, \$2.75.....	176 96
Dakota, Lake Henry.....	6 00
Illinois, Rockford.....	57 11
Maine, Bucksport, \$20; Castine, \$4; Dennysville, \$10; Portland, \$20.30; South Paris, \$8.25.....	92 55
Missouri, W. H. M. S.....	46 23
New Hampshire, Atkinson, \$50; Tamworth, \$30.....	80 00
New York, Albany, \$30; Binghamton, \$50; Brier Hill, \$25; Brooklyn, \$85; Fairport, \$77; Hammondsville, \$5; Hartford, \$9; Homer, \$97; Ironville, \$8.30; Madrid, \$10; New York, \$5; Oswego Falls, \$5; Poughkeepsie, \$25; Perry Center, \$25; Riverhead, \$25; Sherburne \$35; Schenectady, \$10, Warsaw, \$22.50; West Groton, \$10.....	558 80
Vermont, Carleton, \$10; Derby Line, \$3; Dorset, \$25; East Corinth, \$50; Manchester, \$50; South Royalton, \$25; Springfield, \$100; St. Johnsbury, \$281.....	536 00
	\$5,674 16

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,456 36
Connecticut, Clinton, \$9.04; Lakeville, \$5; Norwalk, \$1.....	15 04
Dakota, Lake Preston, \$11; Vermillion, \$5.....	16 00
Illinois, Rockford.....	29 10
Massachusetts, Braintree, \$10; Leominster, \$6.20.....	16 30
Michigan, Cheboygan, \$1.50; Kalamazoo, \$2.....	3 50
Minnesota, St. Cloud.....	5 00
	\$1,541 30

HOME MISSION CIRCLES.

[The following Circles have answered the three questions in the "Special Notice" in the March *Home Missionary*.]

- Connecticut.—"Morris Cove Mission Circle," org. 1887. Miss Edith R. Chidsey, New Haven, Sec.
- Massachusetts.—"Young Peoples' Mission Circle," org. 1855. Archie B. Irwin, Gilbertville, Sec.
- "Home Mission Band," org. 1854. Mrs. Lydia N. Ferry, East Hampton, Sec.
- "Mt. Hermon Band of Boys," org. 1837. Mrs. Geo. H. Coney, Ware, Sec.
- "Young Men's Missionary Association," org. 1886. Arthur H. Jameson, Amherst, Sec.
- "Girls' Mission Band," org. 1887. Mrs. G. C. Hall, Ware, Sec.
- "Boys' Mission Band," org. 1887. Mrs. G. C. Hall, Ware, Sec.
- Michigan.—"Boys' Mission Circle," org. 1887. Miss Annie E. Jeffers, Kalamazoo, Sec.
- Minnesota.—"Willing Workers," org. 1885. Mrs. C. T. Norton, Northfield, Sec.
- New Hampshire.—"The Lois Jewett Helpers," org. 1884. Miss Jennie R. Sauborn, Webster, Sec.
- "Light Bearers," org. 1887. Mrs. C. R. Baneroff, Concord, Sec.
- Nebraska.—"The Lamp-lighters," org. 1886. Mrs. William Walters, Hastings, Sec.
- Ohio.—"Willing Workers," org. 1886. Miss Bertie Rowe, Mt. Vernon, Sec.

APPOINTMENTS IN APRIL, 1887.

Not in commission last year.

Clayton, Thomas, Zanesville, Ohio.
 Curry, David, Standish, Mich.
 Curry, Erastus S., Thayer and Curry, Mo.
 Christofferson, G. E., Clinton, Iowa.
 Davies, David E., Curtis, Freeman's Mill, Mt. Pisgah, Hearts Chapel and Smithton, Ark.
 Dyas, J. P., Athol and Frankfort, So. Dak.
 Hall, Luke, Kalamo, Carmel and two out-stations, Mich.
 Hibbard, Augustine G., Hannibal, Mo.
 Lundquist, Carl J., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Meacham, G. M., Denver, Colo.
 Merrill, Miss S. R., Cleveland, Ohio.
 Parker, Hance H., Big Rapids, Mich.
 Penniman, Alfred B., Omaha, Neb.
 Peterson, Mathias, Clear Lake and eight out-stations, No. Wis.
 Shannon, William H., Maple Rapids and East Fulton, Mich.
 Small, Henry E., Stafford and Plevna, Kan.

Re-commissioned.

Barber, Leman N., Lincoln and four out-stations, Cal.
 Brown, George H., McAllister, Beaver, Savanna and vicinity, Ind. Ter.
 Bruechert, F. H. W., Omaha, Neb.
 Bugby, William S., Cheboygan, Mich.
 Burgess, Richard M., Alba and Simons, Mich.
 Campbell, James, Olympia, Kamichie and five out-stations, Wash. Ter.
 Carter, Elijah, Sherburne and Triumph, Minn.
 Chappell, George H., Brownton, Minn.
 Cheadle, Stephen H., East Tacoma, Wash. Ter.
 Chester, Arthur, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Cochran, Albert B., Bangor, Mich.
 Countryman, Asa., Las Vegas, New Mex.
 Cressman, Edmund, Aurora, Neb.
 Dean, Samuel C., South Bend, Neb.
 Dickinson, William G., Webster, So. Dak.
 Dimon, Jacob V., Wymore, Neb.
 Drake, Andrew J., Iroquois, Esmond and two out-stations, So. Dak.
 Edwards, Stephen, Georgetown, New Mex.
 Emerson, Fred. C., Lake Benton and Tyler, Minn.
 Ewing, William, Fargo, No. Dak.
 Fales, Elsha F., Palestine, Texas.
 Fowler, Olin L., Slaughter, White River and Green River, Wash. Ter.
 Fuller, Edgar R., Mannfield, Fla.
 Gaffney, Matthew, Friendship, N. Y.
 Goodwin, Henry F., Spearfish, So. Dak.
 Granger, John L., Canton and vicinity, So. Dak.
 Greene, Samuel, Houghton, Tolt, Melrose, Wood-ville and Bothells, Wash. Ter.

Gridlth, William, Forman, Harlem and Pioneer, No. Dak.
 Haskins, Benjamin F., Galva, Delmore and Good Hope, Kan.
 Hayes, James, Macksville, South Vigo and two out-stations, Ind.
 Herrington, Erastus C., Cedar Springs and Sand Lake, Mich.
 Hibbard, David S., Oneida, Kan.
 Hobart, Miss Clara, Cleveland, O.
 Howell, James, Bala and out-stations, Kan.
 Hughson, Simeon S., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Hull, Irvine T., Talmage, Neb.
 Ives, Joseph B., Nickerson, Kan.
 Jones, D. Sebastian, Lucas and Washington, O.
 Jones, William C., Frostburg, Md.
 Jose, Emanuel, Scotland and six out-stations, So. Dak.
 Kerr, Robert, Wakefield, Kan.
 Lindsay, George, Coupeville, Wash. Ter.
 Mathews, Robert J., Hamilton, Mo.
 Morgan, David W., Detroit, Lakeview and Audubon, Minn.
 Olmstead, Charles, Oswego Falls, N. Y.
 Page, Charles E., Fergus Falls, Minn.
 Page, Henry P., Gaylord and Twelve Mile, Kan.
 Partridge, Lewis C., Longwood and West Longwood, Fla.
 Pearson, T. J., Elmdale, Kan.
 Pinkerton, William B., Henry and vicinity, So. Dak.
 Phillips, John H., Los Angeles and East Los Angeles, Cal.
 Plack, George W., Closter, N. J.
 Prior, Isaac R., Park City, Utah.
 Schaerer, John, Crete and Highland, Neb.
 Shaw, George W., Ashton, So. Dak.
 Sims, Thomas, Valley City, Oriska and out-stations, No. Dak.
 Smith, Henry H., White Cloud, Mich.
 Smith, James M., Ortonville, Minn.
 Stickney, Edwin H., Harwood, Bethel and Caledonia, No. Dak.
 Taggart, Charles E., St. Ignace, Mich.
 Taylor, Hcrace J., Fidalgo Island and Erie School district, Wash. Ter.
 Thng, M. J. P., Linwood, Neb.
 Thomas, Ozro A., John's River, Wynooche and Aberdeen, Wash. Ter.
 Tomlinson, Joseph A., Sylvan Lake, Fla.
 Walton, Richard C., Highmore and two out-stations, So. Dak.
 Waters, Otis B., Benzonia and Homestead, Mich.
 Watson, William H., Valley Springs and Larchwood, So. Dak.
 Webber, Edwin E., De Soto, Mo.
 Wiggins, Aaron W., Anson and Athens, Mo.

RECEIPTS IN APRIL, 1887.

MAINE—\$255,25.

Anburn, High Street Cong. Ch., by Rev. F. S. Root.....	\$7 00
Bangor, Willing Workers of the Central Ch., by B. Sewall.....	25 00
Bath, Y. P. S. C. E. of the Winter Street Ch., for the Debt, by G. I. Mitchell...	10 00

Cumberland Center, by Rev. E. S. Jordan.....	\$17 00
Cumberland Mills, Warren Ch., of which for Debt, \$25; by Rev. E. M. Cousins, to const. F. A. Verrill a L. M. Lewiston, Pine Street Ch., by C. Greenwood.....	82 00
Newcastle, Second, by Rev. C. D. Crane	70 00

Orono, by Rev. C. B. Wathen.....	\$24 25	Northampton, Edwards Ch. Sunday-school, by S. E. Bridgman.....	\$117 00
Woodfords, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by J. H. Clark.....	10 00	B.....	5 60
NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$202.15; of which Legacy, \$25.00.			
Canaan, A Friend.....	40	Norton, Ladies' Miss. Soc., add'l, by Rev. J. P. Lane.....	10 00
Dover, First, by J. H. Wheeler.....	70 02	Orleans, Y. P. S. C. E., of Cong. Ch., for the Debt, by Miss Mary E. Hopkins.....	10 25
Gorham, Rev. G. F. Wright, for the Debt.....	1 00	Oxford, by O. F. Joshi.....	7 00
Hampton, Cong. Sunday-school, for the Debt, by S. Toule.....	4 45	Pawtucket Falls, Lowell, E. M. H.....	25 00
Hanover, A Friend.....	10 00	Peabody, Young People's Soc. of the West Cong. Ch., for the Debt, by Miss Ruth S. Mugford.....	2 50
Keene, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by W. A. Clifford.....	10 00	Pelham, Cong. Chapel Club, for the Debt, by Nelie M. Shores.....	21 00
Kingston, by B. E. Helme.....	17 87	Princeton, Sunday-school, for the Debt, by Rev. A. L. Love.....	25 00
Lisbon, for the Debt, by Mary R. Cummings.....	6 87	Rockville, Ch., \$3.03; Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, \$1.02, by Rev. J. W. Colwell.....	4 05
Nashua, Pilgrim, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Carrie C. Barker.....	40 00	Sandwich, Mrs. R. B. Card, for the Debt, by Rev. J. B. King.....	1 00
A Friend.....	3 00	South Amherst, by C. W. Shaw.....	5 55
Newport, Legacy of Lydia P. Wilcox, by C. A. Silsby, adm.....	25 00	South Egremont, Legacy of Matilda Ann Wilcox, by G. V. L. Wilcox, Ex.....	130 00
North Hampton, by E. Gove.....	13 54	Springfield, South Ch. Sunday school, for the Debt, by A. F. Cowles.....	225 10
VERMONT—\$192.20; of which Legacy, \$30.00.			
Bethel, Ch. \$12 09; Y. P. S. C. E., for Debt, \$4.85, by Rev. E. S. Fisk.....	15 94	"A Thank-offering".....	100 00
Boston Landing, by M. A. Gates.....	5 25	Ware, M. A. Barlow, In Memoriam.....	20 00
Brookfield, Second Ch., by M. Peck.....	12 33	Wellesley, Mary A. Stevens, for the Debt.....	10 00
Castleton, Woman's H. M. Soc., for Woman's Dept., by Mrs. M. K. Adams.....	10 00	Whately, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by H. A. Wilder.....	26 50
Chester, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by J. Cowan.....	11 50	RHODE ISLAND—\$67.50.	
Cornwall, by Rev. M. C. Stebbins.....	25 45	Pawtucket, Y. P. S. C. E., Park Place Ch., for the Debt, by F. O. Bishop.....	17 00
Hartford, Y. P. S. C. E., add'l for the Debt, by Rev. S. I. Briant.....	1 00	Providence, Beneficent Cong. Sunday-school, for the Debt, by W. P. Chapin.....	50 00
Jamaica, Mrs. Ella J. Robinson, to const. her a L. M.....	50 00	Tiverton, Ann E. Brown, for the Debt.....	30
Middlebury, First Annual Instalment from Estate of the late Buel Preston, by E. C. Severance, Ex.....	30 00	CONNECTICUT—\$1,488.85; of which Legacy, \$500.00.	
Rochester, for the Debt, by J. T. Hubbard.....	9 85	Miss. Soc. of Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec. for the Debt.....	108 00
St. Johnsbury, East, Co., for the Debt, by J. F. Witting.....	4 51	Received by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Sec. Woman's Home Miss. Union of Conn.: Hartford, First Ch. Sunday-school, special.....	\$15 00
Townshend, special coll. for the Debt, by H. A. Goodland.....	6 32	Torrington, Ladies' H. M. Soc.....	22 00
MASSACHUSETTS—\$5,678.39; of which Legacy, \$130.00.			
Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.....	4,500 00	Broad Brook, by S. B. Adams.....	8 25
Amesbury, Maine Street Ch., by C. F. Hovey.....	11 33	Cheshire, Rev. J. B. Stodard.....	5 00
Andover, Rev. B. F. Mills, to const. him a L. M.....	50 00	Clinton, Cong. Sunday-school, for the Children's Bohemian fund, by J. M. Wellman.....	9 04
Belchertown, add'l, by Rev. P. W. Lyman.....	25	Colebrook, Ch., by J. M. Grant.....	22 04
Boston, H. M. Assoc., by Mrs. H. H. Proctor, Treas.....	183 33	Collinsville, by L. S. Heath.....	49 25
C. D. M.....	1 00	Coventry, First, by J. S. Morgan.....	27 20
Braintree, Miss Sarah H. Thayer, in full, to const. Mrs. Sarah D. Gage a L. M., special.....	20 00	Durham, First, by H. G. Newton.....	10 47
Infant Sunday-school Easter offering, for Children's Bohemian fund, by Miss Sarah H. Thayer.....	10 00	East Avon, by Rev. N. J. Seeley.....	16 00
Brockton, Y. P. S. C. E., First Ch., for the Debt, by M. S. Gurney.....	5 00	Farmington, by Dea. H. D. Hawley, to const. Miss Anna Y. Barbour a L. M., by F. C. Ives.....	171 88
Campello, South Ch., for the Debt, by Mary K. Keith.....	30 60	Greens Farms, by S. B. Sherwood.....	25 33
Carlisle, by Mrs. W. B. Chamberlin.....	6 00	Groton, by A. J. McLeod, to const. Mrs. Bessie W. Copp a L. M.....	64 00
Groton, Union Orthodox Ch., for the Debt, by Miss M. P. Joy.....	25 00	Hadlyme, Ch., \$9; R. E. Hungerford, \$5; J. W. Hungerford, \$3, by R. E. Hungerford.....	19 00
Haydenville, Young People of the Cong. Ch., for the Debt, by N. F. Smith.....	20 83	Lakeville, Mrs. M. H. Williams and Miss Mary Cleveland, for Children's Bohemian fund.....	5 00
Hopkinton, add'l, by Rev. P. B. Wing.....	35 10	Meriden, Miss Mary A. Hall.....	5 00
Lakeville, Two Friends.....	2 00	Milford, First Ch. of which for Debt, \$50, by W. D. Platt.....	69 15
Longmeadow, The Young Helpers Mission Circle, by Mrs. J. H. Goldthwait.....	17 00	New Haven, Y. P. S. C. E., of the College Street Ch., for the Debt.....	21 92
Monterey, Ch. Y. P. S. C. E., and Birthday gifts, by Dea. J. Townsend.....	16 00	A Friend, for the Debt.....	2 00
		New London, add'l, for the Debt, by Rev. J. G. Johnson, D.D.....	1 00
		Norwalk, Shelton Bissel, for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	1 00
		Plainfield, First, by N. P. Bishop.....	19 00
		Salisbury, Woman's H. M. Soc., for	

Woman's Dept., by Mrs. W. H. Williams.....	\$43 83	by Rev. Dr. Taylor, \$300; Mrs. Parker, \$100; Mrs. Josian M. Fisk, to const. her a L. M., \$50; R. K. B., \$10; W. Abbott, \$1.....	\$461 00
Sharon, by Rev. J. R. Bourne.....	91 74	Nineveh, A Friend.....	100 00
Southbury, by S. Tuttle.....	10 25	North Java, by Rev. J. H. Mallows.....	5 24
Southington, A Friend.....	25 00	North Walton, by W. M. Hoyt.....	11 90
South Windsor, S. T. Wolcott, by S. E. Elmore.....	20 00	Poughkeepsie, Mrs. E. M. Orton, for the Debt.....	5 00
Thomaston, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of the First, by Mrs. G. C. Gilbert.....	25 00	Salamanca, by Rev. G. E. Sopher.....	11 50
Thompsonville, Alice T. Allen.....	5 40	Sherburne, Legacy of Mrs. Melissa S. Bicknell, by H. G. Newton.....	1,000 00
Unionville, Ch., \$15.50; Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, \$30.75, by Martha Richards.....	46 25	Spencerport, Ch., \$32.65; Y. P. S. C. E., the Debt, \$7.35, in full to const. J. C. Brigham a L. M., by Rev. C. N. Fitch	40 00
Wapping, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by G. A. Collins.....	16 50	Utica, Bethesda Welsh Ch., by W. W. George.....	5 00
West Cornwall, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by C. D. Pratt.....	18 50	Walton, First, add'l, by G. W. Fitch...	2 00
West Hartford, Legacy of Miss Cynthia C. Selden, by H. Talcott, Ex.....	500 00	NEW JERSEY—\$67.94.	
Wethersfield, by S. F. Willard, for the Debt.....	12 00	Jersey City, by Rev. N. M. Sherwood..	17 94
Winthrop, Friends.....	2 00	Orange Valley, Mrs. Lovell Mason, Sen., by John Wiley.....	60 60
NEW YORK—\$3,257.21; of which Legacy, \$1,000.00.			
Received by Rev. C. C. Creegau:			
Oxford.....	\$40 00	PENNSYLVANIA—\$209.34.	
E. L. Corbin.....	50 00	Aldeu, by Rev. D. J. Jones.....	4 25
Utica, Plymouth Ch.....	52 75	Bangor, by Rev. J. Williams.....	5 00
Watson, G. O. Mead.....	5 00	Catasauqua, Welsh Ch., by Rev. D. D. Thomas.....	7 81
147 75		East Smithfield, by A. O. Tracy.....	15 00
Received by Mrs. L. H. Cobb,			
Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:		Mercer, Cong. Ch., by G. T. Sykes and C. S. Burwell, Com.....	166 35
Hammondsville, Woman's Aux.	\$8 30	Pittston and Exeter, by Rev. S. B. Cooper.....	3 83
Homer, by Mrs. Coleman		Ridgeway, Sunday-school, by J. D. Bell.....	7 10
Hitchcock.....	10 00	MARYLAND—\$10.00.	
Ironville, Woman's Aux.....	5 00	Baltimore, Mrs. Susan D. Metcalf's Miss. Box.....	5 00
Madrid, Ladies' Aux.....	10 00	Frostburg, W. C. Jones.....	5 00
New York City, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of Pilgrim Ch., special.....	50 00	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$46.53.	
Oswego Falls, Woman's Aux., special.....	5 00	Washington, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of the First Ch., by Miss L. Patterson, of which special, \$25.....	46 53
Perry Center, Mrs. C. W. Butler.....	25 00	WEST VIRGINIA—\$7.88.	
Schenectady, Ch. and Sunday-school, \$40; Ladies' Miss. Soc., \$15, special, by Rev. J. H. Munsell.....	55 00	Huntington, by G. Martin.....	7 88
Sherburne, Ladies' Aux.....	35 00	ARKANSAS—\$2.05.	
West Groton, Young Ladies' Miss. Circle, for Womau's Dept.....	10 00	Curtis, by Rev. P. E. Davies.....	2 05
213 30		FLORIDA—\$62.17.	
Aquebogue, by C. F. Wells.....	10 00	Daytona and Port Orange, by Rev. C. M. Bingham.....	25 00
Brooklyn, South Ch., by J. Crowell.....	150 00	Interacuen, by Rev. J. McKean.....	7 50
Stuyvesant Avenue Ch., by B. Linikin	11 50	Longwood and West Longwood, by Rev. L. C. Partridge.....	8 67
Plymouth Ch., of which \$50 from W. B. Boorum, to const. him a L. M., by S. V. Waite.....	595 02	Meade, by C. F. Marsh.....	9 00
Central Cong. Sunday-school, special.....	67 32	Pensacola, W. C. Suenker.....	5 00
Sunday-school of the Ch. of the Covenant, by W. F. Schmidt.....	10 00	Tavares and Lone Park, by Rev. R. T. Hall.....	7 00
Useful Workers, Rochester Avenue Ch., by Dr. J. G. Roberts.....	10 00	INDIAN TERRITORY—\$3.00.	
Miss Sarah Fiske, by G. C. Ripley.....	100 00	Doaksville, by Rev. A. Gross.....	3 00
New Lots Ch., by W. Macdonald.....	30 85	NEW MEXICO—\$5.50.	
Buffalo, by Rev. A. L. Smalley.....	10 00	San Rafael, by Rev. J. P. Salazar.....	2 00
Carthage, by Rev. G. B. Rowley.....	12 00	White Oaks, by Rev. R. E. Lund.....	3 50
Coventryville, Y. P. S. C. E., of Cong. Ch., by Rev. A. Caldwell.....	13 00	OHIO—\$799.25.	
Crown Point, Second, by J. A. Penfield.	20 00	Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser:	
Elington, by Rev. A. W. Taylor.....	3 00	Hudson, by Miss E. E. Metcalf.....	\$11 96
Gaines, by G. D. Ward.....	12 50	Jefferson, by E. J. Betts.....	6 54
Gloversville, Ch., by J. O. Karker.....	38 00	Lorain, Miss H. A. Burgelt, by Rev. A. D. Barber.....	1 00
Hamilton, by O. S. Campbell.....	25 00	Plain, by W. H. Minton.....	6 50
Homer, Cong. Sunday-school, by C. A. Skinner.....	25 00	Unionville, by A. S. Hardy.....	8 66
Howells, by W. E. Mapes.....	8 50	Wakeman, special coll.....	7 00
Jamestown, First, \$50; Y. P. S. C. E., \$8, for the Debt, by Rev. E. C. Hall, to const. Rev. Henry Frank a L. M.....	58 00	— 41 66	
Lenox, Mrs. A. H. D. Johnson in full, to const. her a L. M.....	30 00	Chagrin Falls, by Rev. R. W. Walters.	10 65
Little Valley, by Rev. J. H. McKee.....	13 80	Young People's S. C., for the Debt, by Rev. O. D. Fisher.....	9 00
New York City, Rev. Samuel Colcord,		Cleveland, Jennings Avenue Ch., by W. J. Sheppard.....	100 00

Elyria, First Ch., of which from Heman Ely, \$250; \$433; Sunday-school, \$40, by H. Ely.....	\$473 00
Huntsburg, Sunday-school, \$10; Mrs. Lucy Strong's Bible class for the Debt, \$5, by L. G. Strong.....	15 00
Lodi, by Geo. Burr.....	4 90
Lucas and Worthington, by Rev. D. S. Jones.....	26 10
Oberlin, First, by H. G. Husted.....	96 34
Riverside, by R. L. Read.....	15 00
Rollersville and West Millgrove, by Rev. J. E. Thompson.....	7 60

INDIANA—\$49.92.

Received by Rev. L. P. Rose:	
East Gilead.....	\$2 20
Macksville.....	2 81
Olive.....	4 35
Solsberry.....	1 10
Terre Haute, Womans' H. M. Soc.....	10 00
Central and Mauckport, by Rev. J. Trueblood.....	3 50
Terre Haute, Cong. Sunday-school, by F. L. Paige.....	10 46
Young Ladies of Cong. Ch., by Sadie M. Gilbert.....	15 50

ILLINOIS—\$272.00.

Chicago, A Friend, special.....	240 00
East Paw Paw, A Friend.....	3 00
Freeport, L. A. Warner.....	25 00
Lancaster, Mary C. Peters.....	10
Wethersfield, Mrs. A. B. Kellogg.....	3 90

MISSOURI—\$298.50.

Received by Mrs. H. A. Brown, Treas. Woman's H. M. Soc.:	
Lebanon, L. H. M. S.....	\$11 00
Meadville, L. H. M. S.....	5 00
Missouri, W. H. M. S.....	10 00
St. Louis, L. H. M. S., First Ch. \$12; Young Ladies' Soc., \$42.....	54 00
Webster Groves, L. H. M. S.....	5 00
Kansas City, Ch., \$42.75; Sunday-school, \$42.75; Young People, \$50, by J. F. Dowling.....	135 50
By E. A. Fussell.....	50 00
Kidder, by Rev. J. M. Bowers.....	13 00
Lenhart, by Rev. C. M. Schwarzauer.....	2 00
St. Louis, Rev. F. C. Woodward.....	5 00
Verdella, by Rev. R. T. Marlow.....	8 00

MICHIGAN—\$1,079.31.

Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas. Woman's H. M. Soc. of Mich.:	
Alba, Women of the Ch.....	\$2 00
Alpena, W. H. M. Mite Boxes.....	34 20
Ann Arbor, W. H. M. S.....	27 00
Benton Harbor, Mite Boxes.....	17 17
Benzonia, Mrs. O. B. Waters.....	5 00
Berryville, Mrs. J. G. Berry.....	2 00
Calumet, W. H. M. S. and Mite Boxes.....	77 33
Cheboygan, Sunday-school, for Children's Bohemian fund.....	1 50
Clare, Ladies' Union Mite Boxes.....	5 00
Cooper, W. H. and F. M. S.....	9 00
Detroit, Mrs. E. D. White.....	2 00
Dundee, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Edmore, Pine Tree Mission Band.....	1 78
Essexville, Quarterly coll.....	4 00
Flint, W. H. M. S.....	20 00
Grand Rapids, Second, W. M. S. Park Ch., L. M. S. \$23; Mite Box Coll., \$21.61.....	44 61
Greenville, W. H. M. Mite Boxes.....	20 12
Hancock, W. H. M. S. and Mite Boxes.....	37 67
Hartford, W. H. M. S. and Mite Boxes.....	4 00
Highland Station, W. H. M. S.....	4 83

Hopkins, Second, Sunday-school, for the Debt.....	\$5 00
Irving, One cent pledges of Six Ladies.....	3 12
Ithaca, Mite Boxes of W. M. S.....	5 10
Lainsburg, A Friend.....	1 00
Lansing, A Friend.....	10 00
Mason, Mrs. K. L. Basset.....	1 00
Maitawan, W. H. M. S.....	12 00
Mecosta, W. H. M. S.....	14 00
Midleville, W. H. M. S.....	1 50
Nashville, W. H. M. S., \$4.20; Mite Boxes, \$4.28.....	8 48
Olivet, L. A. S.....	10 00
Pledges of the Young Ladies of Young Ladies' Hall.....	12 00
Onokama, W. M. L. Mite Boxes.....	11 45
Onondaga, Ladies in the Ch.....	66
Pierpont, In response to Christmas Greetings.....	1 50
Reed City, W. H. M. S. Mite Boxes.....	20 80
Rondo, Women of the Ch.....	7 00
St. Ignace, Children's Mission Band.....	1 60
St. Joseph, L. M. S., \$13.50; for the Debt, \$5; Busy Bees, \$5.....	23 50
Sand Beach, Mrs. C. S. Nims.....	5 00
Stanton, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Three Oaks, W. H. M. S.....	11 00
Traverse City, Home and Benev. Soc. Mite Boxes.....	10 00
Vicksburg, W. H. M. S.....	4 00
Wolverine, Pledges of a few Ladies.....	2 00

Received by Rev. L. Warren:

Ada, First.....	\$7 00
Alpena.....	58 50
Alpine and Walker.....	19 00
Calumet, A Friend.....	20 00
Cannon.....	4 00
Clinton.....	3 85
Cooper.....	14 22
Covert, Y. P. S. C. E.....	75
Delta.....	5 63
Dexter.....	6 50
Frankfort.....	6 08
Hamburg.....	5 00
Irving.....	6 42
Olivet.....	78 19
Pontiac, Ch., \$27.50; Sunday-school, \$15; Merry Gleaners, \$10.....	52 50
Roscommon.....	1 00
Royal Oaks.....	5 15
Three Oaks.....	25 00
Vermontville.....	67 00
Pastors' Bible class.....	3 50
Wacousta.....	14 92

Ann Arbor, First, by R. Campbell.....	404 21
Bangor, by Rev. A. B. Cochran.....	69 25
Bellaire and Central Lake, by Rev. H. A. Kerns.....	2 00
Big Rapids, by Rev. H. H. Parker.....	4 48
Breckenridge, by Rev. A. A. Wall.....	15 00
Cedar Springs and Sand Lake, by Rev. E. C. Herrington.....	10 28
Chelsea, Cong. Sunday-school, by E. G. Hoag.....	9 00
Hersey, by Rev. T. A. Porter.....	5 05
Highland Station, by Rev. S. E. Lincoln.....	5 00
Horton's Bay, \$1.40; Hayes, 75c., by Rev. J. F. Crane.....	5 00
Kalamazoo, A class of little boys in the Cong. Sunday-school, for Children's Bohemian fund, by Annie E. Jeffers.....	2 15
Manistee, by Rev. C. G. Bundquist.....	2 00
Pentwater, by Rev. L. F. Waldo.....	2 00
Sheridan, by Rev. A. H. Cladin.....	11 50
Bloomer.....	10 00

WISCONSIN—\$43.55.

Received by Rev. G. A. Hood:	
Bloomer.....	\$6 00

Clear Lake.....	\$2 55	
		\$8 55
Kenosha, Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by H. M. Baldwin.....	10 00	
Milwaukee, S. Y. L.....	25 00	
IOWA—\$69.25.		
Algona, Mrs. M. H. Carter.....	10 00	
Downey, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Goodrich, to const. O. H. Brainerd a L. M.....	50 00	
Keokuk, by Rev. J. Wenstrand.....	4 25	
Webster City, Ladies' Cong. Miss. Soc., by Mrs. O. C. Donaldson.....	5 00	

MINNESOTA—\$516.56.		
Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:		
Elk River, Union Ch.....	\$4 66	
High Forest, by P. M. Tuttle.....	10 00	
Mantorville, by C. W. Cushman.....	16 00	
Minneapolis, Plymouth Ch.....	90 00	
Pilgrim Gleasers.....	20 00	
Zumbrota, Sunday-school, by Lettie A. Rogers.....	9 29	
		149 95

Woman's Minn. H. M. Soc., by Mrs. J. N. Cross, Treas.:		
Clearwater.....	\$8 28	
Elk River.....	6 00	
Excelsior.....	4 13	
Hamilton.....	7 00	
Minneapolis, Plymouth, W. H. M. S.....	42 00	
A Friend.....	100 00	
Northfield, Willing Workers.....	14 54	
Paynesville.....	3 00	
St. Cloud, Busy Bees, for Chil- dren's Bohemian fund.....	5 00	
St. Paul, Park Ch., W. M. S.....	25 00	
Waseca.....	18 57	
		233 57

Ada, by Rev. S. Stone.....	17 00	
Aitkin, by Rev. A. J. Hayner.....	3 00	
Center Chain and Fairmount, by Rev. J. H. Nason.....	7 50	
Dassel, by Rev. S. M. Bronson.....	2 00	
Glyndon, by Rev. C. W. Bird.....	8 32	
Loving daughter, 12 Memoriam.....	25	
A Thank-offering, Mrs. S. N. Millard.....	25	
Hancock and Lake Emily, by Rev. E. N. Ruddoek.....	2 50	
Hawley, by Rev. O. M. Smith.....	7 43	
Minnesota, A Friend.....	25	
Owatonna, Ch., \$22.93; Young People's Soc., \$20; Sunday-school, \$3.18, by I. W. Burch, for the Debt.....	46 11	
Plainview, by J. H. Davis, Jr.....	12 18	
Rose Creek and Lyle, by Rev. J. S. Rounce.....	1 00	
Rushford, by Rev. W. W. Snell.....	6 75	
Stephen, by Rev. W. Steele.....	5 00	
Stillwater, by Rev. J. H. Albert.....	3 50	
Walnut Grove, by Rev. G. H. Smith.....	2 00	
Wiscoy, by Rev. R. W. Harlow.....	3 00	
Worthington, Union Cong. Sunday- school, by G. O. Moore.....	5 00	

KANSAS—\$265.20.		
Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.:		
Kansas, Woman's H. M. Soc.....	\$10 00	
Oswego.....	5 00	15 00
Almena, by Rev. H. H. Avery.....	5 00	
Ash Rock, New Harmony and Mount Ayr, by Rev. R. S. Osborn.....	8 50	
Blue Rapids, by Rev. E. Skinner.....	6 00	
Carbondale, \$4.41; Ladies' Miss. Soc., \$10; Ridgeway, \$2.84, by Rev. M. J. Morse.....	17 25	
Cawker City, by Rev. T. A. Humphrey.....	14 75	
Cheney, by Rev. J. H. Lippard.....	10 00	
Chetopa, M. E. Pinkerton, for the Debt. Clear Creek, \$2; Onaga, \$1.50, by Rev. J. J. Wilson.....	2 00	3 50

Dry Creek, by Rev. H. Rees.....	\$5 00
Dunlap, by Rev. G. P. Claffin.....	7 50
Elmdale, by Rev. T. J. Pearson.....	16 45
Endora, Josie Anderson.....	1 00
Fairview, by Rev. L. M. Bonnett.....	5 00
Heber, by Rev. C. B. Messer.....	3 00
Hill City, by Rev. N. R. George.....	2 00
Loungton and Elk Falls, by Rev. H. H. Gilchrist.....	2 10
Manhattan, Mrs. Mary Parker, by Rev. R. D. Parker.....	60 00
Topeka, Students of Washburn College, by A. R. Harper.....	2 05
Udall, by B. F. Baker.....	1 00
Wabansee, First Ch. of Christ.....	1 75
Wakefield, by Rev. R. Kerr.....	8 00
White City, by Rev. W. D. Webb.....	18 35
Wichita, by Rev. J. H. Parker.....	50 00

NEBRASKA—\$461.01.

Received by Rev. J. L. Malle:	
Albion.....	\$21 00
Camp Creep, by G. F. Lee.....	8 65
Fairfield, by Rev. C. E. Har- wood.....	50 00
Omaha, First, by J. E. Wilbur.....	30 80
Potter, by C. Anderson.....	5 00
Clay Center, by N. M. Moulton.....	6 50
Freemont, add'l, by Rev. L. F. Barry.....	50
Hastings, by Rev. W. Walters.....	67 75
Omaha, First, by J. E. Wilbur, \$100; W. Fleming, \$25.....	125 60
Second, by S. Burns.....	5 00
Wilcox, by Rev. J. W. Hadden.....	50
	320 70
Chadron, by Rev. H. Bross.....	13 05
Crete and Highland, by Rev. J. Schaeer- er.....	4 62
Culbertson and Osborne, by Rev. J. Ar- nold.....	4 00
De Witt and Plymouth, by Rev. D. E. Hathaway.....	10 00
Elk City, by Rev. J. N. Zimmer.....	7 50
Hemingford, by Rev. N. E. Gardner.....	4 00
McCook, by Rev. W. Suess.....	34 50
Naponee, by Rev. W. Woolman.....	1 14
Ogallala, Ch. Easter offering, by Dea. E. Cooper.....	4 00
Red Cloud, by Rev. M. C. Butler.....	15 00
Spring Creek, by Rev. P. Weidmann.....	2 50
Wahoo, by Rev. A. A. Cressman.....	40 00

NORTH DAKOTA—\$32.81.

Forman, by Rev. W. Griffith.....	2 50
Fort Abercrombie, by Rev. W. Edwards.....	5 00
Grand Forks, by Rev. A. L. Gillett.....	59 09
Sanborn, \$3; Dazey, \$2; A Thank-offer- ing, \$5, by Rev. J. W. Donaldson.....	10 00
Valley City and Oriska, by Rev. T. Sims.....	6 22

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$120.09.

Armour, by Rev. W. H. Thrall.....	8 04
Bowdle, by Rev. W. Macready.....	5 00
Cresbard, W. H. M. S., for the Debt, by Mrs. C. G. Black.....	2 50
Fire Steele, W. H. M. Soc., by Mrs. C. G. Black.....	2 00
Highmore, Rev. R. C. Walton and wife Huron, by Rev. A. Wurr Schmidt.....	2 50
Iroquois, W. H. M. S., by Mrs. C. G. Black.....	5 17
Lake Henry, Ladies Aid Soc., for Wo- man's Dept., by Rev. F. G. Appleton.....	5 00
Lake Preston, for Children's Bohemian Fund, by Rev. A. H. Robbins.....	6 00
Mitchell, by Rev. C. W. Wurr Schmidt.....	11 00
Plankton, Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. C. G. Black.....	1 00
Springfield, by Rev. C. Seccombe.....	13 00
Templeton, by Rev. S. F. Huntley.....	4 88
Vermillion, Sunday-school, for Chil- dren's Bohemian fund, by Mrs. C. G. Black.....	19 00
Vermillion, Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. C. G. Black.....	5 00
	15 00

Watertown, by Rev. H. D. Wiard.....	\$10 09	South Ch., by W. H. M. Union, box, barrel and freight.....	\$230 26
Yankton, Caroline M. Hyde, for the Debt.....	5 00	Kent, Ct., Ladies' Sew. Soc. by Mrs. John Hopson, barrel and freight.....	54 42
COLORADO—\$481.65.		Middletown, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by C. M. Bacon, barrel and freight.....	85 00
Breckenridge, by Rev. J. B. Hewitt....	7 65	Morris, Ct., The "Gleaners" and other friends, by Rev. Edwin Leonard, barrel and freight.....	77 00
Canon City, F. A. Raynolds.....	41 00	New Haven, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mary E. Bennett, three boxes and freight.....	750 20
South Pueblo, by Rev. R. B. Wright...	3 00	Providence, R.I., Ladies' H. M. S. of First Ch. by Mrs. E. R. Wadhams, box and freight	165 00
UTAH—\$1.00.		Randolph, Mass., Mrs. William Porter, box.	
Salt Lake City, Anna Baker.....	1 00	Waterbury, Ct., Ladies' Union of Second Ch., by Mrs. G. C. Hill, box, cash and freight.....	65 00
CALIFORNIA—\$978.95.		Worcester, Mass., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Union Ch., by Mrs. E. H. Vail, barrel and freight.....	125 00
Received by J. S. Hutchinson, Finan- cial Agent:		<i>Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary So- ciety in April, by Rev. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.</i>	
Grass Valley.....	\$115 90	Abington, First, by E. M. Nash.....	\$30 38
Edward Coleman.....	500 09	Amherst, Rev. L. P. Hickok, D.D.....	150 00
Oakland, Plymouth Ave. Ch.	11 20	Andover, Ballardvale, by Rev. S. Bowker, Debt.....	5 50
Santa Barbara, C. P. Low,	110 00	Augusta, Maine, A friend, Debt.....	10 00
Treas.....	20 00	Ayer, by Levi Wallace.....	20 29
Woman's Miss. Soc. of Cong Ch.	20 00	Beverly, Dane St., three Children.....	10 00
	737 10	Boston, C. A. S., to const. Mrs. Helen F. Aldrich L. M. of A. H. M. S.....	100 00
Berkley, by Rev. W. F. Bickford.....	6 00	Coin of gold.....	15 00
Corralitos, by Rev. O. K. Ross.....	3 00	Mrs. Susan Collins.....	10 00
Edgemont and Eagle Rock, by Rev. E. Cash.....	17 00	Estate of Catherine P. A. Lillie, by Gor- ham Rogers, adm.....	400 00
Fresno, by Rev. J. S. Voorhees.....	25 00	Rev. Geo. F. Stanton, to const. John H. Buttrick L. M.....	30 00
Fairock, by Rev. J. H. Warren.....	6 05	Chailestown, Winthrop, by Geo. S. Poole.....	138 52
Los Angeles, Y. P. S. C. E. of First Ch., for the Debt, by Emma Granite.....	50 00	Dorchester, Pilgrim, by S. E. Holman. Village, Ladies, Debt.....	35 00 9 10
Mr. Shasta, Rev. T. Magull.....	4 00	Roxbury, H. Wellington, Debt.....	50 00
Ontario, by Rev. W. H. Wolcott.....	7 00	Immanuel, by Francis J. Ward.....	50 00
Rocklin, by Rev. H. C. Langley.....	5 00	West, So. Evan., by J. H. Guild.....	47 92
San Jacinto, by Rev. D. McCunn.....	2 00	Shawmut, Mrs. H. D. Hyde, by F. M. Newcomb.....	25 00
Sierra Valley, by Rev. C. E. Philbrook. Tulare, by Rev. J. G. Eckles.....	6 20 30 00	Y. P. S. C. E., by Florence N. Bates, to const. Wm. E. Griggs, D.D., Mrs. Katharine S. Griggs, Geo. E. Adams, and Frederic A. Farrar L. Ms. of A. H. M. S., Debt.....	200 00
Vacaville, by Rev. H. W. Jones.....	10 00	Bradford, Leonard Tenney.....	100 00
Vernon, by Rev. F. A. Field.....	10 60	Braintree, First Parish, A friend, Debt.....	50 00
OREGON—\$5.00.		Brimfield, First, Sunday-school, by Geo. L. Plimpton, Debt.....	10 00
Lexington, by Rev. E. R. Beach.....	5 00	Brockton, Joseph Hewitt.....	5 00
WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$131.20.		Brookfield, Mrs. R. B. Montague.....	5 00
Received by Rev. N. F. Cobleigh:		Brookline, H. B. Eager, Debt.....	25 00
Atahnum.....	\$15 50	Harvard, by H. B. Eager.....	68 41
Endicott.....	13 30	Brookline, N. H. Ch. and Sunday-school, by E. M. Peterson, through Miss Flo- rence N. Bares, of Boston, Debt.....	5 00
Pasco Junction.....	4 30	Burlington, by Samuel Sewall.....	7 38
Ritzville.....	40	Carabidgeport, Pilgrim, by N. H. Hol- brook, of which \$20 for Debt.....	34
Starbuck.....	3 00	Chatham, by Geo. Atwood.....	10
	41 50	Chelsea, First, by H. W. Jeffers.....	23 00
Colfax, by Rev. T. W. Walters.....	25 00	Chester, Y. P. S. C. E., by Edith M. Keefe, Debt.....	8 50
Farlington and Granite Hill, by E. J. Singer.....	1 00	Clinton, First Ev., by H. H. Greene, Debt Y. P. S. C. E., by Jennie B. Bourne, Debt.....	106 1 5 52
Fidalgo Island, by Rev. H. J. Taylor....	2 50	Concord, Trlu., by Thomas Todd, add'l, Debt.....	
Ritzville, by Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D.D.	7 25	Conway, Mrs. Austin Rice.....	20
Ritzville and Endicott, by Rev. F. H. Fruitt.....	2 50	Danvers, First, by George Tapley.....	38
Seattle, Plymouth Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by M. A. Burwell.....	15 00	Enfield, by Lyman D. Potter.....	50
Tacoma, by Rev. B. Johnson.....	16 50	Essex, by Mrs. M. C. Osgood.....	60
Sunday-school and Y. P. S. C. E., for the Debt, by Fannie Lovell.....	7 20	Everett, Miss. Con. Coll., by Geo. Sargent, Debt.....	20 57
Wenas and Natchez, by Rev. E. W. Dixon.....	7 00	Framingham South, Y. P. S. C. E., by F.	
White Salmon and Hood River, by Rev. F. Balch.....	6 75		
CHINA—\$5.00.			
Tientsin, Martin L. Stinson.....	5 00		
TURKEY—\$50.00.			
Constantinople, Rev. G. Washburne, D.D.....	50 00		
Home Missionary.....	172 24		
Total.....	\$17,383 98		
<i>Donations of Clothing, etc.</i>			
Brandon, Vt., Ladies, by Mrs. C. M. Win- glov, box and freight.....	\$36 85		
Brooklyn, N. Y., Central Ch., S.S., box and barrel books.			
Hartford, Ct., Elizabeth Chapel, by Prof. Wm. Thompson, box hymn books.			
Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Asylum Hill Ch., by Mrs. Geo. F. Stone, box and freight.	215 80		

L. Oaks, Debt.....	\$9 50
Cardner, West, Mrs. E. P. Eastman, Debt.....	3 40
Grafton, Ev. Cong., by Geo. K. Nichols, of which \$50, by Mrs. W. R. Hill, to const. Miss Amelia M. Towne, of Charlton, L. M. of A. H. M. Soc.....	117 33
Saundersville, Y. P. S. C. E., by B. F. Perkins, add'l, Debt.....	70
Haile, Sabrina Walker, fund, Income of Hampden Benevolent Association, by Chas. Marsh, Tr.: Chicopee, Third.....	62 50
Holyoke, First.....	\$14 80
Monson.....	13 87
Monson, Y. P. C. A.....	35 00
Palmer, Second.....	36 25
Springfield, First.....	50 00
Olivet.....	294 88
South.....	68 50
Westfield, Second.....	157 40
	26 01
Hardwick, Calvinistic, by Rev. C. M. Pi rec.....	696 77
Hatfield, by Robert W. Woods, Debt.....	5 00
Sunday-school class of Mrs. E. A. Hubbard, by R. W. W., Debt.....	18 00
North Branch Sunday-school, by R. W. W., Debt.....	24 00
Haverhill, Estate of E. J. M. Haile, Executors, by J. L. Hobson.....	8 00
Honsatonic, Rev. E. J. Giddings, Debt.....	5,000 00
By S. W. Wright.....	25 00
Huntington, First, by C. H. Kirkland, Norwch, Mass.....	94 03
Lancaster, Ev. Sunday-school, by Ellen Wasgatt, Debt.....	5 65
Lee, Y. P. S. C. E., by B. T. Gale, Debt.....	16 45
Leicester, North, Mrs. A. G. Boutelles, Sunday-school class, special, for Rev. H. A. Schauflier's work.....	75 00
Lowell, High St., Y. P. S. C. E., by Mattie S. Whittemore, Debt.....	6 30
Malden, Linden, Mrs. T. D. Goodhue, Debt.....	10 00
Manchester, by Geo. F. Allen.....	1 00
Marion, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mary H. Hatheway, Debt.....	31 20
Marsfield, First, Sunday-school, by Grace P. Hatch, Debt.....	7 00
Y. P. S. C. E., by Grace P. Hatch, Debt.....	10 00
Medford, Second, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. Annie Stinson, Debt.....	2 50
Medford, West, by E. C. Smith, Debt.....	12 75
Milford, Willing Workers, by Mattie Theo Clark.....	17 25
Miles, Church of Christ, Sunday-school, by E. F. Lovell, Debt.....	20 00
Needham, by Rev. J. F. Gleason.....	7 38
New Boston, L. A. Weldon.....	11 49
Newburyport, North, by J. B. Creasey.....	5 61
Newton, Mrs. Edward Spear and daughter, Debt.....	23 00
Auburdale, by Chas. C. Burr.....	25 00
Young Ladies' Mission Circle, by M. L. Smith, Debt.....	503 37
Center, First, by C. H. Bennett.....	21 60
For A. H. M. S., by C. H. Bennett.....	159 78
Eliot, by D. E. Snow.....	16 02
Newtownville, Central, Y. P. S. C. E., by Geo. W. Auryansen, Debt.....	75 00
Newton, West, Second, Sunday-school, by J. A. Symonds, A. H. M. S.....	5 00
North Adams, First, by Wm. F. West.....	35 00
Orleans, Estate of Sarah Sparrow, by Lot Higgins, Adm.....	46 21
Peabody, South, by Geo. F. Osborne (of which \$142 for Debt).....	15 24
Pelham, by Rev. W. K. Vaill, Debt.....	2 00
Peru, Sunday-school, by S. S. Bowen, Tr. Phillipson, Mr. Ellsworth Sawyer, by Rev. S. B. Andrews.....	202 00
Quincy, Evan., by Rev. E. Norton and James L. Baxter.....	10 00
Wollaston, Acolytes, by Rev. B. B. Sherman, Debt.....	7 50
	76 00
	22 00

Sunday-school, by H. W. Marshall, Debt.....	\$5 33
Randolph, Young Ladies' Missionary Society, by Miss Carrie L. Thayer, Debt.....	10 00
Sunday-school, by G. H. Wilkins, Supt.....	20 00
Reading, A friend, by S. G. B. Pearson.....	10 00
By S. G. B. Pearson.....	25 00
Revere, by Rev. J. P. Bixby.....	28 85
Beachmont, Union Evan., by Rev. J. P. B.....	5 38
Rockland, Y. P. S. C. E., by Julia D. Lane, to const. Clarence E. Rice and Julia D. Lane L. Mrs. of A. H. M. S., Debt.....	100 00
Royalston, First, Sunday-school, Easter Offering, by W. B. Goddard.....	26 00
Rutland, by W. C. Temple.....	12 00
Sandwich, Calvinistic, by H. H. Heald.....	43 12
Sharon, by D. W. Pettee.....	16 67
By D. W. Pettee, add'l for Debt.....	2 00
Skowhegan, Me., by Geo. W. Gray.....	3 00
Somerville, Broadway, by G. W. S. Huse Ladies, by Mrs. James Williams, Debt.....	16 67
Franklin, St., by E. D. Conant.....	2 05
West, Day St., "Mite Box," special.....	138 26
South Hadley, First, by L. M. Gaylord.....	2 35
Springfield, North, Y. P. S. C. E., by R. P. Alden, Surplus for A. H. M. S.....	26 00
Sterling, A S. S. Class, by Emma A. Wilder.....	20 24
Sudbury, A friend, by Rev. D. W. Goodale.....	2 00
Taiku, China, Rev. J. B. Thompson.....	10 00
Taunton, East, Rev. E. W. Allen, Debt.....	5 00
Topsfield, by Dea. E. S. Chford.....	5 00
Townsend, A friend, by J. M. Boutelle.....	27 00
Miss S. E. Peckham, by J. M. Boutelle Sunday-school, by E. A. Blood.....	5 00
Upton, First, by D. C. Buck.....	2 75
Waltham, Phebe S. Garfield.....	7 13
Debt.....	77 00
Wayand, H. B. Braman.....	1 40
Westborough, Debt.....	10 00
West Boylston, First, by E. Beaman Rice.....	31 66
West Brookfield, by C. T. Huntington, A. H. M. S.....	14 60
Westport, Pacific, Union, Sunday-school, by J. C. Macomber.....	5 47
Whitin, J. C. Fund, Income of.....	362 51
Whitman, by W. R. Vining.....	38 15
Williamstown, White Oaks, by Rev. W. W. Winchester.....	5 00
Wilmington, Sabra Carter Fund, Income of.....	25 00
Winchester, D. N. Skillings Annuity.....	100 00
First, by Eugene Tappan.....	44 00
Worcester, "Tithe," A. H. M. S.....	1 00
Central, by E. H. Sanford.....	197 00
Pilgrim, by Etta H. Wilcox, Debt.....	5 00
Union, by S. Newton, Debt.....	145 69

Home Missiounary.....	\$11,259 33
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\$11,265 34

CORRECTION.—Page 37, 1st Column, 36th line, for (by Albert Gay, \$1.00, of which, etc.) read (by Albert Gay \$100, of which, etc.)

Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss. Soc., in April.

Bedford, Pine Needle Mission Circle, by Miss M. W. Webber, barrel and freight	\$92 65
Bridgewater, Central Square, Ladies, by Mrs. Wm. Bassett, Cash, \$3.67, and barrel, \$125.....	128 67
Brookline, Harvard, Ladies, by Mrs. H. H. Robinson, box.....	222 18
Anonymous, Quilt.....	2 50
Cohasset, Ladies' Benevolent Society, by M. O. Stetson, barrel and freight.....	101 62
Holyoke, Second, Ladies' Benevolent So-	

ciety, by Agnes R. Allyn, box of clothing.....	\$156 10
Pittsfield, First, Ladies' Benev. Society, by S. B. Adam, box, freight and cash.....	125 00
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Farmington, by Frederick C. Jones.....	51 41
Haddam, First, by Edward W. Hazen.....	22 22
Hartford, Pearl Street, Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Lillian A. Andrews, for debt of A. H. M. S.....	100 00
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New Haven, College Street, by Samuel Lloyd.....	136 27
Dwight Place, Mary E. Baldwin, personal, by Rev. J. E. Twitchell.....	200 00
Newington, by H. M. Robbins, \$42.83; Mrs. M. E. H. Belden, personal, to const. Miss Mary E. Belden and Joshua Belden, of Newington, Ct., L. Ms., \$100.....	142 83
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Bowmanville.....	14 50
Brighton, F. Stewart.....	5 00
Brimfield, Mrs. E. W. Jenney, \$2; Rev. S. R. Thrall, \$1.....	3 00
Bristol.....	13 00
Bunker Hill, W. H. M. U., for the Debt.....	27 00
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Canton, \$64.90; for the Debt, \$20.08.....	84 98
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Elmwood, H. Bunlian, for the Debt.....	5 00
Emington.....	10 00
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1879.....	88,212,700	12,687,881	58,394,554
1880.....	91,529,754	12,275,889	59,700,759
1881.....	94,506,498	12,193,624	54,700,755
1882.....	97,746,365	12,345,592	57,224,458
1883.....	106,912,245	13,457,928	57,820,597
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1878.....	15,092,719 83	14,300,052 13
1879.....	12,687,881 72	14,015,555 48
1880.....	12,275,889 16	15,196,694 46
1881.....	12,193,624 62	12,640,112 12
1882.....	12,345,592 40	12,846,855 24
1883.....	13,457,928 44	13,554,370 51
1884.....	13,850,258 43	13,923,012 19
1885.....	14,768,501 98	14,402,049 0
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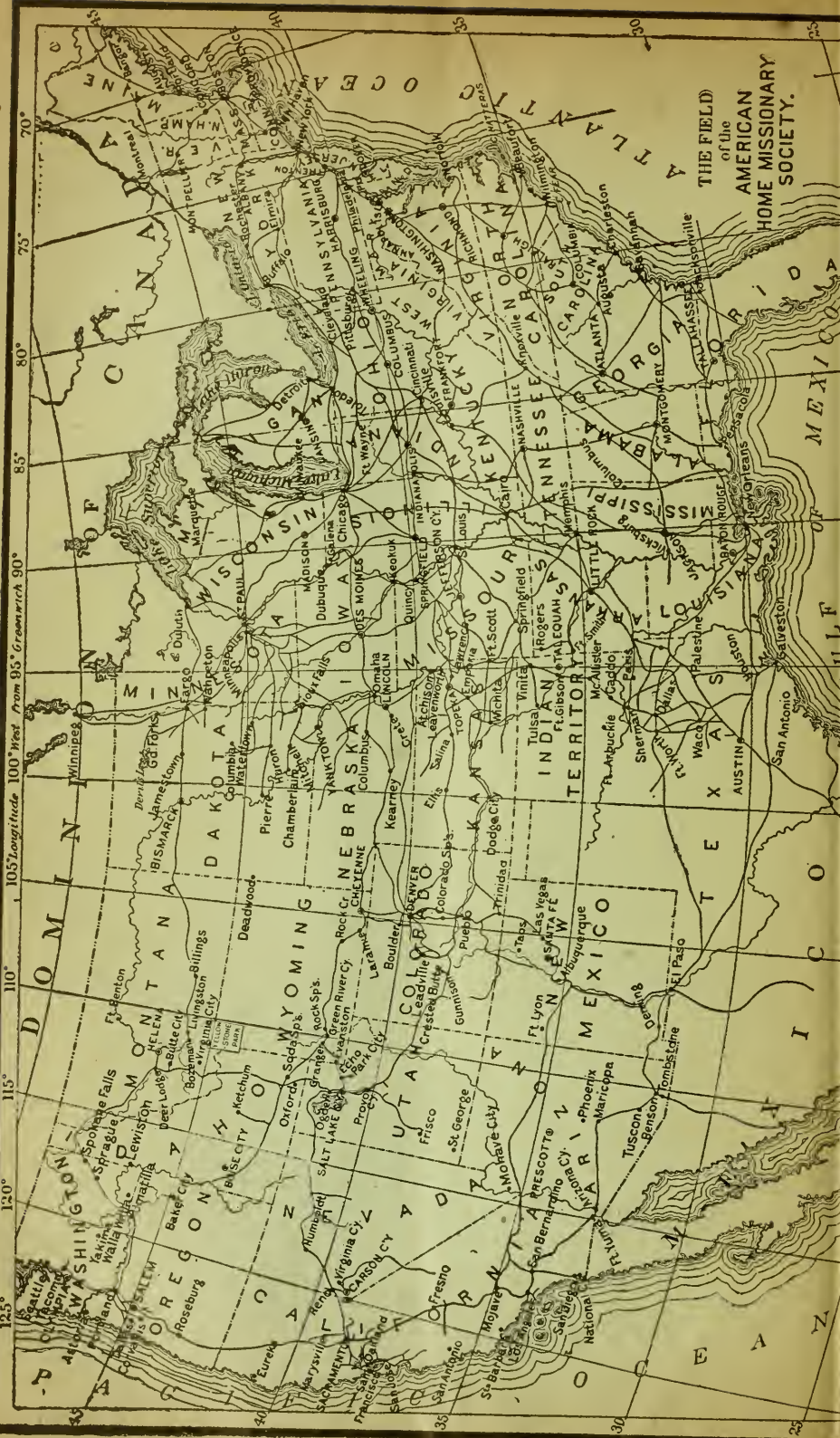
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OF THE

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OF THE

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE American Home Missionary Society convened for its sixty-first annual meeting, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, June 7th, 1887.

The President, Rev. JULIUS H. SEELYE, D.D., LL.D., of Massachusetts, called the body to order.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. NEHEMIAH BOYNTON, of Massachusetts. Rev. FREDERICK A. NOBLE, D.D., of Illinois, preached the Annual Sermon, from Matt. xvi, 3, and Luke xii, 48.

The Lord's Supper was then administered by Rev. EDWARD S. ATWOOD, D.D., of Massachusetts, and Rev. HENRY A. STEVENS, of Rhode Island.

After the benediction, the meeting adjourned till 8:30 A.M., Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 8th.—At 8:30 the Society spent a half-hour in devotion, led by Rev. LEMUEL JONES, of Massachusetts.

At 9 the President took the chair, and prayer was offered by Rev. GEORGE S. PELTON, of Massachusetts.

Rev. WILLIAM H. MOORE, of Connecticut, was chosen Assistant Recording Secretary.

The President appointed the following committees:

On the Roll.—Rev. WILLIAM H. MOORE, of Connecticut, and Rev. WILLIAM H. HOLMAN, of Connecticut.

On Business.—Rev. WILLIAM E. PARK, of New York; Rev. CASSIUS E.

WRIGHT, of Minnesota; Rev. S. FIELDER PALMER, of New Jersey; ROBERT L. DAY, of Massachusetts; CHARLES W. OSGOOD, of Vermont.

On Nominations.—Rev. JAMES L. HILL, of Massachusetts; Rev. JAMES H. ROSS, of Connecticut; Rev. JOHN G. FRASER, of Ohio; J. K. DARLING, of Vermont.

On Report of the Executive Committee.—Rev. EDWARD N. PACKARD, of New York; Rev. S. LEROY BLAKE, D.D., of Connecticut; Rev. JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON of Florida.

On Paper of Secretary Barrows.—Rev. JAMES G. MERRILL, D.D., of Missouri; Rev. MICHAEL BURNHAM, of Massachusetts; Rev. GEORGE W. PHILLIPS, of Vermont; Rev. GEORGE R. MERRILL, of Minnesota; Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, of Rhode Island.

On Paper of Secretary Clark.—SAMUEL B. CAPEN, of Massachusetts; JOHN G. HASKELL, of Kansas; WILLIAM F. WHITTEMORE, of Massachusetts; FRANCIS C. SESSIONS, of Ohio; DAVID N. CAMP, of Connecticut.

The President made an opening address. Prayer was offered by Rev. JAMES DINGWELL, of Connecticut. Secretary BARROWS read a paper, reviewing the work of the Society in its sixty-first year.

After singing, Secretary CLARK presented a paper on the Debt of the Society.

Prayer was offered by Rev. JOSEPH D. WICKHAM, D.D., of Vermont.

After singing, Auxiliary Societies were represented in addresses, as follows: The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society by Rev. JOSHUA COIT, Secretary, and by Rev. CALVIN E. AMARON; the Illinois Home Missionary Society by Rev. JAMES TOMPKINS, Secretary; the Iowa Home Missionary Society by Rev. TRUMAN O. DOUGLASS, Secretary.

At 12:30 recess was taken till 3 P.M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.—Met at 3, in the lecture-room of the church. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. JAY DANA, of Massachusetts. The Minutes of Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning were approved. The Committee on the Roll made a report, which was accepted and approved. The Committee were authorized to complete the Roll, which, when completed, was as follows:

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Rev. Charles A. Conant,	D. W. Smith,	Rev. Nathan F. Carter,
Herbert M. Dixon,	Mrs. D. W. Smith,	Rev. Henry Fairbanks,
Rev. A. C. Frissell,	William Henry Smith,	Rev. S. P. Giddings,
Rev. Samuel Johnson,	Wayland Spaulding,	Rev. Edward Hawes, D.D.,
Mrs. (Rev.) Sam'l Johnson,	Rev. Josiah Strong, D.D.	L. D. Hazen,
Rev. William Kincaid,	<i>Ohio.</i>	Dr. N. C. Newell,
Dr. Joseph F. Land,	Rev. John G. Fraser,	Rev. Milan C. Stebbins,
Mrs. S. A. Lombard,	W. A. Mahony,	Rev. J. D. Wickham, D.D.

The annual report of the Executive Committee was presented and referred to its appropriate Committee.

It was *voted*, that the thanks of the Society be presented to REV. FREDERICK A. NOBLE, D.D., of Illinois, for his able and eloquent discourse, and that a copy be requested for publication.

Article VI. of the Constitution was amended by inserting, after the first sentence, the words: "Also any person chosen as President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Auditor, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, or member of the Executive Committee, shall be a member during the term of his service."

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That whereas the relation of the Auxiliaries to this National Society is so close, and the conditions of that relationship require that all surplus money in auxiliary treasuries be forwarded to the National treasury, therefore it is desirable that all gifts from churches and individuals for Home Missions be made to the State Societies, or through their treasuries by designation to the National Society.

The Executive Committee having been instructed at the annual meeting in 1886, "To take steps for the removal of any existing legal impediments which debar the Society from holding its annual meetings wherever it may choose to direct," reported that said impediments cannot be removed, and that the annual meetings must be held within the State of New York. This report was accepted and approved, and it was

Voted, That the next annual meeting of this Society be held in Saratoga, commencing at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 5th, 1888, at a place to be named by the Executive Committee in the call for said meeting.

The officers of the American Home Missionary Society having been requested, at the last annual meeting, "To complete the statistics

bearing on the subject of interference between denominations in our Home Missionary work," reported progress, and the duty was assigned to them for the ensuing year.

The Committee, "In relation to the appointment of a Secretary for the work in cities," made a report, which was laid upon the table.

The Nominating Committee reported officers for the ensuing year, who were elected, as follows :

PRESIDENT.

REV. JULIUS H. SEELYE, D.D., LL.D., of Massachusetts.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

REV. JAMES H. FAIRCHILD, D.D., of Ohio.

HON. HORACE FAIRBANKS, of Vermont.

HON. JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, of Connecticut.

REV. EDWIN B. WEBB, D.D., of Massachusetts.

REV. ANDREW L. STONE, D.D., of California.

REV. EDWARD P. GOODWIN, D.D., of Illinois.

REV. JAMES G. MERRILL, D.D., of Missouri.

AUSTIN ABBOTT, of New York.

HON. CHARLES I. WALKER, of Michigan.

REV. ZACHARY EDDY, D.D., of Georgia.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

REV. WILLIAM H. HOLMAN, of Connecticut.

AUDITOR.

GEORGE S. COE, of New York.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

FOR THREE YEARS, 1887-90.

JOHN WILEY, Orange, N. J.

REV. SAMUEL H. VIRGIN, D.D., New York, N. Y.

HERBERT M. DIXON, Smyrna, N. Y.

GEORGE P. SHELDON, Greenwich, Ct.

REV. ROBERT R. MEREDITH, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

At 5 recess was taken till 7:30.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.—Met at 7:30 in the church. After singing, and prayer by Prof. G. FREDERICK WRIGHT, D.D., of Ohio, the report of the Committee on the Work in Cities was taken from the table. Addresses were made by Rev. JOSIAH STRONG, D.D., of New York; Rev. LYMAN ABBOTT, D.D., of New York; Rev. JAMES G. JOHNSON, D.D., of Connecticut; and the President; and the recommendations of the report were adopted, as follows :

I. It is not wise for this meeting to direct the appointment of a new Secretary for the work in cities. Whenever the necessities of the work require, and the funds of the Society justify, the appointment of a new Secretary, the defining of his department, and the adjustment of his work to that of the other Secretaries should be left to the Executive Committee.

II. The Society and its Auxiliaries are already employing evangelists. They have, during the past year, employed thirty-five, with good results. Your Committee recommend the continuance and enlargement of this work.

III. The Christianization of our great cities cannot be accomplished by mission chapels and evangelistic services. Churches should be established in churchless wards—churches which will be composed of Christian families, and will promote Christian family life.

IV. Such churches cannot be, for a long time to come, self-supporting; they must be helped by their more prosperous neighbors. The work is a foreign missionary work on home soil, and as such must be maintained. This is not a work of church extension; it means a continuous drain upon our sympathy and our purse.

V. The work *ought* to be carried on undenominationally. It *must* be carried on denominationally—by denominational methods and organizations. In the present state of Protestant Christendom, undenominational churches cannot be maintained.

VI. The churches in each city should assume the responsibility for the evangelization of that city. The American Home Missionary Society should assume only the responsibility of giving to them necessary aid, and as it is needed.

VII. Our theological seminaries cannot, by their present methods, supply the men. For the work of city evangelization, we need at once men for this work, men who have come from the people to whom they are to speak; and we, therefore, need schools for the education of such preachers, either in connection with theological schools, as at Oberlin and Chicago, or separate therefrom.

At 9 the body adjourned until 8:30 A.M., Thursday, June 9th.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 9th.—At 8:30 the Society spent a half-hour in devotion, led by Rev. CHARLES R. SEYMOUR, of Massachusetts.

The hour from 9 to 10 was occupied by the American Congregational Union, President SEELYE in the chair. After singing, and prayer by Rev. WILLARD SCOTT, of Nebraska, addresses were made by Rev. LEVI H. COBB, D.D., of New York, Secretary; Rev. JAMES G. ROBERTS, D.D., of New York; and Rev. WILLIAM G. PUDDEFOOT, of Michigan.

At 10, after singing, and prayer by Rev. EDWARD P. HAMMOND, of Connecticut, the Committee on the Paper of Secretary BARROWS, presented a report, which, after addresses by Rev. JAMES G. MERRILL, of Missouri, and Rev. MICHAEL BURNHAM, of Massachusetts, was accepted.

The Committee on the Paper of Secretary CLARK presented a report, with resolutions. After addresses by SAMUEL B. CAPEN, of Massachusetts; JOHN G. HASKELL, of Kansas; and Rev. FREDERICK A. NOBLE, D.D., of Illinois, the report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted, as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That we approve of the action of the Executive Committee, in its efforts to economize its funds by cutting off all doubtful enterprises, and urging to self-support all churches upon its lists as rapidly as possible. We recommend for the future that the same care be emphasized, and no new churches be encouraged, without showing clearly their right to be, to the end that no criticism of *waste* shall ever be fairly made.

2. *Resolved*, That the statement, made by Secretary BARROWS, that the Executive Committee has determined to make good as soon as possible the \$50,000 Swett Exigency Fund, meets our heartiest approval. It is a Trust Fund given with conditions, which were accepted, and these conditions must be sacredly kept.

3. *Resolved*, That we indorse the reported action of the meeting of Secretaries, Superintendents, and representatives of Auxiliaries and assisting agencies, in the appointment of a committee whose duty it shall be to urge at the next annual meeting of the Society, the attendance of a large number of Christian business men. We take occasion at this time to invite these men to become familiar with the details of the Society's work. We particularly desire them to listen to the reports of Superintendents and others who have the field work in charge, and acquire information to the fullest extent, to the end that they may join hands with us in this mighty conflict between good and evil.

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Executive Committee at once take the necessary steps to insure the personal co-operation of a large number of interested givers. To this end we suggest the establishment of a "Roll of Honor," consisting of such friends of the Society as are willing, *in addition to their regular gifts*, to guarantee that in case the annual income of the Society from the gifts of the living or from legacies shall in any year fall below the average receipts for the preceding five years, then a *pro rata* assessment shall be made upon the members of the Roll for such a percentage of their guarantee pledges as is required to restore the treasury to its normal condition.

5. *Resolved*, That it shall be the settled policy of this Society to pay its missionaries and agents their salaries without delay; and, in case of any failure in the regular income, its Executive Committee, to accomplish this purpose, shall use every business method to temporarily supply such deficiency.

6. *Resolved*, That legacies shall be appropriated and expended the year after their receipt, to the end that the Society shall always have on hand some resources commensurate with its ever enlarging work.

7. *Resolved*, That we urge especially in this transition period a great increase in the gifts of the living; that every business man who has the ability be urged to put a missionary representative at once upon the front line of battle, and sustain him by their money and their prayers. Let the young men in our Seminaries see that there is the money back of every man.

8. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee shall plan at once, with any other of our Missionary Societies who are willing to co-operate, to reach through the local conference, every church of our polity in America, that all may bear their proper share in redeeming our land for Christ.

No more delayed payments; no more debts; no more "shirking" churches; no more gaps in the line. Our motto for the closing years of the nineteenth century: *A Sunday-school in every valley, and a church upon every hill-top.*

Addresses upon the work among the Bohemians and Poles were made by Rev. HENRY A. SCHAUFFLER, of Ohio, and JOHN LEWIS, of Ohio.

At 12:30 recess was taken till 2 P.M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.—At 2, after prayer by SAMUEL B. CAPEN, of Massachusetts, the Minutes of Wednesday afternoon and evening, and of Thursday morning were approved, and the Recording Secretary was authorized to complete the Minutes at the close of the evening session.

After singing, the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society was represented in addresses by Rev. ALBERT E. DUNNING, of Massachusetts, Secretary; Rev. WILLIAM F. McMILLEN, of Ohio; Rev. CHARLES C. CREEGAN, D.D., of New York; and WILLIAM A. DUNCAN, of New York.

After singing, addresses were made by the following representatives from the field: Rev. H. DEFOREST WIARD, of Dakota; Rev. HARMON BROSS, of Dakota; Rev. CLARENDON M. SANDERS, of Colorado; Rev. GEORGE M. SANBORNE, of Arkansas; Rev. GEORGE A. HOOD, of Wisconsin; Rev. JAMES T. FORD, of Southern California; and Rev. ADDISON BLANCHARD, of Kansas.

At 5:30 recess was taken till 7:30.

THURSDAY EVENING.—At 7:30, after singing, and prayer by Rev. PAYSON W. LYMAN, of Massachusetts, the Committee on the Report of the Executive Committee presented a report, and on their recommendation the report of the Executive Committee was approved, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we recognize and most heartily approve of the wisdom of the Executive Committee and of our Secretaries in the able management of the Society's affairs for the past year; and that with renewed confidence we intrust to their hands the direction of the great and growing work that comes to us, pledging our most earnest sympathy and co-operation with our prayers for the year to come.

The following resolution, offered by the Business Committee, was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the American Home Missionary Society are due, and are very gladly paid, to the numerous parties who have contributed to the unusual success of this series of meetings. We desire to express our especial gratitude to the various railroad companies who have given commutation fares; to hotel proprietors and boarding-house keepers, who have allowed special rates to attendants on the Society's meetings; to the Trustees of the Methodist Church of Saratoga, for the use of their beautiful edifice; to the Century Company for the use of a selection from their hymn books; to Mr. and Mrs. George C. Stebbins for taking charge of the music; to the Rev. JULIUS H. SEELYE, D.D., for the able manner in which he has presided over the meetings; to the pastor of the Congregational Church of Saratoga Springs, for his efficiency in making the necessary arrangements for the gathering, and to the ladies of his church and congregation for the floral decorations with which they have adorned the church edifice.

It was *voted*, That the minutes and the report of the Executive Committee, including the papers read by Secretaries BARROWS and CLARK, be printed; and also other papers, addresses and reports, at the discretion of said Committee.

Addresses were made by Rev. WILLARD SCOTT, of Nebraska; Rev. J. EAMES RANKIN, D.D., of New Jersey; Rev. WILLIAM ELLIOT GRIFFIS, D.D., of Massachusetts.

After singing, prayer was offered, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev ZACHARY EDDY, D.D., of Georgia, and at 9:15 the meeting was dissolved.

WILLIAM H. HOLMAN,
Recording Secretary.

WILLIAM H. MOORE,
Assistant Recording Secretary.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, June 21st, at the Society's Rooms, Bible House, Astor Place, N. Y., and duly elected the following Executive officers:

HONORARY SECRETARY:

REV. DAVID B. COE, D.D.

SECRETARIES FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

REV. WALTER M. BARROWS, D.D.,

REV. JOSEPH B. CLARK, D.D.

TREASURER:

REV. ALEXANDER H. CLAPP, D.D.

SIXTY-FIRST REPORT.

It is the rare privilege of the Executive Committee to report that since the sixtieth anniversary, by the goodness of God, death has not taken one from their number, nor from that of the elected officers of the Society. In this respect the year stands in grateful contrast with the preceding, when we were called to star the names of three beloved official helpers: Vice-President GOODELL, and Messrs. HUTCHINSON and WHITTEMORE, of the Executive Committee.

Within the year now reported, however, eight—exactly twice the number of missionaries who died in active service last year—ceased from their labors: Rev. Messrs. JACOB HORTON, in Maine; ROBERT C. ALLISON and CHARLES DUREN, in Vermont; EVAN CURTIS, in Arkansas; JOHN JONES, in Michigan; AMOS JONES, in Kansas; SPENCER R. WELLS, in Iowa; EDWARD T. HOOKER, in California.

To Mr. Duren, ordained in 1841, was given a ministry of forty-six years, while to Mr. Horton were granted scarcely two years of pastoral service. The average working term of the seven the date of whose ordination is known, was a little more than twenty years. Twelve of the twenty years' ministry of Mr. Wells (who lost an arm at Vicksburg in his country's defense) were given to the foreign work in India. The remainder were devoted to the West.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

The number of ministers of the gospel in the service of the Society the last year, whose names are found in the General Table in the full report, together with those engaged in superintending the work, is 1,625. (Deducting 54 reported in more than one State, 1,571.) Of these, 1,179 were in commission at the date of the last report, and 392 have since been appointed.

They have been employed in 41 States and Territories, as follows: In Maine, 99; New Hampshire, 65; Vermont, 62; Massachusetts, 97; Rhode Island, 10; Connecticut, 50; New York, 67; New Jersey, 7; Pennsylvania, 23; Maryland, 1; District of Columbia, 3; Virginia, 2; West Virginia, 2; Georgia, 7; Arkansas, 18; Florida, 26; Texas, 7; Indian Territory, 15; Tennessee, 3; Ohio, 38; Indiana, 8; Illinois,

61; Missouri, 54; Michigan, 123; Wisconsin, 56; Iowa, 79; Minnesota, 102; Kansas, 105; Nebraska, 113; Dakota, 120; Colorado, 26; Wyoming, 11; Montana, 5; New Mexico, 14; Utah, 13; Nevada, 1; Idaho, 1; Arizona, 4; California, 76; Oregon, 13; Washington Territory, 38; in all, 1,625. Of these 54, having labored in more than one State, are in this enumeration twice counted. The total number of individual missionaries employed is 1,571.

This distribution, retaining the twice counted, gives to the New England States, 383; Middle States, 101; Southern States, 41; South-western States, 112; on the Pacific Coast, 127; Western States and Territories, 861.

Of the whole number in commission, 748 have been pastors or stated supplies of single congregations; 554 have ministered to two or three congregations each; and 269 have extended their labors over still wider fields.

The aggregate of ministerial labor performed is 1,117 years.

The number of congregations and missionary districts which have been fully supplied, or where the gospel has been preached at stated intervals, is 3,063.

Five missionaries have been in commission as pastors or stated supplies of congregations of colored people, and 136 have preached in foreign languages: 29 to Welsh congregations; 40 to German congregations; 37 to Scandinavian congregations; 1 to Dane congregation; 14 to Bohemian congregations; 1 to Armenian congregations; 1 to Spanish congregations; 2 to Chinese congregations; 1 to Indian congregations; 7 to French congregations; and 3 to Mexican congregations.

The number of Sunday-school and Bible-class scholars is not far from 130,000. The organization of 323 new schools is reported, and the number under the special care of missionaries is 2,188.

The contributions to benevolent objects, reported by 806 missionaries, amount to \$36,309.29.

One hundred and seventy-eight missionaries make mention of revivals of religion during the year, some of them reporting 90, 76, 75, 73, 65, 62, 60, 57, 52, 50 and 45 hopeful conversions. In 239 instances the number of reported converts exceeds 10, and the number reported by 670 missionaries is 8,056.

The additions to the churches, as nearly as can be ascertained, have been 10,031—viz.: 6,469 on confession of faith, and 3,562 by letters from other churches.

One hundred and thirty-five churches have been organized, in connection with the labors of the missionaries, within the year, and 63 have assumed the entire support of their own gospel ordinances.

One hundred and twelve houses of worship have been completed; 170 materially repaired or improved, and the building of many others commenced. Sixteen chapels are reported as having been built within the year, and 39 parsonages have been provided. Seventy-six young men, in connection with the missionary churches, are reported as in different stages of preparation for the gospel ministry.

THE TREASURY.

RESOURCES.—The balance in the Treasury, April 1st, 1886, was \$27,165.08, including the Swett Fund of \$25,000. The receipts for the succeeding twelve months have been \$482,979.60; making the resources for the year \$510,144.68.

LIABILITIES.—There was due to missionaries, at the close of last year, \$4,102.73. There has since become due \$508,639.09, making the total liabilities \$512,741.82.

PAYMENTS.—Of this sum, \$507,988.79 have been paid, leaving \$4,753.03 still due to the missionaries for labor performed. In addition to these past dues, appropriations already made, and daily becoming due amount to \$51,631.51; making the total of pledges \$56,384.54; toward canceling which there was a balance in the Treasury, March 31st, of \$2,155.89.

COMPARATIVE RESULTS.

This comprehensive survey shows that in many important respects the year's successes were such as call for special thanksgiving to him in whose strength the work was done. We cannot be greatly depressed even by the falling off of \$41,565.33 in cash receipts—due to the very unusual decrease of legacies—when we see that the gifts of the living have exceeded those of the previous year by \$70,612.69, showing that the practical interest of the Society's constituency not only abides, but is growing more rapidly than ever before. The number of commissioned workers is larger by 102 than last year. The number of years of labor is greater by 59; that of churches and preaching stations regularly served, is greater by 58; 941 more conversions are reported; 981 more than last year were added to the churches; 827 more joined on confession of faith. Nearly 10,000 more scholars have been gathered into Sunday-schools and Bible-classes under the missionaries' care. In these and many other particulars surely there is matter for gratitude, for encouragement, and for quickening to still more earnest effort all those who pray and give and toil for our country's evangelization.

THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

Fifteen State Auxiliaries are now intelligently and actively at work, combining, systematizing and quickening the forces of hundreds of smaller local organizations in each of these States, in behalf of Home

Missions. Other States are proposing soon to organize, the Christian ladies in their churches working, praying and giving with a zeal that is full of promise. The fruits of both the organized and unorganized work of women have been seen in their steady contributions through the year, and especially in their generous response to the Society's appeals when struggling under that oppressive load of debt, the lifting off of which has made the year so memorable. Among the sharers in that grand work are the names of "honorable women not a few"; and the amount of their individual and associated offerings, could it be known, with the personal sacrifice and self-denial that it cost in many cases, would humble the self-esteem and put to shame the giving of many a prospered giver from his abundance, while the humble sister at his side was putting into the Lord's treasury all her living. The furnishing of boxes of clothing, books, and other helpful supplies for missionary families still keeps its strong hold upon the sewing circles and other women's associations in city and country. As will be seen in its appropriate place, the number of "missionary boxes" reported has been largely in advance of last year's supply, and enough for all reasonable needs. The contributions to the Woman's Fund for Foreign Work have been \$5,674,16. This fact, among others, shows that the readiness to give directly to the treasury the cash needed for carrying on the general work, is still rapidly increasing. The Ladies' Missionary Association, having its office in Boston, has this year continued and largely added to its generous and timely help, furnishing \$1,700—which paid the salaries of four lady teachers in Arkansas and the Indian Territory.

We have again to gratefully acknowledge valuable help from women in many congregations in the circulation of *The Home Missionary*, "Our Country," and other publications of the Society.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Another year's experience has deepened that conviction of the untold value of Sunday-school instruction and care, which has so long spurred the missionaries of this Society to tireless efforts for the welfare of the children and youth. The number of new schools organized within the year is 323; the number now under the direct and permanent care of our missionaries and their churches is 2,188; the number of scholars gathered in them is about 129,350. What large and blessed promise for the future of the newer States and Territories; what protection for the gathering thousands of the frontier; what growing hope for the well-being of our whole land in coming centuries lie in these brief statements, they can best understand who have watched most closely the development of the Sunday-school work for a

generation, and know how largely it has molded the character and shaped the career of the men to whom our country is most indebted. What has been shall be, only in ever-growing measure. With the faithful pastor to gather, watch, guide and nourish the children on every missionary field, with the fraternal aid of the Sunday-school and Publishing Society to supply all needed helps in the way of papers and books for teachers and scholars, are we not justified in making much of this branch of our work, and centering upon it the brightest hopes? We earnestly ask in its behalf the prayers of all who care for the little ones, so dear to the heart of Christ.

OUR PUBLICATIONS.

No careful reader of the fifty-ninth volume of *The Home Missionary* can fail to see how greatly it has surpassed each and all of its predecessors. Facts within the knowledge of the officers of the Society amply justify the added outlay of time, labor, care and money devoted to this chief purveyor to the treasury. There can be no other so economical medium of communication between Eastern churches and Western missionaries, between givers and receivers; no other so direct and easy channel for the facts and arguments essential to the securing of that praying and giving on which the whole work depends.

While still rigidly holding to "this one thing," from which it takes its name, the magazine, in its enlarged form, with greater editorial care, by much greater scope and variety of treatment, has drawn to itself new interest and multiplied its influence for good in various forms, as many pastors are learning, to the profit of their people. A new feature added within the year, "Our Young People," is received with marked favor by the children and youth, and may be made still more attractive and profitable, if parents, pastors and teachers will give us their wise co-operation.

Very large and useful additions have been made to our list of *Leaflets*, which pastors and others friendly to Home Missions, are finding quick demand for in most intelligent parishes. A list of thirty-six of these lively publications is given in *The Home Missionary* for June, 1887. The list will be republished quarterly, with such additions as may meanwhile be made. We will gladly furnish (gratis) sample copies of any or all of these for examination; also copies of *The Home Missionary* for July, in which number the Annual Report of the Society's work is given.

The Society's remarkable book, "Our Country," by Rev. JOSIAH STRONG, D.D., abates no jot of its popularity. Its careful compilation of statistics gives it permanent value; the force of its argument for a vigorous prosecution of Home Missions cannot be evaded; its spiritual impulse uplifts the soul of the Christian, and stirs the conscience of even

the unbelieving reader. By its circulation friends of Home Missions can greatly help the cause. It can be had from "The Baker and Taylor Company," 9 Bond Street, New York (who are now about issuing *the seventieth thousand*), or at the Society's office, Bible House. Price fifty cents, bound in cloth, or twenty-five cents in paper covers.

Of "A Wind from the Holy Spirit," Supt. M. W. Montgomery's book on the work among the Scandinavians, about 6,000 copies have been sold. It may still be had from the Society's office. Price 45 cents in cloth binding, with portraits of Drs. Waldenström and Ekman; 20 cents, paper, with portraits; 10 cents, paper, without portraits.

FAMILY SUPPLIES.

In no previous year since the work began has so much been done in this helpful line, though no call has been made for an increase of "missionary boxes." No less than 706 packages (101 more than last year), have been acknowledged in *The Home Missionary*, from Ladies' Societies and individuals, who have prepared and sent them for the comfort and cheer of home missionary households. The value of 642 of these packages is estimated by their donors at \$64,658.18. Reckoning those unestimated at the same average rate, the total value is \$71,103.62—more than \$14,100 in advance of last year.

A beautiful token this, of the appreciation of the work of the toilers in the field on the part of their Eastern sisters. This, in a year when so much more than ever before has been paid into the treasury in cash, by these same Christian women is a significant fact, most honorable to the zeal and self-denial of the givers. Blessed are they who do these things unto our Lord's "brethren," for his sake.

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY STATES.

Table with columns for Society's year beginning 1826 and Eastern, Middle, and Southern States, listing missionary counts by state for each year.

Each State is here given credit for services of minister, though he may have served in other States. REMARKS ON THE TABLES.—1. At the organization of the A. S. M. S., in 1820, the missionaries of the United Domestic Missionary Society, whose responsibilities it assumed, were transferred to it, and the greater portion of them were in commission in the State of New York.

2. The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society, and the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society became integral parts of the National Society in the second year of its operations; the Maine Missionary Society in the third year, and the Connecticut Missionary Society in the sixth year.

3. In 1845, the missions of this Society in Canada were, by an amicable arrangement with the British Colonial Missionary Society, transferred to the care of that Institution.

4. In the Table will be seen the progress which has been made, year by year, in the newer States of the West, as they have severally come into being, and presented fields of peculiar promise for mis-

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY STATES.

Society's year, beginning 1826.	South'n States.		WESTERN STATES AND TERRITORIES.																				
	Tennessee.	Kentucky	Ohio.	Indiana.	Illinois.	Missouri.	Michigan.	Wisconsin	Iowa.	Minnesota	Kansas.	Nebraska	Dakota.	Colorado.	Wyoming	Montana.	Utah.	Nevada.	Idaho.	California	Oregon.	Washington	
1-26-27.	2	4	16	3	2	3	4																
2-27-28.	2	4	27	9	3	5	5																
3-28-29.	3	3	43	12	8	6	5																
4-29-30.	7	5	64	18	12	6	10																
5-30-31.	5	9	74	23	17	5	12																
6-31-32.	7	13	74	24	20	12	16																
7-32-33.	11	13	80	26	23	12	20																
8-33-34.	10	9	68	29	24	13	16																
9-34-35.	13	7	85	26	29	10	16																
10-35-36.	12	9	80	24	32	12	17	1	2														
11-36-37.	12	7	72	31	31	9	29	1	2														
12-37-38.	7	...	64	29	27	14	22	2	1														
13-38-39.	6	1	56	26	31	12	22	3	3														
14-39-40.	7	...	54	25	39	9	24	6	3														
15-40-41.	8	...	53	21	42	5	26	8	6														
16-41-42.	8	...	66	24	50	6	36	19	12														
17-42-43.	6	1	75	33	65	20	46	28	16														
18-43-44.	4	3	91	36	87	21	63	30	29														
19-44-45.	3	7	99	46	95	20	65	34	28														
20-45-46.	6	6	103	51	98	25	67	36	24														
21-46-47.	6	8	95	59	92	21	77	44	29														2
22-47-48.	7	9	102	52	101	21	80	49	35														2
23-48-49.	7	7	94	51	110	25	73	58	33														2
24-49-50.	6	7	97	50	114	33	74	63	37	2													2
25-50-51.	6	6	93	59	119	29	80	72	41	4													4
26-51-52.	5	6	93	63	117	29	77	84	50	4													2
27-52-53.	5	6	96	58	118	30	80	83	55	6													4
28-53-54.	3	6	110	43	105	28	76	87	56	8													5
29-54-55.	4	1	101	35	102	24	77	100	63	10	3												5
30-55-56.	2	1	80	36	93	21	72	87	73	14	3	1											8
31-56-57.	1	1	76	33	88	16	68	84	87	24	3	2											8
32-57-58.	...	1	76	38	82	5	65	93	96	33	12	2											8
33-58-59.	...	1	77	29	93	...	65	102	102	34	14	4											7
34-59-60.	...	2	79	29	100	...	68	108	115	41	17	5											7
35-60-61.	...	3	75	21	89	2	71	100	127	46	16	5											6
36-61-62.	...	...	54	15	83	2	59	82	103	45	18	4											6
37-62-63.	...	...	38	5	83	2	62	76	81	34	12	3											4
38-63-64.	...	...	38	5	94	2	62	73	79	38	15	5	1										3
39-64-65.	...	...	37	7	95	4	70	68	98	35	15	7	2										3
40-65-66.	2	...	33	7	78	19	67	72	104	35	17	9	3				1						3
41-66-67.	2	...	38	4	78	25	71	71	103	41	19	10	4				1						6
42-67-68.	1	...	43	5	86	31	73	64	110	40	23	12	1	4									4
43-68-69.	1	...	40	7	86	32	85	68	125	41	33	11	2	3									5
44-69-70.	1	...	34	9	72	36	77	76	124	41	39	14	1	1	1								5
45-70-71.	1	...	30	10	71	42	67	77	112	40	60	18	2	2	1								1
46-71-72.	2	...	32	10	63	40	69	77	112	43	62	25	4	2	2			1		1	36	6	1
47-72-73.	1	...	30	9	59	35	78	70	100	48	67	35	5	5	1		1	1	1	35	6	...	
48-73-74.	2	...	37	5	53	35	80	69	100	49	70	44	4	5	1		2	2	1	30	4	...	
49-74-75.	1	...	39	6	51	33	78	67	94	56	69	41	6	6			1	1	1	31	4	...	
50-75-76.	1	...	27	10	54	28	76	72	92	60	75	40	9	8	1		1	1	...	33	4	4	
51-76-77.	1	...	21	8	45	30	85	69	83	61	85	67	10	6	1		2	1	...	33	4	5	
52-77-78.	2	...	26	8	44	32	85	66	89	55	91	52	8	6	1		2	1	...	27	6	3	
53-78-79.	2	1	23	7	43	28	75	56	86	55	90	49	12	10			2	1	...	24	3	3	
54-79-80.	1	1	25	7	55	21	87	59	85	60	102	52	17	11			1	1	...	28	4	7	
55-80-81.	...	1	21	8	48	30	95	54	76	58	107	59	23	15			2	1	...	29	...	8	
56-81-82.	...	1	26	8	44	27	93	57	67	70	93	56	37	23	5	2	6	2	...	35	...	12	
57-82-83.	1	1	33	9	45	36	112	57	62	71	89	61	55	26	3	4	6	1	...	136	15	15	
58-83-84.	2	...	41	13	51	45	130	51	62	98	102	83	102	25	2	10	7	1	...	245	13	25	
59-84-85.	2	...	39	13	60	51	135	64	74	87	105	91	110	24	5	6	12	2	...	58	15	28	
60-85-86.	2	...	43	9	54	54	126	46	78	101	97	87	110	26	6	8	13	1	...	162	12	32	
61-86-87.	3	...	38	8	60	54	123	56	79	102	105	113	120	26	11	5	3	1	...	176	13	38	

siary culture. When this Society was formed, *Indiana* and *Illinois* were in their infancy, *Michigan* was, at that time and for ten years subsequent, a Territory; it had but one Presbyterian or Congregational minister, and he was a missionary. *Wisconsin* remained eight years after the organization of this Society, the almost undisputed home of the Indian. *Iowa* was not organized as a Territory till 1838. *Oregon* was reached by our first missionary there in the summer of 1843, after a voyage of many months by way of the Sandwich Islands. Our first missionaries to *California* sailed from New York in December, 1845. Our first missionary to *Minnesota* commenced his labors at St. Paul, in July 1850. It should be borne in mind that the number of missionaries in these newer States and Territories, as well as those that have been longer cultivated, gives but an imperfect idea of the ground that has been occupied by missionary enterprise. Churches, every year, become independent, and others are taken up in their stead.

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY SECTIONS.

The following Table gives the number of missionaries, each year of the Society's operations, in the geographical divisions of *Eastern, Middle, Southern, and Western States*; and also in Canada.

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	New England States.	Middle States.	Southern and Southwestern States.	West'n States and Territories.	Canada.	Total.
1—'26-'27	1	129	5	33	1	169
2—'27-'28	5	130	9	56	...	201
3—'28-'29	72	127	23	80	2	304
4—'29-'30	107	147	13	122	3	392
5—'30-'31	144	160	12	145	2	463
6—'31-'32	163	169	10	166	1	509
7—'32-'33	239	170	9	185	3	606
8—'33-'34	287	201	13	169	6	676
9—'34-'35	289	216	18	187	9	719
10—'35-'36	319	219	11	191	15	755
11—'36-'37	331	227	11	195	22	786
12—'37-'38	288	198	8	166	24	684
13—'38-'39	284	198	9	160	14	665
14—'39-'40	290	205	6	167	12	680
15—'40-'41	292	215	5	169	9	690
16—'41-'42	305	249	5	222	10	791
17—'42-'43	288	253	7	291	9	848
18—'43-'44	268	257	10	365	7	907
19—'44-'45	285	249	6	397	6	943
20—'45-'46	274	271	9	417	...	971
21—'46-'47	275	254	10	433	...	972
22—'47-'48	295	237	18	456	...	1,006
23—'48-'49	302	239	15	463	...	1,019
24—'49-'50	301	228	15	488	...	1,032
25—'50-'51	311	224	15	515	...	1,065
26—'51-'52	305	213	14	530	...	1,065
27—'52-'53	313	215	12	547	...	1,087
28—'53-'54	292	214	11	530	...	1,047
29—'54-'55	278	207	10	537	...	1,032
30—'55-'56	276	198	8	504	...	986
31—'56-'57	271	191	6	506	...	974
32—'57-'58	291	197	3	521	...	1,012
33—'58-'59	319	201	...	534	...	1,054
34—'59-'60	327	199	...	581	...	1,107
35—'60-'61	308	181	...	573	...	1,063
36—'61-'62	295	87	...	481	...	863
37—'62-'63	281	48	...	405	...	734
38—'63-'64	289	44	...	423	...	756
39—'64-'65	293	58	...	451	...	802
40—'65-'66	283	64	4	467	...	818
41—'66-'67	284	66	5	491	...	846
42—'67-'68	307	73	7	521	...	908
43—'68-'69	327	73	8	564	...	972
44—'69-'70	311	71	6	556	...	944
45—'70-'71	296	69	5	570	...	940
46—'71-'72	308	62	3	588	...	961
47—'72-'73	312	49	3	587	...	951
48—'73-'74	310	58	7	594	...	969
49—'74-'75	292	67	7	586	...	952
50—'75-'76	304	72	8	595	...	979
51—'76-'77	303	70	6	617	...	996
52—'77-'78	316	70	6	604	...	996
53—'78-'79	312	57	10	567	...	946
54—'79-'80	327	57	9	622	...	1,015
55—'80-'81	321	62	9	640	...	1,032
56—'81-'82	328	56	17	669	...	1,070
57—'82-'83	326	68	61	695	...	1,150
58—'83-'84	334	77	63	868	...	1,342
59—'84-'85	349	93	123	882	...	1,447
60—'85-'86	368	99	134	868	...	1,469
61—'86-'87	375	103	143	950	...	1,571

GENERAL COMPARATIVE RESULTS.

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	Receipts.	Expenditures	No. of Missionaries.	Not in Commission the preceding year.	No. of Churches and Missionary Districts.	Years of Labor.	Additions to Churches.	Sunday-schools and Bible-Classes.	Average Expense for a Year's labor.	Average Expense for a Missionary.
1-'26-'27	\$18,140 76	\$13,984 17	169	63	196	110	n't rep	not rep.	127	38
2-'27-'28	20,035 78	17,849 22	201	89	244	133	1,000	306	134	89
3-'28-'29	26,997 31	26,814 96	304	169	401	186	1,678	423	144	88
4-'29-'30	33,929 44	42,429 50	392	166	500	274	1,959	572	155	108
5-'30-'31	48,124 73	47,247 60	463	164	577	294	2,523	700	160	102
6-'31-'32	49,422 12	52,808 39	509	158	745	361	6,126	783	146	104
7-'32-'33	68,627 17	66,277 96	606	209	801	417	4,284	1,148	159	109
8-'33-'34	78,911 44	80,015 76	676	200	899	463	2,736	Emps.	172	118
9-'34-'35	88,863 22	83,394 28	719	204	1,050	490	3,300	52,000	170	116
10-'35-'36	101,565 15	92,188 94	755	249	1,000	545	3,750	65,000	169	122
11-'36-'37	85,701 59	99,529 72	786	232	1,025	554	3,752	80,000	180	123
12-'37-'38	86,522 45	85,056 26	684	123	840	438	3,376	67,000	194	124
13-'38-'39	82,564 63	82,655 64	665	201	794	473	3,920	58,500	175	124
14-'39-'40	78,345 20	78,533 89	680	194	842	486	4,750	30,000	162	115
15-'40-'41	85,413 34	84,864 66	690	178	862	501	4,618	54,100	169	123
16-'41-'42	92,463 64	94,300 14	791	248	987	594	5,514	64,300	159	119
17-'42-'43	99,812 84	98,215 11	848	225	1,047	657	8,223	68,400	149	116
18-'43-'44	101,904 99	104,276 47	907	237	1,245	665	7,693	60,300	157	115
19-'44-'45	121,946 28	118,360 12	943	209	1,285	736	4,929	60,000	160	126
20-'45-'46	125,124 70	126,193 15	971	223	1,453	760	5,311	76,700	166	130
21-'46-'47	116,717 94	119,170 40	972	189	1,470	713	4,400	73,000	167	123
22-'47-'48	140,197 10	139,233 34	1,066	205	1,447	773	5,020	77,000	180	138
23-'48-'49	145,925 91	143,771 67	1,019	192	1,510	808	5,550	83,500	178	141
24-'49-'50	157,160 78	145,456 09	1,032	205	1,575	812	6,682	75,000	179	141
25-'50-'51	150,940 25	153,817 90	1,065	211	1,820	853	6,578	70,000	180	144
26-'51-'52	160,062 25	162,831 14	1,065	204	1,948	862	6,820	66,500	189	153
27-'52-'53	171,734 24	174,439 24	1,087	213	2,160	878	6,079	72,500	199	160
28-'53-'54	191,209 07	184,025 76	1,047	167	2,140	870	6,025	65,400	212	176
29-'54-'55	180,136 69	177,717 34	1,032	180	2,124	815	5,634	64,800	218	171
30-'55-'56	193,548 37	186,611 02	986	187	1,965	775	5,602	60,000	241	189
31-'56-'57	178,060 68	180,550 44	974	201	1,985	780	5,550	62,500	231	185
32-'57-'58	175,971 37	190,735 70	1,012	242	2,034	795	6,784	65,500	240	188
33-'58-'59	188,139 29	187,034 41	1,054	250	2,125	810	8,791	67,300	231	178
34-'59-'60	185,216 17	192,737 69	1,107	260	2,175	868	6,287	72,200	222	174
35-'60-'61	183,761 80	183,762 70	1,062	212	2,025	835	5,600	70,000	220	173
36-'61-'62	163,852 51	158,336 33	863	153	1,668	612	4,207	60,300	259	183
37-'62-'63	164,884 29	133,843 39	734	155	1,455	562	3,108	54,000	240	184
38-'63-'64	195,537 89	149,325 38	756	176	1,518	603	3,902	55,200	248	198
39-'64-'65	186,897 50	189,965 39	802	199	1,575	635	3,820	58,600	299	237
40-'65-'66	221,191 85	208,811 18	818	186	1,594	643	3,924	61,200	325	255
41-'66-'67	212,567 63	227,963 97	846	208	1,645	655	5,959	64,000	348	269
42-'67-'68	217,577 25	254,668 65	908	250	1,710	702	6,214	66,300	364	282
43-'68-'69	244,390 96	274,932 55	972	246	1,956	734	6,470	75,300	374	283
44-'69-'70	283,102 87	270,927 58	944	246	1,836	693	6,404	75,750	390	287
45-'70-'71	246,567 26	263,617 19	940	227	1,957	716	5,833	71,500	368	280
46-'71-'72	294,566 86	281,182 50	961	236	2,011	762	6,358	76,500	369	293
47-'72-'73	267,691 42	278,830 24	951	217	2,145	714	5,725	74,000	391	293
48-'73-'74	290,120 34	287,662 91	969	241	2,195	726	5,421	74,700	395	297
49-'74-'75	308,896 82	296,789 65	952	214	2,223	701	6,361	80,750	423	311
50-'75-'76	310,027 62	309,871 84	979	240	2,274	734	7,836	85,370	422	317
51-'76-'77	293,712 62	310,604 11	996	234	2,196	727	8,065	86,300	442	312
52-'77-'78	284,486 44	284,540 71	996	209	2,237	739	7,578	91,762	385	286
53-'78-'79	273,691 53	260,330 29	946	199	2,126	710	5,232	87,573	367	275
54-'79-'80	266,720 41	259,709 86	1,015	256	2,308	761	5,598	96,724	341	256
55-'80-'81	290,953 72	284,414 22	1,032	255	2,633	783	5,922	99,898	363	276
56-'81-'82	340,778 47	339,795 04	1,070	262	2,818	799	6,032	104,308	425	318
57-'82-'83	370,981 56	354,105 80	1,150	301	2,919	817	6,527	106,638	433	308
58-'83-'84	385,004 10	419,449 45	1,342	401	2,930	962	7,907	116,314	436	312
59-'84-'85	451,767 66	460,722 83	1,447	380	2,990	1,017	8,734	118,000	453	318
60-'85-'86	524,544 93	498,790 16	1,469	372	3,005	1,058	9,050	120,000	471	324
61-'86-'87	482,979 60	507,988 79	1,571	392	3,063	1,117	19,031	129,350	454	312

1. The total receipts for sixty-one years is \$11,556,692.50.

2. The total of years of labor is 40,956.

3. The whole number of additions to the churches is 245,953.

4. The average expenditure for a year of missionary labor includes the entire cost of the Society of obtaining the missionary, defraying his expense to his field, and sustaining him on it, as well as the average proportion of all the expenses in conducting the institution.

AUXILIARIES AND MISSIONARY FIELDS.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D.D., President; Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS, Bangor, Secretary; JOHN L. CROSBY, Esq., Bangor, Treasurer. Office in Bangor.

The receipts of this Auxiliary within the year ending February 28th, were :

From churches and individuals.....	\$8,162 25
From Woman's Missionary Auxiliary.....	1,434 67
From legacies.....	11,161 28
Income from invested funds.....	3,341 27
	\$24,099 47

The National Society received from churches and individuals in Maine for the national work, within the year ending March 31st..... 3,649 41

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$27,748 88
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 28th.....	16,709 91
Special gifts.....	50 00
Interest on trust funds.....	474 00
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st.....	250 00

Ninety-seven missionaries have borne the commission of the Society for the whole or part of the year, and have rendered over sixty-six years of service. Ninety-nine churches have received grants, while some of the pastors have supplied regularly other fields. Two have been ordained, and one has been installed. Three houses of worship have been dedicated, and two others are ready for that service. Several houses have been repaired. One parsonage has been purchased. The General Missionary work continues to be of interest and value, and is better appreciated, every year. No extensive revivals are reported, but the churches visited are quickened. Some in each place are led to determine for the Christian life, and the aggregate returns of conversions and additions show good results.

“This most Eastern State,” says the Secretary, “must be missionary ground for years to come; first, because business changes, and once thrifty places are in part abandoned, the families leaving the State, or going to the newer settlements. So once self-supporting churches come upon the list of aided churches every year. Then Maine is not half developed. New and thrifty towns spring up in unexpected quarters, and demand the presence of the minister before society crystallizes sufficiently for it to care for his support, or even to desire his presence. For these and other reasons Maine will stand with Michigan and Kansas as a missionary State. So while we sympathize with the broader work, and give for its advancement, we are compelled first of all to regard the waste places within our own borders. The home appropriations must increase for years to come.”

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. EDWARD H. GREELEY, D.D., Secretary; Hon. LYMAN D. STEVENS, Treasurer. Office in Concord.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary within the year ending February 28th, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$4,676 06
From legacies.....	2,995 64
From N. H. Cent Institution.....	2,233 79
Income from invested funds.....	2,834 00
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	\$12,739 49

The National Society received from churches and individuals in New Hampshire for the national work, within the year ending March 31st. 9,292 08

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$22,031 57
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 28th.....	11,946 72
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash for the national work, within the year ending March 31st.....	1,236 67

This Society has had in commission sixty-three missionaries the whole or a part of the year. Sixty-three churches and at least twenty-three out stations have been supplied, and over forty-five years of service performed. The church at Mason has assumed self-support. Seven houses of worship have been repaired, and three parsonages provided. The Secretary says:

“Our churches our still spending and being spent for others—raising up young men and women to go down into the cities and out upon the frontier, and they mean to continue doing so. Only rarely and under peculiar circumstances do any of them show signs of discouragement or of yielding in the struggle, often very severe, to sustain the institutions of the gospel. The last year has been characterized by more than usual religious interest and by comparative prosperity. In one respect the developments of the year have not been so encouraging. An unusual number of churches hitherto self-supporting have called for aid. The demands of the work upon the benevolence of the churches are steadily increasing and are likely to continue to increase.”

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Hon. HENRY FAIRBANKS, Ph.D., President; Rev. CHARLES S. SMITH, Secretary; J. C. EMERY, Esq., Treasurer. Office in Montpelier.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary within the year ending February 28th, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$7,049 51
From legacies.....	775 00
Income from invested funds.....	377 79
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	\$8,202 30

The National Society received from churches and individuals in Vermont for the national work, within the year ending March 31st..... 11,334 69

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions..... \$19,536 99

The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 28th.....	\$10,718 48
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st.....	40 00

The Secretary reports that sixty missionaries have been employed in sixty-three fields performing forty-eight years of service. One of these has been a Missionary at Large, at work for the entire year, and another a county missionary for two months. These latter have performed labor for brief periods in several fields not included in the above number. One church has been organized, and one has assumed self-support.

“The employment of a Missionary at Large who, as a minute man, can visit any locality, on short notice, explore wastes, spend a week or two with a discouraged and pastorless church and engage in evangelical work as may be needed is an effective help in strengthening the “things that remain that are ready to die” in our rural towns. Increased attention is being given in the State to the evangelizing of the non-church-going communities. For two years past, as an experiment, we have aided a small church, with a large outlying territory, in employing for a part of the year a laborer who devoted his whole time in visiting from house to house, and holding meetings in school and private houses, with most encouraging results. We are striving to impress upon our missionary churches that it is a great mistake to concentrate their thoughts upon themselves and their own prosperity instead of making the salvation of the surrounding population the end of their aims and prayers. Their inquiry should be, not, how shall *we* continue to live? but, how can we impart life to our neighbors? If others are made partakers of the new life the church will live also and have life more abundantly.

“A good degree of spiritual prosperity has attended our work, but we have not experienced that general quickening and fullness of blessing for which we hope and pray. We have labored through the year with a feeling of poverty and under the shadow of a debt which has made us duly humble, but we are not reconciled to it, as our churches are well able to furnish the needed funds.

“The problem of evangelizing the people in our country towns and keeping up churches in communities still depleted by emigration, grows no easier as the years pass away. It is a constant struggle, a work of faith and a labor of love. It requires self-denial, patience, heroism, on the part of missionaries and some resolute men and women. So it develops the best type of character in many families, and helps to train children for effective work in the kingdom of Christ all over the world.”

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. JULIUS H. SEELYE, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. JOSHUA COIT, Secretary;
 Rev. E. B. PALMER, Treasurer. Office in Boston.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending February 28th, were..... \$101,473 17

The National Society received from churches and individuals in Massachusetts, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st	\$57,573 73
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions....	\$159,046 90
The Auxiliary expended on its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 28th.....	43,070 71
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st	71,817 09

This Society has had in its service ninety-five missionaries, the whole or a part of the year, performing seventy-nine years of service in connection with one hundred churches, and at least sixty out-stations. Two churches have assumed self-support. Two houses of worship have been erected, and twenty repaired. The Secretary in his report says: "In general there has been no marked change in the character of the work done by this Society. Year after year the feeble and faint churches are helped by gifts from their stronger sisters, and as the records are surveyed and results estimated it is only more and more plain as the years pass, that such gifts are absolutely necessary to the continuance of our churches in many places; and further, that in no other way does money spent by our churches in building the Redeemer's kingdom on earth bring larger returns. So far as figures go it appears that, dollar for dollar, more is accomplished in the feeble, remote churches than in the strong churches of our cities. A thousand dollars given to three or four churches in back country towns insures a whole round of Christian activity in these churches for a year. Without this gift these churches would either be closed altogether or occasional services would be held, uncertain in number and character. With the gift the church has a resident minister. The services of the sanctuary are maintained, a power in many ways for good. An extra thousand dollars given to a strong city church means, perhaps, a church missionary and perhaps a quartet choir.

"There is, we think, a growing appreciation in our State of the importance of home missionary work in our own borders, especially among our foreign population. The work of our General Missionaries has proved itself, as before, of great value; several churches having been quickened and comparatively large additions made upon profession of faith, as results of their labors.

"The work among the French Canadians has been growing in importance during the year. There have been three churches organized, one at Springfield, one at Holyoke, and one at Fall River. Each has grown and is likely to grow. In each instance the fact of a church organization, with its institutions and ordinances, has exerted an influence among the people that could never be had by a mission, however vigorously worked. The Springfield church began with thirty-nine members May 28th, and has now over fifty. The enterprise has so com-

mended itself to the people of that place, that some \$9,000 has been raised to build a church. In Holyoke the church was organized in July, with forty-one members, and some twenty have been added. In Fall River the church was organized in September, with thirty-eight members, and it now has a membership of sixty-three. In each case there is every prospect of further increase. In Ware, where there has been for some time a mission, it is probable that a movement toward a church will be made soon. Our French preachers are about to issue a weekly newspaper in the interests of their work. Our French Protestant College at Lowell has had a successful year, and is only hindered by lack of funds from increasing greatly in the number of students. Many applications for admission have been denied because of lack of accommodation. If money could be had for the building or hiring of suitable buildings, this great work would go forward rapidly to a notable success. The two Swedish missionaries have been warmly welcomed by their countrymen in their ministrations, and very hearty acknowledgments of the favor done and blessing received are made by the Swedish congregations in different parts of the State. The German preachers at Holyoke and Adams have faithfully held out the pure word of truth, and at Adams many have united with the Congregational church.

“The Gospel Tent work in Boston was carried on by Rev. E. W. Bliss, as last year, and further effort in City Evangelization is made by sustaining regular services at Field’s Corner, in Dorchester, where the success already attained warrants the expectation that a self-supporting church will before many years be established.

“Rev. Wm. G. Puddefoot, of Traverse City, Mich., spent the month of February in this State making addresses in behalf of Home Missions with special reference to the burdensome debt of the National Society. His vivid sketches of the life and work of a Home Missionary, and graphic statements of the need of Home Missionaries, had a telling effect upon his audiences everywhere. His services were greatly in demand and were highly appreciated. The results were not so large in immediate contributions as they will doubtless be in permanent interest in the work to which, in its value and power, he opened so many eyes.

“While there is much yet to be desired in appreciation of the work, and the need of the American Home Missionary Society by the men and women in our churches, yet it is pleasant to notice from time to time an increasing heartiness in the welcome given to the appeals of this Society. Many prayers are to-day being offered that the year may yet be closed without debt. The gifts, even when small, that accompany these prayers seem somehow to contain a sort of promise of and almost potency toward this desirable result.”

RHODE ISLAND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Hon. ROWLAND HAZARD, President; Rev. Secretary;
EDWIN BARROWS, Esq., Treasurer. Office in Providence.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary within the year ending February 28th were :

From churches and individuals.....	\$3,703 87
Income from invested funds.....	136 50
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	\$3,840 37

The National Society received from churches and individuals in Rhode Island for the national work, within the year ending March 31st....

6,987 78

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$10,828 15
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 28th.....	3,011 74
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st.....	753 00

Nine missionaries have been in the service of this Society, during the whole or part of the year, in connection with eight churches and four out-stations. Forty-one have been added to the churches on confession, and eighteen by letter, making a total membership in the churches of nearly 570. Eight Sunday-schools report a membership of 918.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

REV. WILLIAM H. MOORE, Secretary; WARD W. JACOBS, Esq., Treasurer. Office in Hartford.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary within the year ending February 28th were :

From churches and individuals.....	\$15,017 80
From legacies.....	224 54
Income from invested funds.....	60 00
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	\$15,302 34

The National Society received from churches and individuals in Connecticut for the national work, within the year ending March 31st.

46,588 44

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions....	\$61,890 78
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 28th.....	14,057 02
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st.....	2,864 84

The Secretary reports that fifty men were commissioned, including five licentiates, and that their service amounted for forty years.

“The aided churches are in general in a good condition.

“We regard the five General Missionaries as quite an important accession to our forces. Mr. Hanbroe works for nothing, and seems glad to follow the service under the encouragement he gets from us toward meeting his expenses. Mr. Ahnstrom is now pastor of the Swedish Church in New Britain and is also, so far as he is able, a General Missionary. No member of his church or congregation has a dollar of taxable property, but they pledge \$425 for his support. Mr. Erixon

is useful in about twenty-five places which he visits in Connecticut. Mr. Hantel finds all the work he can manage among the Germans. Mr. Reed is in constant demand, and, while no revival of marked extent has occurred under his labors among us, he seems to be acceptable and useful everywhere. In addition to the salaries of these General Missionaries, we pay their official expenses. The sympathy of our people is so largely with the National Society in its indebtedness, that we shall not be surprised if we find ourselves in debt to our own missionaries at the close of the first quarter of our year."

NEW YORK HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. WM. A. ROBINSON, D.D., President; Rev. CHARLES C. CREEGAN, D.D., Syracuse, Secretary; Rev. ALEXANDER H. CLAPP, D.D., New York, Treasurer.

The Receipts of this Society from New York and that part of Pennsylvania under its care were \$46,622.85. Seventy-five missionaries have been in commission, during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with 155 churches and stations. One missionary has been supplying a congregation of colored people; eleven preach to two Welsh congregations; and one is now engaged in a general missionary work among the Spanish-speaking population. Two churches have reached self-support, and three have been organized. Seven houses of worship have been built, and thirteen repaired. Eight Sunday-schools have been organized.

The following are extracts from the annual report of the Trustees :

"We observe that many of our churches have been visited with the baptism of the Holy Spirit which has greatly quickened the membership, and in some cases large numbers have been added on confession of faith. It is a significant fact that almost without exception the giving churches have been visited with revivals, while those taking but little or no interest in the work of missions have had no conversions. So nearly do these two things run parallel that it can be considered a law, admitting of but few exceptions, that the church which takes a deep interest in the work of saving the world at home and abroad—the church which consecrates its money to Christ will see the conversion of souls—while the organization having the name of a church which lives only for itself is sure of a speedy death.

"Some of our missionary churches make too low an estimate of their own ability to support the church. Where the number of givers is small there must of course be a burden in raising the minister's support which somebody must feel, and it is very natural for men to get clear of what is burdensome. Often the assumption is made that aid must be received from the Home Missionary Society or the church will perish, when the fact is, that if a faithful effort were made, the church would not only be self-supporting but able to contribute considerable sums to the several missionary societies.

"Some of the dependent churches have made no progress in strength, have had no revivals for years, and are as weak and helpless to-day as they were when they first came to the conclusion that they were unable to support themselves. If the people can support the gospel with a reasonable amount of self-sacrifice, then it is their duty to do so, and a call for aid under such circumstances is a sin and

shame. Let such churches remember that the money which comes into our treasury is often given by those who are making severe self-denial. Then, too, it should be borne in mind that the money wasted in such fields means just so much less for those rapidly growing communities on the frontier where, in human view, far more important results would be obtained.

“The Trustees have under consideration the question of employing a trustworthy Evangelist, and are now in correspondence with a gentleman of large and successful experience who will probably be engaged for this work. Such a man as we have in mind will be in demand by the self-supporting churches at least half his time, and the remainder of the time he will give to work among pastorless churches and other fields in special need of such services.

“As a denomination we have always insisted upon unity of effort among Christians of every name and have been opposed to the needless multiplication of churches. During the year we have had several examples of the practical workings of our theory. In a little village in Central New York there are two churches which have been in existence for many years. One of them is a Congregational church, the other is a church of the Lord Jesus Christ having another name—neither Society was provided with a suitable place of worship, and neither was able to erect a church home without outside help. God put it into the heart of a Congregational deacon in New York city, who had spent his boyhood in this community, to give a helping hand to these worthy people whose means were limited. He offered to be responsible for one-half the entire cost of a new church, provided the two societies should be permitted to use the house. The edifice was built and dedicated free from debt, and in the mean time the people had come to love each other and the minister preaching to them, so that they were led to say, ‘What need is there of two preachers in this community?’ As no satisfactory answer could be given to this question they have gone on together in the spirit of brotherly love and are likely to do so for years to come, although neither denomination has given up its organization. The spirit manifested in this little community is wise—in every sense of the word Christian. Would that it might become contagious and sweep over the whole country, reducing by scores and hundreds the weak and useless churches and leaving only those which are strong to do the Master’s work.

“We see in the rapid growth of the foreign element among us, perils which threaten the stability of our free institutions. It is becoming more and more a living question, which must receive the attention of all thoughtful Christians: ‘How can we Christianize and Americanize these elements?’ Some say they can all be Americanized if we will only give them a hearty welcome when they come to our land. It is difficult to see that we have in any way failed to welcome them. Upon the other hand, have we not been too ready to make them a part of the body politic, to give them positions of power and influence before they had caught the spirit of our institutions. It is a fair question if it would not be best to require every man to wait twenty-one years after making his home in this country before he is permitted to exercise the privilege of suffrage. We who are born in America are obliged to wait that period of time, and it is a fair question why the foreigners should have any better opportunities in this direction than we enjoy. Let us do what we can to gather them into our churches, to make them welcome when they come; let us try to bring them to Christ, to build them up in him through the Christian agencies already organized, and let us organize others when necessary. It may be we shall not have remarkable success with those who are of adult years, and who, perhaps, have already embraced views that are directly contrary to the teachings of the Bible; but we may have large success with the young people and especially with the children. There is a wonderful economy in the work of evan-

gelizing the masses when we take hold of the children, gathering them into our churches and Sunday-schools, and teaching them the way of life. In many cases we shall labor in vain unless we have missionaries especially prepared to preach to these people, and when necessary in their own language.

“We have twenty-five missionaries preaching to Welsh congregations in New York and Eastern Pennsylvania. We have a missionary laboring among the Spanish-speaking people in New York city and Brooklyn, and recently a very flourishing church composed of Swedes has been organized in Brooklyn. This is all that has been done thus far in our field.

“When we consider the following facts we can see the need of greatly enlarging our work in this direction. In this State 24 per cent. of the population is foreign-born, and when the children are included we find the foreign element is 53 per cent. of the entire population. In New York city 40 per cent. of the people are foreign-born, and including the children we find the foreign element in that great city to be 87 per cent. In Albany the foreign element is 57 per cent., and for all the large cities of the State the figures would be almost the same. He must be blind who cannot see that the influences for evil at work among them, intemperance, Sabbath breaking, superstition, vice, infidelity, anarchism, are vastly more active and influential than any influences for good which the Christian church has thus far brought to bear.

“We must save these people or they will ruin us, or if not us, our children. We must go to them in the right spirit, our hearts on fire with love for them and with strong faith that there is power in the gospel of Christ to save them.

“With one-half of the population of the Empire State in cities of over eight thousand inhabitants, one-fourth of our people in the United States in cities, one-third of our population foreign-born, or the children of foreign-born parents, and the large portion of this foreign population in the great cities—from these facts we can see the importance of this department of the work. This tendency to centralization of population is sure to continue until we have a very much larger percentage of our population in cities than we now have.

“Three years ago at the meeting of the American Home Missionary Society at Saratoga, the following resolution was adopted:

“*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be instructed to consider the advisability of making a special appropriation for an enlarged work of evangelization in our great cities, and to report the result of their deliberations and of their experiments, if they inaugurate any, to the next annual meeting of the Society.’

“As one of the Auxiliaries of the National Society we can report some progress in the matter of city evangelization. During the last five years this Society has given special attention to work in cities and growing villages, and although we have only begun to do this work, yet the success we have had is very encouraging. Churches have been started in New York, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Ogdensburg, Watertown, and several other places. These movements, with scarcely an exception, have been very successful.

“Of the twenty-five churches formed in the State during the last five years almost all of them are located in cities or large and growing villages. The present membership of these churches is nearly 2,000, an increase of 92 per cent. since their organization, and the aggregate of the congregations in connection with these new churches is about 2,500, and there are 3,300 pupils in the Sunday-schools.

“These new societies own property worth \$150,000. Surely the experiment which we have made in this State during the last five years should encourage us to enter upon this work on a wider scale and with better methods. Is it not time for us to cease holding before us, as the chief end of our work, the establishment of

flourishing churches which will soon reach self-support? There are wards in all our large cities where self-supporting churches are an impossibility. What shall be done for these?"

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. CHARLES C. CREEGAN, D.D., Syracuse, N. Y., Superintendent.

Nineteen missionaries have been in commission, during the whole or a part of the year, ministering to thirty-six churches and stations. The Welsh people are largely represented in the membership and attendance at service. In some instances, they comprise the church and congregation. Two hundred and forty-one additions on confession, and fifty-eight by letter, have been reported. Thirteen missionaries report 198 hopeful conversions. One Sunday-school has been organized, and twenty-six schools report a membership of 2,465. The receipts from the field have been \$4,584.69.

"In regard to Eastern Pennsylvania," says the Secretary, "it is pleasant to report an encouraging degree of progress. During the last five years there have been eighteen churches organized in Eastern Pennsylvania. Their aggregate membership is 1,387; aggregate in congregations 2,768, with 1,755 in the Sunday-school. These new churches own property worth \$58,000. Taking into consideration that all of these people are wage-workers, most of them working in the mines, we are greatly encouraged by the result.

"It is doubtful whether there is a more fruitful missionary field, so far as our denomination is concerned, to be found in this country. These Welsh people are largely Christians, and a goodly number of them Congregationalists, before they come to this country. All they need is a little encouragement, and they will soon fall in line."

OHIO HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. HENRY M. TENNEY, President; Rev. JOHN G. FRASER, Cleveland, Secretary; Rev. ALEXANDER H. CLAPP, D.D., New York, Treasurer.

The field of this Society includes Ohio and such portions of Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky, as are within the limits of the General Conference of Ohio.

The Treasurer reports that the amount raised for Home Missions, including the "Bohemian Mission work" in Cleveland, in this field, during the year ending March 31st, is \$11,277.87. (Individuals and churches, \$10,131.86. Legacies, \$1,146.01.) The expenditures have been (including the "Bohemian Mission work") \$11,698.58.

Forty-one missionaries have been in commission within the bounds of this District, during the whole or a part of the year, performing twenty-nine years of service in connection with seventy-nine churches and out-stations. Twenty-five of them have labored in Ohio, four in Western

Pennsylvania, and two in West Virginia. Twenty-one missionaries report 229 hopeful conversions. In all, 196 have been added to the churches on confession, and eighty-six by letter.

“Home Missionary work in Ohio,” says the Secretary, “has outgrown that first stage of romance which attaches to frontiers and new beginnings, and which still belongs to Northern Michigan and Dakota and Utah, and has not yet fully entered into that sadder second stage in which the old ruins are carefully tended and rebuilt, with tears that the glory is not as at first. The Ohio work is pre-eminently prosaic and matter of fact. To this, its general characteristic, must be added the uncomfortable fact that for some reason, over the philosophy of which wise men disagree, the Ohio churches have never taken upon them the full burden and blessing of their heritage, but still linger far behind their neighbors, East and West, in the average of their offerings for Home Missions. The faithful work the late Secretary has done, in striving to make the Congregational churches and Christians of Ohio understand their mission and their opportunity, his successor seeks to continue; and will count it his best token of success, if it shall appear through their offerings that they have taken the work upon their hearts.

“The year has been in the main uneventful, with about the usual amount of quiet and unheralded work. One faithful missionary of the Society, Rev. Albert M. Wheeler, for five years pastor of the Second church, Toledo (his first and only pastorate), died just at the opening of the year, of consumption, in his thirty-first year. He was a devoted and successful pastor, and continued his work far beyond the limit of his failing strength. His church cherishes his memory.

“A year ago the Society was just making experiment with the services of a General Missionary, Rev. Robert Quaife. He has now been over a year in this service, and results already fully justify the wisdom of his appointment. During the summer he did pastoral service for a small city church in a trying and critical stage of its history, and prepared it for the coming of a pastor who has since lifted it out of the slough of debt, and put new life into it. Mr. Quaife has served other churches for briefer periods, in aid of the pastors, with equally happy, though differing, results. One which was reported a few years ago, as having lost sixty-one members by death and removal in thirteen years, and which was reduced to a handful of members, and an afternoon preaching service, for which it could raise only \$100, has received over twenty-five members, quadruples its offering for ministerial support, adds a house to it, and with a little aid from the Society has a pastor to itself. In a church just organized in the suburbs of Cleveland, with fifteen members, nearly fifty conversions are reported, and more than half that number of accessions to the church. Much work, for future years, has also been done among children and young people.

“The work of the Cleveland Bohemian Mission, which sustains to the Society the relation of a church, has been deeply interesting during the past year, and is constantly enlarging.”

ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. EDWARD P. GOODWIN, D.D., President; Rev. JAMES TOMPKINS, Secretary;
AARON B. MEAD, Esq., Treasurer. Office in Chicago.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending March 31st, were.....	\$13,391 03
The National Society received from churches and individuals in Illinois, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st...	2,255 02
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions...	\$15,646 05
The Auxiliary expended on its own field for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 31st.....	14,509 35
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st.....	200 00

Sixty missionaries have been under commission, during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with seventy churches and thirteen out-stations. The Secretary in his report says:

“The labors of evangelists employed have been blessed to the conversion of many souls, and the strengthening of a number of churches. The results of evangelistic labor more and more clearly demonstrate that this is the best method of quickly bringing churches to self-support. The wisdom and duty of employing men for this special line of work, can no longer be questioned. The communities in which our evangelists have labored the past year may be classified as follows: Churches aided, 15; churches not aided, 41; fields destitute of churches 11; total 70—of which 18 churches were pastorless. One of the evangelists was commissioned for special work, as General Missionary in Southern Illinois. This is the part of the State first settled. The pioneers were from the so-called Southern States. Most of the churches and other institutions were of the southern type. But the present generation has a determined spirit of progress. Even in the more neglected portions of that region (and there are thousands in some localities where there are neither churches nor Sunday-schools) the people are eager for the gospel of Christ in its purity and power. Especially do they desire churches organized on the New Testament plan, self-governing under the one Master. The people who have been accustomed to different politics come together on this broad, evangelical basis. So in this part of our State we find a large ‘Congregational element,’ not only ready but anxious to be organized into aggressive churches. One church recently organized sustains four Sunday-schools in the region around.

“To meet the emergency which is so often occasioned by the

diminished contributions of the summer months, our treasurer proposed to the churches of the State the raising of a permanent fund, of at least \$5,000, to be invested in first class securities, and to be used as collateral in borrowing money to pay missionaries, the interest of the same being used to pay the interest on the borrowed money, the fund itself to remain intact. The above-named amount has not all been secured; but it is hoped that it will be before the meeting of the State Association and the annual meeting of the Society.

“The Board of Directors had planned for an enlargement of the work in the State, the vote of the churches warranting such a movement. But the contributions did not correspond with the votes; hence but little enlargement was made. The receipts are less than for the preceding year, and so we close with a deficit of \$1,272.03.

“The work of our State evangelists, which has been carried on so successfully for the past five years, has been somewhat interfered with by a change of laborers. Rev. Hiram D. Wiard, the senior evangelist, was appointed Home Missionary Superintendent for Southern Dakota, and entered on duty, June 1st, 1886. Rev. John D. McCord was called to take charge of the Armour Mission, in connection with Plymouth Church, Chicago, May 1st, 1886.”

WISCONSIN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REV. CHARLES H. RICHARDS, D.D., President; Rev. THOMAS G. GRASSIE, Milwaukee, Secretary; R. A. McCULLOUGH, Esq., Milwaukee, Treasurer.

The receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending February 28th, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$16,094 02
From legacies.....	100 00
From invested funds.....	133 20
From other sources.....	348 33
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	\$16,675 55

The National Society received from churches and individuals in Wisconsin, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st. 2,732 64

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions...	\$19,408 19
The Auxiliary expended on its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 28th.....	10,893 02

In this State there have been seventy one churches, and at least forty out-stations supplied. Fifty-four missionaries have been in commission during the whole or part of the year. This is an increase, compared with last year, of seventeen churches and eight missionaries. One new church has been formed, and several fields occupied by our missionaries are nearly ready for the organization of others. The Secretary reports that “Much of the work of the past year has been the restoring of churches long dismantled and pastorless, rendered so for lack of home missionary funds to sustain them. This is as expensive a work as the

forming of new churches. It is as valuable, since a dead man restored to life is worth as much as a child new-born, and it requires as much divine power to effect it. This work of resurrection has been prosecuted to such a degree that we have now in the State fewer abandoned churches than we have had for many years.

“Before the beginning of last year the necessity for a great enlargement of our work so pressed the Society that it passed and published a strong appeal to the churches calling for a large increase of contributions. To enforce this appeal unusual efforts were made to engage the interest of the churches, by printed information, by conventions, and by appeals in the pulpits. A special home missionary conference of the State was called at Madison, which was largely attended by both ministers and laymen. At this important meeting the special problem of our State was very thoroughly considered and it manifestly had a great influence. In response to these efforts the churches came to realize with new vividness the greatness and difficulty of the home missionary problem in Wisconsin, the more than forty churches pastorless and sinking, the wide tracts in thickly settled regions, township after township, wholly destitute of churches, and especially the sudden and surprising development of North Wisconsin, into which people are crowding with great rapidity. Perhaps there is, at present, no section of the United States where population is so fast increasing, where towns, cities, railroads, docks, elevators, saw mills, mines, spring into being with such magic rapidity, and where the beckon of God’s hand so commands the church to enter *at once*.

“These considerations have impressed our churches as never before with a sense of the utter inadequacy of the paltry \$10,000 which was all we have had to expend on our great and important State. It was the unanimous decision that we must enlarge our plans, redouble our efforts, and consequently redouble our expenditure of money. It was determined to increase largely our own giving and at the same time, in order to save the New North so suddenly thrown upon us, to ask the National Society to relieve us for the present of that unexpected increase of our burden. This request the National Society acceded to and co-operated heartily in the formation of the sub-district of North Wisconsin—the territory included in which remains still under the direction and purview of the Wisconsin Society, while commissions and funds are supplied by the National Society. This was a wise change and the urgent necessity of it is now fully demonstrated. The Rev. Geo. A. Hood was appointed to the superintendency of the sub-district and under his enterprising direction the work is efficiently carried on. To get the needed increase of funds from our own churches a strong appeal was sent out, and in response an unusual enthusiasm was roused throughout the State. The ministers stirred up the churches. The result was an increase of contri-

butions twenty-five per cent. above our previous high rate, reaching, for the fiscal year of our State Society, the sum of \$1.04 per resident member.

“ Besides these contributions from the churches a generous friend of the Society gave \$5,000 to be funded and used as collateral on which to borrow, if ever the Treasury ran empty, and so relieve our missionaries from bearing the sole brunt of the evil. It is also the hope of the donor ‘that it may prove a nucleus to which other sums may be added by benevolent Christians in our State, and thus in time an endowment fund be formed.’

“ A most valuable adjunct to the usual work of the Society the past year has been the employment of State Evangelists working under the direction of the Society. Two have engaged in this work, Rev. Geo. W. Nelson, for the whole year, and Rev. T. W. Cole for some months of it. Their work has proved the exceeding efficiency and economy of this agency in home missionary operations.”

NORTH WISCONSIN.

Rev. GEORGE A. HOOD, Ashland, Superintendent.

Mr. Hood reports that eight fields have been worked by eight different missionaries, including three students. The contributions to the Society have been \$65.65, and the expense of the work, since June 1st, is \$2,137.06. Washburn church has assumed self-support; Rhinelander has built a church; Bloomer and Rhinelander have had revival interest.

“ The Society has begun work in this new field none too soon. The necessity reported last year has increased. This report covers only six months of the Superintendent’s work, and for four months of that time not a single suitable man could be found for the vacant fields. I have been saving what was begun, and preparing for the new. But beginnings do not show in statistics. Let me restate the urgency of this work by calling it “ a model home missionary field.”

“ 1. It is the nearest and newest frontier. The continent has been explored by the Pacific Railroads, and the ‘ground floor’ chances taken. Now, investors are hunting out the corners which have been skipped in the westward rush. In North Wisconsin they find the untasted opportunities of the Far West, and all are the more eager because the opportunity is so near home.

“ 2. The rapid increase of population in three or four years from almost nothing to one-eighth of the whole State. The most rapid growth of Dakota is being repeated here. Four railroads are here, and five more are being built now, among them the strongest companies of the Northwest.

“ 3. Permanency. Other States are imperial and famous for their specialties—for timber, or mines, or stock raising, or grain, or scenery;

but North Wisconsin has each of these with an abundance which would mark it as a specialty. The Gogebic iron mines are called inexhaustible, and the ore is of the very best. Pine covers the north half of the State, and mills, said to be the largest in the world, are built here to saw it up. Our hardwood timber, mixed in with the pine, is carried off by logging crews from Wisconsin factories. Wherever a clearing lets the sun in, good crops of oats are raised by merely harrowing among the stumps; timothy grows rank without even this care; vegetables yield amazingly. Fancy stock farms are begun. So, if ever the lumbering towns saw all the pine, or the hardwood is all manufactured into woodenware and charcoal, or the mining towns exhaust their ore, there is still a fourth crop of riches in the soil itself, and these towns will become prosperous centers for the model life of a rich farming community.

“Lakes Superior and Michigan, with their cheap shipping and fisheries, are no small item in our future. Beautiful brooks of speckled trout, and lakes full of other fish, hidden in woods where bears are found and deer abound, make this our Western Adirondacks.

“4. It will pay. This is a paradise for the capitalist, and for the poor man, too, who can make more wages in the woods in winter than by farming in summer. Immense fortunes have been made in a year. Investors from Boston to Montana, especially from Chicago, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis, swarm here. The ear wearies of mines, stocks, acres, and blast furnaces, corner lots and brick blocks, railroads and timber, ties, piles, docks and elevators. Gain the whole world—never mind the soul. But *we must* mind their souls. These ‘rustlers’ seem to be natural Congregationalists. They like our style of work—evangelistic, business-like. Everywhere I go they want a Congregational minister. Not much will be required for each church here, if we can get ministers worthy of the opportunity. We cannot be too quick about it, either. ‘The nick of time’ applies here. It will only need a good stock of men and money, and we can do much toward securing these strong souls for the kingdom, and their treasures for heaven.”

IOWA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. TRUMAN O. DOUGLASS, Grinnell, Secretary; J. H. MERRILL, Esq., Des Moines, Treasurer.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending February 28th, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$10,464 71
From legacies.....	400 00
	\$10,864 71

The National Society received from churches and individuals in Iowa, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st.....

1,501 17	\$12,365 88
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	

The Auxiliary expended on its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 28th..... 10,953 56

This Auxiliary has had in its service seventy-nine missionaries during the whole or a part of the year, performing forty-nine years of service, in connection with eighty-one churches and about forty out-stations. The Secretary reports: "During the year we have organized eleven churches, as follows: at Bethel, Berwick, Castana, Elk Creek, Ellsworth, La Moille, Larchwood, Number Five, Pleasant Prairie, Prairie Hill and Washta. Five missionary churches dedicated houses of worship, viz.: Baxter, Bethel, Jewell Junction, Pleasant Prairie and Sioux City (Pilgrim). Six self-supporting churches also dedicated houses of worship. Home missionary parsonages were secured at Arlington, Berwick, Clarion, and Sioux City (Pilgrim Church), and the parsonage at Sherrill's Mound was greatly improved and enlarged.

"The names of the churches, and of their pastors that have come to self-support, should be written large so that other pastors and churches may '*see their good works.*' Our 'Calebs and Joshuas' this year are: Rev. John M. Cummings, of Anita; Rev. G. M. D. Slocum, of Gilman and Newburg; Rev. Robert W. Jamison, of Cromwell; Rev. Oliver P. Champ-lin, of Emmetsburg, Rev. John F. Horne, of Independence, and Rev. Robert W. Hughes, of Polk City, Berwick, Crocker Center, and Prairie Hill.

"The Society has had in the field three Evangelists. Rev. J. S. Norris was engaged the whole year, Rev. H. M. Skeels four months, and Rev. Jacob Klossner (German) three months. It is safe to say that under the labors of these brethren there were not less than one thousand hopeful conversions and six hundred additions to our churches.

"The foregoing figures certainly show that the year has been a fruitful one. Enlargement has come to our denomination and to the Kingdom of God within our borders. These fifty years of home missionary service packed into this one year have had something to do with the enlargement, and we have done something with the regions around and beyond us. For the abundant harvest of the year, thanks to the faithful workers, and thanks to the Lord of the harvest!

"But the end is not yet. The Society carries a heavy burden. Of all our 260 churches there are scarcely 100 that are really self-supporting. Any one of 150 churches may at any time send in an application for aid. Some of them are doomed to slow growth and smallness, but are doing good work, are giving of their strength to the stronger churches, and ought to be sustained. Our mottoes are '*Let no candlestick be removed out of its place,*' and, whenever possible, '*Rebuild the old altars and rekindle the fires thereof.*' New work also presses. The population thickens. New railroads are being built and new towns are springing up. Portions of Iowa are as new as Dakota. We do not need

to seek work nor to 'elbow' our way through the denominations. More work comes to our hand than we know how to take care of. Many calls must go unheeded. The work, so laid upon us by the providence and Spirit of God that we dare not refuse it, that alone do we accept. Oh, for more money and more men for this home missionary service!"

MARYLAND, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, VIRGINIA, TENNESSEE, AND GEORGIA.

Sixteen missionaries and teachers have been under commission during the whole or a part of the year, viz :

MARYLAND.—Rev. William C. Jones, at Frostburg, with Ocean Mines and Allegany as out-stations, labored through the year. He reports sixty church-members, including thirteen additions. Seventeen conversions, and 158 in the Sunday-school.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,—Rev. Robert Nourse, at Washington, D. C., labored for three months as pastor of the Tabernacle Congregational Church. His successor, Rev. William C. Scofield, performed six months' service and reports fifty-three church-members, and 200 scholars in the Sunday-school.

Rev. Charles H. Small, at Mount Pleasaut, where a Congregational church has been organized, reports twenty-nine church-members and 100 scholars in the Sunday-school.

VIRGINIA.—Rev. Frederick W. Tuckerman, at Falls Church, with Merrifield as an out-station, reports sixty-one church-members, and two Sunday-schools with fifty-five scholars.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, at Herndon, reports seventy-two church-members and 105 scholars in the Sunday-school.

TENNESSEE.—Rev. J. H. Frazee, at Knoxville, labored part of the year with the newly organized Pilgrim Congregational Church. Rev. Edmund L. Hood succeeded him, in October, 1886, and reports twenty-three church-members and seventy scholars in the Sunday-school.

Rev. Lewis Morgan, in service with the Welsh churches at Soddy and Rock Creek, reports seventy-six church-members, including twenty-seven additions; sixteen conversions, and 130 scholars in the Sunday-school.

GEORGIA.—Rev. Zachary Eddy, D.D., in connection with the Church of the Redeemer, at Atlanta, reports 127 church-members and eighty-five scholars in the Sunday-school. Rev. William Shaw, in service with the Berean Church, Atlanta, reports 142 church-members, 250 scholars in the Sunday-school, and a season of revival with fifty conversions. Rev. Jacob Flook supplied the Grace Congregational Church in the same city, which was organized within the year, and reports thirty-nine church-members and 100 scholars in the Sunday-school; house of worship built.

Mr. H. B. Smith labored part of the year as a missionary teacher at the Immanuel Mission; forty-seven scholars attended the school. Dr. A. C. Denham, in service as missionary teacher with the Berean Mission, reports eighty scholars as attending the school. Mrs. J. F. Robie and Miss M. B. Gaston labored part of the year as missionary teachers in connection with the Berean and West End Sunday and day schools, and report an average attendance of over 130 scholars.

FLORIDA.

REV. SULLIVAN F. GALE, Jacksonville, Superintendent.

Twenty-six missionaries have labored in this State, during the whole or a part of the year, ministering to fifty-seven churches and out-stations, and reporting a membership of 539, including additions of fifty-eight on confession and sixty-four by letter. Eight churches, and four Sunday-schools have been organized. Thirty-two schools report a membership of 1,114. The Superintendent writes:

“This is the third full year reported, a fractional year having been reported three years ago, and this report is the first since the general missionary work of Florida became independent of the pastorate of the Jacksonville church.

“But at the very time when a more aggressive movement was thus made possible, came the orders not to undertake any new work whatsoever, but to economize and retrench. The result in this field has been that, as against the thirteen new men who entered the State last year, not a new missionary has been employed; that churches already organized, with others since organized on fields that had been occupied prior to the orders referred to, have been served, some of them at least, in a temporary manner, and that the superintendency has been not a little diverted from much of the general care of work already undertaken, to say nothing of the exploration of new fields that have been offering the Macedonian prayer.

“But, as it is, the year has been one of some progress. The number of churches now in connection with the State Association is thirty-four, as against twenty-six a year ago. The gain of churches, all organized during the year, is eight. Last year it was thirteen. These churches, in membership, in strength of every kind, and in present and prospective usefulness, are similar to those organized at an earlier date, and in every instance they well illustrate the acceptableness and efficiency of the simple Congregational way. They are the only evangelical churches in their several communities and happily unite in their organizations almost all the Christian forces of the vicinage.

“The church in Jacksonville has joined the church in Winter Park on the independent list. Some others have made good progress towards this consummation. Interlachen, Port Orange, Pomona and Oak Hill

have dedicated beautiful and commodious houses of worship. The year has been remarkable for the work of church erection. Besides the churches in the above-named places, no less than eight have been engaged in this necessary work. The fact that the Congregational churches of Florida now hold more than \$50,000 of property is one of the evidences that Congregationalism is not experimenting here.

“The State Association, composed almost exclusively of home missionary churches, may be mentioned here as having prospered generally. At the annual meeting, held in Daytona last January, the Association was legally incorporated, it being desirable that it should be able to hold and administer property. The greatest pains was taken to do this work thoroughly and comprehensively, and it is believed that the Association and its annual meetings are perfectly guarded from secularization. The Congregational body of the State seems to have already well taken its place alongside of the general organizations of denominations which have been longer established here. At the last annual meeting a minute on ‘Comity’ was adopted, and proposals on that subject were made to all other bodies in the State. This is wholly in the line of Christian wisdom, good fellowship, and missionary efficiency, as set forth in the anniversary paper on ‘Denominational Co-operation.’ The Sunday-school Assembly, mentioned in the last report, is now completing preparations for the first annual session. Grounds and buildings are being put in readiness. A ten days’ programme has been announced, on which appear some of the best leaders, lecturers and workers in the country. The Executive Committee are likely, by their opening session, to establish at Mount Dora, in Orange County, the Chautauqua Assembly of South Florida.

“The material development of Florida has not been so rapid during this as in recent years. The bad freeze of 1886 and the lighter tourist travel and sojourning of this season have had something to do with this temporary retarding. Yet the year past has shown a large increase of railway building. There evidently is a great strife to secure the best Gulf ports, with a view to closer commercial relations with countries reached by water to the southward. The railway development of the interior of the peninsula also, has been remarkable. This has a meaning for every missionary society. Great progress has been made in public education, a large increase being recorded for the year in the number of school-houses erected and of new schools instituted. A considerable advance has been made in work intended to raise the standard of teachers’ qualifications. The new State constitution is more favorable to generous provisions for education. The grand success of Rollins College, at Winter Park, under the presidency of Rev. Dr. E. P. Hooker, should be noted. With about \$30,000 invested in the ‘plant,’ more room is needed and new buildings are to be erected. The beautiful site of ten

acres is about to be increased by several acres more. This institution stands prominently at the head of Christian education in the State. With more extended acquaintance with this large field comes the profounder conviction that the missionary opportunity offered in Florida is grand, urgent, and, if improved, will be of far-reaching results to a degree not now understood or anticipated."

MISSOURI, ARKANSAS, AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

REV. FRANKLIN B. DÖE, St. Louis, Superintendent.

The total number of ministers bearing the Society's commission in the Southwest missionary district was seventy-three; teachers fifteen. Two churches were organized in Missouri; one in Curry, of twelve members, to yoke with Thayer; also Unity Church, in Miller County, of twenty-three members, to yoke with Iberia. Two houses of worship have been completed; several have been enlarged and repaired, and several parsonages secured. Two churches have become self-supporting—Hyde Park, in St. Louis, and Clyde, in Kansas City. These are marked cases of growth and success. One also in Arkansas (Little Rock)—the most signal example of rapid progress. Two young men were ordained; five ministers have been installed. Missouri gained 438 in membership, and \$3,675 in benevolences. Arkansas has gained about seventy-five in membership; Indian Territory about forty. The improvement in quality all around is more evident than that in quantity. A spirit of harmony and mutual helpfulness prevails to a degree worthy of note.

"ARKANSAS.—Eight churches; nine missionaries commissioned, some for short periods. One church reached self-support. Six teachers have been commissioned. Little Rock carries off the palm; a rare instance of success anywhere, especially in Arkansas. It is due in large measure to the popularity of the missionary. Knowing, as I do, how almost impossible it was to make a start, owing chiefly to former abortive attempts, the result of the faith—or presumption, as some called it—is very gratifying and encouraging. The church lot is now worth \$7,500. To begin with nothing and in three years reach self-support and pay a salary of \$1,800—that is good enough. Eureka takes on new life and courage, pledging \$110 per month toward the support of the pastor, buying a church lot for \$450, and paying \$340 of it. It has the largest congregation in the city and a Sunday-school of 110 members, and is growing. The Union should put \$1,000 in that enterprise before next winter. Health seekers come there from all parts of the country. They now worship in Opera Hall and pay three dollars per month for the use of it.

"The Rogers church has made substantial progress. They now have a Congregational minister, and are building a parsonage. The Academy reports the best year of its existence.

“Rev. Victor E. Loba has gone to Siloam, to take that and Cherokee. Not a very hopeful field, but one that we cannot abandon now.

“INDIAN TERRITORY.—Denominationally, this is our least promising field. But the work we have is doing well. We have eight churches, two of which are colored, and only four missionaries have been employed as pastors. The white work in McAllister and vicinity warrants a fair outlay. The work among colored people, including the Sunday-schools and Wilberforce Institute, is of real value in elevating that people. Worcester Academy has made the best year in its history. The two terms just closed enrolled 161 members, eighty-five per cent. of whom are of Indian blood. The work has required the entire time of six persons. The principal writes: ‘I am confident that we have done better work than ever before in nearly every department.’

“There are some obstacles,” says Mr. Doe, “peculiar to this district, which endanger the work and make it difficult to manage. In some cases much patience is required. But there is much to work for and to hope for. Great progress will be made, the next twenty years, in our line. We are to have a substantial part in making Missouri what she is capable of becoming. The same is true of Arkansas, only the work must be slower. The slowness comes largely from the ignorance of the people. The vast timber regions have immense wealth in them and will attract Northern capital and industry. Railroads and schools will transform this State. I believe in the future of Arkansas.

“While we have made considerable gain in the amount raised toward the support of pastors, there is still room for improvement in this line, and especially in the contributions to the Home Missionary and Union treasuries. Not less than \$5,000 should be contributed to the former, and the contributions to the latter should be at least doubled. To secure this it is needful that missionary pastors, as well as others, educate their congregations in this grace and blessing. Some have done nobly the past year. Others are far behind their duty and privilege in this respect. We hope for a better record the coming year.”

With this brief summary, Mr. Doe calls attention to some details of each portion of the wide field:

“MISSOURI.—Fifty-three missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year, ministering to eighty-six congregations. The two churches organized are in the country, where there is no other church, and to yoke with existing churches, so that no additional outlay is required. The two houses of worship, also, are in country places where no others are within several miles. An unusual number of sanctuaries have been enlarged and otherwise improved, such as Clyde, in Kansas City, Kidder, etc. There is a growing disposition to secure parsonages, which indicates a desire for more permanence in the pastorate.

“The year has been one of substantial gain; not so much in starting new churches as in improving existing ones, and in gradually securing a higher grade of ministers.”

TEXAS AND LOUISIANA.

REV. CYRUS I. SCOFIELD, Dallas, Texas, General Missionary.

Eight missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with fourteen churches and out-stations. Mr. Scofield reports:

“Perhaps no part of the great home missionary field has suffered more from our inability to enter upon new work, than Texas. Just when the patient seed-sowing of many years, and the wise and far-seeing policy of the late veteran Superintendent for this State, had borne the fruit of a wide and favorable knowledge of our polity, so that at least five of the larger and growing cities were ready for us, the discouraging command came, ‘No new work.’ This is the more to be regretted, as Texas is just now in a greater degree than any other portion of the ‘New South’ in a malleable and formative state. Fifty-four Connecticuts in area, and already six Connecticuts in population, the estimates of the soberest statisticians as to her population and wealth in twenty years seem incredible, and it is certain that very largely what is left undone now cannot be done hereafter.

“Still, the things which remain have been materially strengthened. One church—that in Dallas—has reached self-support and added fifty to its membership. The Palestine church, sorely tried last year by the removals and divisions incident to the great strike, is now stronger than ever. Paris has secured a pastor and is moving forward with courage and success. The great ‘Panhandle,’ larger than Indiana or Wisconsin, is receiving a large immigration from the North, and is already calling for our work. We ought at once to enter ten important fields. May the Lord send men and means!”

In conclusion he says:

“No part of the South is undergoing a more interesting or important development than Southwestern Louisiana. Lying beyond the flat alluvial region adjacent to the Mississippi and its bayou system, is a rich prairie region, until recently sparsely settled with unprogressive Acadians. The larger part of the land belongs still to the United States and State governments, and is attracting a large Northern immigration of the very best quality.

“At Jennings, in this region, Superintendent Doe, while in charge of this department, stationed a missionary. As the result of his labors a church has been gathered, and a fine chapel (erected without outside aid) has been dedicated. To-day we have openings for five more churches in that region, and plans are far advanced for the erection of

an academy at Lake Charles, to cost \$20,000, which will be under control of the Congregationalists of Texas and Louisiana. The enterprise is in strong hands and will not be suffered to fail."

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA.

REV. CHARLES B. SUMNER, Las Vegas, New Mexico, Superintendent.

Seventeen missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year, supplying thirty churches and out-stations. Over forty additions have been made to the church-membership. Eleven Sunday-schools report 600 scholars. The Superintendent, Rev. C. B. Sumner, has resigned, and his successor has not yet been appointed.

INDIANA.

REV. LUMAN P. ROSE, Indianapolis, Superintendent.

The receipts of the Society from Indiana have been..... \$352 56

Seven missionaries have been under commission; three only serving the whole year. The other four labored from four to ten months each, making a little over five years of service rendered; at a cost to the Society of \$1,092. Their average salary was \$488.57. They have supplied, wholly and in part, fourteen churches and four out-stations. Superintendent Rose writes: "The missionary work of the State, committed virtually to six missionaries, including the Superintendent, embraces twenty-nine churches and four out-stations. Special revival meetings have been held with eleven churches, at some of which there were remarkable evidences of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Others were greatly blessed, but the wide-spread influence and the immediate ingatherings to the church were not so manifest. It is just to mention that two non-commissioned local missionaries have rendered valuable service by their voluntary assistance in the work.

"We gratefully acknowledge the merciful visitation of God's grace in giving to the missionary churches of Indiana 169 hopeful conversions; and that 142 on confession and forty-two by letter (184), have been added to their membership.

"With this special Divine blessing, renewed obligations and multiplied responsibilities come upon the churches. At least eighty converts begin the Christian life in churches without a pastor. Some will find homes elsewhere; most of them, however, should unite with our churches, but with what poor encouragement for religious culture and spiritual growth. Lambs without a shepherd! Some changes have occurred. Ridge church, Ill., has been dismissed, by letter, to its own State Association. West Vigo church has consolidated with the Bethany church at Macksville. One church, at Hosmer, has been organized, making the present number of churches on our roll thirty-six, with an aggregate membership of 2,275, of which twenty-nine churches with a membership of 943 are more or less dependent.

"A review of the work and workings of the Home Missionary cause in our State confirms the conviction that Indiana should and might rank with the other great States of the Interior in propagating churches and evangelizing the people upon the Congregational-Apostolic idea. When the flow of men and money to the great West shall begin to react, we may expect the shrubs planted here, if kept alive during this withering drouth, to take deeper root in our apparently barren soil, and grow to trees of beauty and fruitage. To let these tender plants die, whose fragrant flowers have sweetened the air in communities where they are located, is to let so much of Christ's kingdom go down.

"In submitting this my last annual report, many reflections impress my mind deeply with reference to the work in Indiana, upon which so much thought has been bestowed, so much interest awakened and so much labor expended; a few of which may deserve mention.

"1. The crushing disparity between the magnitude of the work and the resources to accomplish it, by which the mind of the worker, when the burden is fully realized, is turned in other directions. Hence constant changes.

"2. Inadequate support does not long retain competent men.

"3. Limited aid will accomplish more when concentrated than when scattered; by growing one church to a healthy self-support, rather than keeping five perpetual, half-starving dependencies.

"4. Local missionaries with competent support in centers of population and where self-sustaining churches will soon develop; and evangelists for field work, who would be known as pastors at large."

MICHIGAN.

REV. LEROY WARREN, Lansing, Superintendent.

The contributions to the Treasury from this State have been: From congregations and individuals, \$17,002.40; from legacies, \$5,169.24; in all \$22,171.64; a gain of \$7,746.90 over last year. One hundred and twenty-two missionaries have been in commission, during the whole or a part of the year, supplying 197 congregations. Ten churches have been organized during the year. Of 290 churches in the State 134 are now on our list as home missionary churches, though not all of them are at present supplied with pastors. Eleven Home Missionaries have been ordained during the past year. Twenty-three churches have reported revivals of religion of more or less power. Ten churches have built houses of worship. The church in Athens has acquired title to its house of worship, by discharging the indebtedness upon it. The value of these eleven meeting-houses is \$27,500. Five churches have assumed the entire support of their pastors; five more, also, by yoking are able to do without aid.

"Rev John Jones died at the close of three years of missionary serv-

ice in connection with our church at West Branch. He was a good man, and highly esteemed by the people among whom he labored.

“A new feature in our work the past year has been the employment of a State Evangelist. Rev. C. F. Van Auken entered upon this work late in the autumn, and his labors appear to have brought a large blessing to every church he has been able to visit. We hope for larger and more blessed results of his work the coming year. This form of home missionary effort seems likely to prove of the greatest value.

“By the State census of 1884 the population of Michigan was 1,853,658; and the annual increase from 1880 to 1884 was 54,180. At the same rate of increase the population in 1887 must be 2,016,198. In 1884 we had a foreign-born population of 486,968, increasing at the rate of 24,615 per annum. Adding the increase for the last three years (73,845) our foreign-born population in 1887 is 560,813. Michigan has a larger number of foreign-born than any other State of not more than equal population. Only four States in all, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Massachusetts, have a larger foreign-born population than Michigan. If we count also the children of our 560,813 foreigners—reckoning according to the basis afforded by the United States census tables, that is, 124 children of foreign-born parents for every 100 foreigners—we have in Michigan a virtually foreign population of 1,256,221. The foreign population is especially predominant in the new counties of the North. In the entire upper peninsula, as well in some of the northern counties of the lower peninsula, the foreign-born constitute a clear majority. Our missionaries in Northern Michigan frequently preach to congregations in which there is scarcely a single native American. This fact of the large foreign population gives additional importance to our work in Northern Michigan.

“Our upper peninsula, first occupied by Jesuit missionaries in 1641, has waited long for its development. The present year will be the most important ever known in its history. The bridging of St. Mary's River and the opening of the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railway will give that part of the State direct communication with the Atlantic seaboard. Several other important lines are also building. A thousand miles of new railway will be completed or begun the present year. Scores of new villages will spring up along the lines of these new railways, which should have at once the church, the house of worship, and the Sunday-school. The gospel is the only power that can bring order and peace out of the Babel of nationalities. We have never had so grand an opportunity as now for home missionary work in Northern Michigan, and the opportunity will not wait. We must bend every energy to give this region Christian influences while society is forming.

“The vastness of our home missionary field, larger hitherto and now than that presented by any other State or Territory, and the rapidity of

our growth in recent years, involving an unusual number of dependent churches, make it impossible for Michigan this year to assume self-support. But our churches here are feeling more than ever before that the evangelization of the State belongs to ourselves first of all. Our resources are increasing. A larger number of men of means in our churches are appreciating the importance of the work and giving more liberally for it. Not many years hence the Michigan churches will cease to ask help from abroad and will rejoice to be helpers of the American Home Missionary Society in the work for all our land."

MINNESOTA.

REV. JOHN H. MORLEY, Minneapolis, Superintendent.

The receipts from Minnesota during the Society's fiscal year were \$9,723.52. One hundred missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year. They supplied 131 churches and 104 out-stations. Forty-four churches report revivals of religion, with over 450 conversions. Two hundred and eighty have been added to the churches on confession, and 193 by letter. Six churches have reached self-support. Nine houses of worship have been built, and thirteen repaired. One hundred and thirty-one Sunday-schools report a membership of over 7,900.

The Superintendent in his report says: "The financial stringency of the Society has compelled retrenchment which has caused suffering but has not yet seriously impaired the work. Some new openings have been neglected, some churches have gone pastorless. The pressure of the debt in stimulating our people to generous giving and our churches to self-support is welcome. But the debt as causing suffering among our poorly paid missionaries, some of whom cannot remain on their fields unless enlargement comes, as well as in contracting our work which ought to advance with our growing population and wealth, is an unspeakable calamity.

"A series of home missionary conventions was held in the autumn for the purpose of giving information as to the needs of the work and stimulating our churches, both the independent and the aided, to more generous giving. Messrs. Maile of Nebraska, Wiard and Simmons of Dakota, and Albrecht of the German work assisted the Superintendent. The weather was adverse, winter setting in earlier than common. But the results were so satisfactory that the conventions were renewed in connection with the sessions of the district conferences in the spring. We expect during the Association year to raise at least \$10,000 for Home Missions. Partly from the pressure of the debt, but partly from their own generosity, we can report six churches as assuming self-support: Mankato, which also increased the salary of its pastor \$200 and is planning for a parsonage; Union, Minneapolis, which built a fine par-

sonage; Como Ave., Minneapolis, which erected a church costing with lots \$13,000; Atlantic, St. Paul, which raised money to pay a debt and finish their new church building; Wabasha and Glencoe, both of which gave at great sacrifice. Other churches will be added to this roll of honor soon.

“Our State Evangelist resigned in November. Partly because of financial considerations and partly because we could not find the right man, his place has not been filled. Mr. Henry Plant has done invaluable service in many churches, this winter, in revival meetings. Some of our pastors have done evangelistic work in neighboring churches, and the reports of conversions and revivals are encouraging.

“We have engaged in no new work for the past year. This is significant in a growing State like Minnesota. If it long remains true it will be disastrous. In St. Paul there are several new openings; in Minneapolis there is at least one; in Duluth there is one; in Winona there are two missions formed which have not yet asked for help but must have it when the call comes; in various parts of the State there are similar opportunities. With the record of progress which our new missions in the cities have made, it seems suicidal to abandon the aggressive policy.

“We can report eight new churches, all of them organized in connection with established work, so that they are not to be classed as new work distinctively; six new meeting-houses, with three more commenced and two new parsonages.

“Our work is hopeful. If the Society can aid us a little longer and as generously as in the past, we can soon show a group of churches in Minnesota, strong, apostolic, and ready to do their part for ‘the regions beyond.’”

KANSAS.

REV. ADDISON BLANCHARD, Topeka, Superintendent.

The contributions from this State have been \$4,029.06. Missionaries employed during the year, 104. They have supplied 143 churches and seventy-five out-stations. Number of churches organized, twenty-four. Number of Sunday-schools for the same time, twenty-eight. Sixty-eight churches report having held special evangelistic services, and some ninety have held more than the usual Sabbath services, with some unusual interest. In fifteen of these the work of grace has been noteworthy for extent and power. Four churches have become self-supporting. Fifteen houses of worship have been built and twelve repaired. Seven parsonages have been provided.

The Superintendent writes: “The year has thus been one of great blessing on our work. The revival interest of last year has continued in a good degree. We have not had the assistance of noted evangelists, but neighboring pastors have assisted each other with great blessing. The calls for help in special work have been many and very urgent and

the help of several wise and efficient Evangelists could have been used to very great advantage. We believe that the employment of such men would be a wise economy even in a financial point of view, and that times of debt and depression are times when such work on the mission field is especially necessary and peculiarly likely to be fruitful in many ways. We have been specially gratified that our missionary churches and our pastors over the State have so promptly responded to the appeal for special collections to aid in canceling the indebtedness of the Society. The response was general and many took special pains to canvass the field, going from house to house. Some churches raised the whole amount due that quarter from the Society. Others were ready to assume self-support when the need was apparent and the great work of the Society was understood.

“The immigration to the State has been as great as was anticipated at the time of our last annual report. It bids fair to continue and to increase during the coming year. If members of our churches in other parts of the land who purpose coming to Kansas would correspond with us, we might direct them to places where they would not only find churches already founded, but where they could be at once of great service.

“The 1,200 miles of railroad spoken of last year as planned for became 1,500 miles, and the coming year bids fair to greatly exceed that. The roads now building are not only branches of original lines but new trans-continental lines that are for the first time seeking to traverse the State. All this means unusual activity of every kind, and it means that our work cannot be postponed to future years. Home Missions in Kansas must be pushed now. The intelligence of the people, the absence of the saloon, the vast number of young men and women, the general readiness to attend church and to listen to the gospel when presented with plainness and by devoted men, make our State one that should be attractive to those who are sincerely devoted to the one work of winning souls. We want no men who come or seek to come simply to find land or to join the general ‘boom.’”

NEBRASKA.

REV. JOHN L. MAILE, Omaha, Superintendent.

The contributions to the Treasury from this State have been, from churches and individuals, \$3,102.41. One hundred and twelve missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year, supplying 147 churches and 87 out-stations. Sixty-eight years of service have been performed on missionary fields reporting a church-membership of over 4,156. Forty-four churches report over 510 conversions. Sixteen churches have been organized, 21 houses of worship erected and six repaired. The additions to the churches have been 461 on con-

fession, and 236 by letter. Sixteen Sunday-schools have been organized and 134 schools report a membership of 7,712. Fifteen churches have become self-supporting.

The Superintendent in his report says :

“Two evangelists have been employed during a part of the year, and it is the unanimous sentiment of pastors and churches that this form of ministerial labor should be systematically provided for and constantly maintained. Additions to the churches by profession have been larger than ever before. The revival spirit is rapidly increasing, and with efficient evangelistic work the coming year will mark an important epoch in the spiritual history of our churches. The home missionary emergency has an important effect upon the spiritual as well as the financial interests of our churches.

“The straitness of financial resources has caused the holding of an extended series of sixteen home missionary conventions ‘for the presentation of the issue now upon us, followed by discussions, exhortations, and, as far as possible, a baptism of the Holy Ghost, that each person present and participating may return to his church quickened for new endeavors in his work, and that this emergency, which seems a disaster to us, may be turned by our communing and faith into a mighty blessing.’ Some seventy-five churches have been represented in these conventions, and upon some of the meetings great spiritual blessing has descended.

“The outward and immediate results may be summarized as follows: Cash contributions, \$1,492; churches quickened to self-support, four; churches encouraged to ask for less aid, eight; churches quickened in faith, courage and trust in God about 150.

“The coming season is to witness unprecedented activity in railroad extension and expansion of cities. Many new towns are forming. Urgent calls for new work come unsolicited. Opportunities which signify great blessing or most humiliating defeat are before us, blessing if we can utilize them, defeat if we are compelled to halt for want of means. May God anoint individuals and churches throughout our Zion with a great enlargement of faith and liberality.”

NORTH NEBRASKA, BLACK HILLS (DAKOTA TER.) AND NORTHEAST WYOMING.

Rev. HARMON BROSS, Chadron, Neb., General Missionary.

“As the results of the work in Northern Nebraska will be included in the report of Superintendent Maile,” Mr. Bross writes, “there is no need for me to dwell upon that in detail. The work has been, as heretofore, helping to gather, organize, encourage, assist in securing pastors, erecting houses of worship, supplying churches when vacant, and assisting in special meetings. Our work in Northern Nebraska has been crippled by

the embarrassments of the Society. In some cases where students during the summer had made a good beginning, it seemed doubtful about pledging to ministers such support from the Society as was really needed in order to secure such men as were demanded by these fields. In some cases, where the condition of the treasury was well known, men feared to enter new work lest they should fail of support. We have lost ground from this cause along the Burlington and Missouri extension, from the Grand Island northwest. Along this line are several bright, promising towns, notably the city of Broken Bow, which will no doubt number 5,000 people within three or four years. At these points others have gone in and organized to hold the ground, but are doing very little work. We have but a single church on the whole Grand Island extension, that at Ravenna. This is a promising field. Along the 200 miles of this extension, to be pushed this summer, we ought to have at least eight or ten churches."

THE BLACK HILLS AND EAST WYOMING DISTRICT.

"There are now nine churches in this district, four having been organized during the past year: at Lusk, Wyo., and at Buffalo Gap, Hermosa, and Lower Battle River, in Dakota. Including the minister to the one self-supporting church, that at Deadwood, there have been, besides the general missionary, twelve missionaries at work during the whole or a part of the year. Rev. W. H. Atkinson closed his five years' pastorate at Rapid City, the last of July, and Rev. E. H. Martin laid down his work at Deadwood, August 1st. The church at Rapid secured Rev. J. N. Lewis to begin work September 1st. The Deadwood church, after waiting some months, were made happy in welcoming Rev. W. H. Buss from West Burlington, Iowa. Mr. Hulett's six months at Spearfish expired on the last of June, and Rev. H. S. Goodwin has nearly completed his six months of work there. Rev. W. D. J. Stevenson left Custer at the expiration of his year of service, last November, and they have been without supply since, except that for a time now Mr. France has driven upon alternate Sabbaths from Buffalo Gap, and I have also spent a Sabbath or two.

"The church people at Custer have kept at work, have been improving their church property, putting in pews, lamps, etc., maintaining social gatherings, Sunday-schools, prayer-meetings, meetings of little 'Busy Bees,' etc. I have written to them from time to time, when I could not visit them, and tried to keep them in good heart. The church is probably in better spirit to go forward under the lead of a good pastor than ever before. Mr. France, at Buffalo Gap, has been doing faithful and successful work, and their church building will soon be completed. The churches lately organized at Hermosa and Lower Battle River form a very promising field, and Mr. Shaver, a licentiate of the Black Hills Association, is much beloved. They are to live at Her-

mosa. With the extension of the road farther toward Deadwood this summer, two new points at least will be open for occupancy.

"In East Wyoming the railroad brought us two new important towns, Lusk and Douglas. At Lusk we have a church organized and shall soon take steps to build. The only preaching had since last September, when Mr. Goodwin left, I have supplied. There is no other church work at Lusk. A Sabbath-school and prayer-meeting are maintained. An efficient Ladies' Aid Society has money in the bank, toward a church-building fund. The condition of our work in the Black Hills region furnishes occasion for rejoicing and thanksgiving. The two strong growing churches at Deadwood and Rapid mean to interest themselves in neighboring churches, and I look for substantial progress all along the line during the year to come. You will agree that the administration of affairs in the district has been economical, but I hope that next year we may have more funds with which to work. Personally, it has been a year of very hard work, especially the trips into the Hills, but now that the severity of winter is over, the work can be prosecuted with less of peril and discomfort."

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Rev. HIRAM D. WIARD, Mitchell, Superintendent.

The churches of this district contributed \$1,176.86 to the treasury of the Society. Eighty-seven missionaries have been, during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with 104 churches and 85 stations. Thirty churches report over 390 conversions. Two hundred and twenty-two have been added to the churches on confession, and 193 by letter. Twenty-one churches and twenty-six Sunday-schools have been organized. Fourteen houses of worship have been erected, and seven repaired. Eighty-two Sunday-schools report a membership of over 6,400.

"Our churches," says Mr. Wiard, "have looked hard times, misfortunes, and calamities in the face, and moved steadily forward. Our German missionaries are doing grand work. Six of them occupy twenty-two organized churches, and seven out-stations. None of our churches have come to self-support during the year, but Milbank promises to go alone when the right man is found for pastor. I hope Ipswich and Watertown will soon follow.

"The churches of South Dakota, I believe, are anxious to do all they can for others, and our Ladies' Home Missionary Unions are doing much to educate the churches aright. Gracious revivals have been enjoyed by a number of the churches. Ipswich and Webster have been specially helped. The severe storms and snow blockades have prevented many of the churches from contemplated special services.

"I have had but little trouble in getting men for my field; only

four or five of our churches have been vacant for any considerable time. But I could use twenty good men this spring. Several hundred miles of railroad are to be built this summer. This will open more than one hundred new towns, centers of influence, to be occupied for Christ. We must do our part.

“The heavy snows of the past winter promise us a bountiful harvest, and if we get it we shall need less help. We shall need an increased supply of both men and money to do our part in taking this field for our Lord Jesus Christ; and to the young men of our seminaries we can offer the best of privileges of growth and work.”

NORTH DAKOTA AND EASTERN MONTANA.

Rev. HENRY C. SIMMONS, Fargo, North Dakota, Superintendent.

The contributions from this District to the treasury of the Society have been \$461.49. Thirty-nine missionaries have supplied, during the whole or a part of the year, fifty churches and fourteen out-stations. Eight churches and seven Sunday-schools have been organized. Fifty-one schools report an attendance of over 2,100 children. Five houses of worship have been built, and four repaired.

“Eight new churches were organized within the year. Of these, Amenia proposes from the first to be self-supporting, and should be placed on the roll of honor for *not getting upon the roll* of aided churches. At the time of organization \$2,500 had been raised for the building of a church edifice, which is now inclosed and will soon be completed. There has been a marked growth here in five years. We have now a membership of over 1,000, where five years ago we had only about fifty. Then we had four churches, now forty-one; then we had two church buildings, now twenty-two; then no parsonages, now six; then six ministers, now twenty-one in active work.

“Twelve theological students labored during the summer, and did excellent work. The policy of employing students for other than new fields for the first summer is doubtful. The churches, unless permanently supplied, soon lose the ground gained by the summer’s work. There have been encouraging revivals on several of the fields. What is needed for still larger results is, a man qualified for such work to spend his time in conducting special meetings among the pastorless churches, and assisting pastors as occasion may arise. The increase in spiritual life and additions to the churches coming from such work will largely increase the resources of the churches for Christian work.

“During the past few weeks strenuous efforts have been made to secure some of the strong men of the graduating classes. Your Superintendent visited the various seminaries, laid the needs of special fields, some of them attractive in every way—good support, good opportunity

for growth, entirely without preaching in some cases. Letters from the fields have been written, begging these strong young men to come; but as yet with small success. I see no way but to raise up a ministry in schools, with shorter courses and less physical comforts, nearer home, to supply home missionary fields, and let the established seminaries train men for the foreign fields and comfortable churches in their vicinity. In five years I have been able to secure but two graduates to come directly from the seminaries to attractive fields in North Dakota. Students are willing to come for good pay for a summer, as a sort of holiday; but this grand home missionary work of laying foundations for a mighty Christian commonwealth must go begging for men and money to enter fields not only ripe for a bountiful harvest, but some of them begging and beseeching for men. Are there no Pauls and Silases in the ministry of to-day to hear this greater than Macedonian cry?"

COLORADO AND EAST WYOMING.

Rev. C. M. SANDERS, Denver, Col., Superintendent.

The receipts from this District were \$726.63. Thirty-one missionaries have been under commission during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with thirty-one churches and ten out-stations. Seven churches report over seventy-five conversions. Twenty-nine Sunday-schools report a membership of over 2,810. Three churches and five Sunday-schools have been organized, two houses of worship built and two repaired. Mr. Sanders reports "a fair degree of prosperity all along the line. The outlook is hopeful. New railroads are coming in, and the old lines are pushing on so that all this vast region can soon be easily reached. The tide of immigration is setting this way, and the hills and valleys of this Rocky Mountain section will soon be filled with inhabitants. The class of people coming this way are of that sort who take kindly to the Congregational way, and they ought to have Congregational services. It is just the polity to unite the diversified elements. I so much wish that we could have a general missionary. I am too small for so great and broad a field."

UTAH, IDAHO, WEST MONTANA, AND WEST WYOMING.

Rev. DELAVAN L. LEONARD, Salt Lake City, Utah, Superintendent.

The receipts from this District, within the year, were \$16435. Sixteen missionaries have been under commission during the whole or a part of the year, supplying thirty churches and stations. Six churches report over 110 conversions. In all, twenty-two have been added to the churches on confession, and fourteen by letter. Twenty-two Sunday-schools report a membership of over 1,480. Superintendent Leonard resigned near the close of the year. His successor will be appointed

soon. In the mean time the Executive Committee will seek the advice of the Utah Home Missionary Committee in the prosecution of the work.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA.

REV. JAMES H. WARREN, D.D., San Francisco, Superintendent.

The receipts from this district have been \$4,236.07. Seventy-seven missionaries, including five theological students and four Sunday-school laborers, have been in commission, making an increase of ten over last year's forces. Thirty-two of this number have served a round twelve months; the rest have ranged from two months to ten, making in all an equivalent of fifty-one years of labor performed. These have had the care of eighty-two churches and at least sixty-two out-stations. Including the Swedish Church in San Francisco, sedulously aided and nurtured by the Society's representatives, up to the time of its formation, nine churches have been organized, adding nearly 300 members to the roll. The Superintendent says: "We confidently report five churches more that will from this time on be on the list of self-support. It is something to look at forty self-sustaining churches out of 119, with a growing promise of more soon to be placed on the roll of honor.

"The churches in Sunol, Fresno, Modesto, Tulare, Alturas Galt, Vernon, San Diego and Clayton have been richly and some powerfully blessed with revivals. The attitude of our churches has been one of deep feeling and desire for the aggressive work of the Holy Spirit. Earnest prayer and the faith that went with it, have not been in vain. The signs indicate that this ingathering of souls has only begun and we are on the eve of a great refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

"Seven houses of worship have been dedicated which were built at a cost of about \$15,000. Work is begun on three or four others. When these are completed ninety-six out of 119 churches will be comfortably and substantially housed. One hundred and one Sunday-schools have been sustained by our missionaries with a membership—including teachers, officers, children, and Bible-class scholars—of some 7,137, an increase over last year of nearly 1,000. Ninety-nine of our churches, or over eighty-two per cent., have contributed to the Treasury of the Society. All but four of our forty-one self-supporting churches are included in the ninety-nine.

"For the first time in the history of its work has the Society been remembered in the wills of those who have died. One legacy of some \$3,000, available a few months hence, was left as a token of grateful appreciation of the Society's work in San Bernardino County at a time when Congregationalism had next to no friends in all that region, and met with suspicious questionings and rebuffs for many years. The testator lived to see the church he loved and the polity he believed in established on strong foundations and its bow of promise lifted up in the

sight of all men. A new and important auxiliary has been added to our missionary work, that of a State Evangelist.

"The State is receiving an increase to its one million of inhabitants at a rate suggested by the word '*boom*.' This word is no longer slang; for about three years it has been classic, and bids fair to be so for a decade. Some of our far-seeing economists have been predicting and looking for a collapse, but the boom keeps on, persistent, big, giving no notice of reaction.

"Southern California is alive with colonies and new towns. Real estate men are pulverizing the old Spanish grants into ten acre farms and corner lots. As fast as they are put into the market buyers are found. Who are these buyers, that can be counted by scores of hundreds and thousands? They belong to a class that make a State. They come from our own New England, from our imperial Middle States, from the enterprising, intense West. They have a knack in building great cities, like Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis. They are putting sections of the nineteenth century into San Diego, Los Angeles, Pasadena; in fact, into all Southern California. Making allowance for the many that have come only as tourists or mild-winter excursionists, we can safely estimate that a large majority have come to stay. On the first Sunday in January over two hundred of these newcomers united with different churches in Los Angeles alone, by letters from eastern churches. Those who intend to stay only six weeks or six months do not bring that sort of paper with them.

"Last January, soon after word had been received to take up no more new work for the present, no matter how promising or important, calls were made directly and indirectly from eighteen places in the counties of San Diego, San Bernardino, and Los Angeles for Congregational help. So impressed was the Committee of our California Home Missionary Society with the urgency of the case and the imminence of probable results, that it passed a vote asking the Executive Committee in New York to withdraw the restriction laid on new work, so far as it applied to Southern California."

OREGON AND EAST WASHINGTON.

Rev. GEORGE H. ATKINSON, D.D., Portland, Oregon, Superintendent.

The receipts from this district, within the year, were \$1,086 paid into the Treasury of this Society. Twenty-nine missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year. Twelve of these labored in Oregon in connection with twenty-four churches and stations. In East Washington seventeen missionaries have been in commission and served thirty-two churches and stations.

Dr. Atkinson says:

"Two churches in Oregon and one in East Washington plan for

self-support next year. Others will strive for it. Pastors have generally had vigorous health and have been faithful in every part of their work. The people have had a fair degree of business prosperity. The flow of immigration has continued during the year, swelling to larger proportions during the spring, summer and early autumn, adding, as estimated, 30,000 to the population of both States. Revivals have been reported in about one-third of the churches, manifest in the increase of Christian efforts, the ingathering of members, and their union and fellowship. Success has attended the building and completion, free of debt, of three houses of worship—Pendleton and Lexington in Oregon, and Pullman in Washington Territory—and two parsonages, one at Oregon City, free of debt, and one at Atalnum; also the improvement of six other churches free of debt. Four or five new church buildings are planned, and some preparations are made to erect them, at Naches, Winass, Pasco, and Lyle, in Washington Territory, and Hood River in Oregon; also a parsonage for Plymouth Church, North Portland. They are begun with good courage and liberal subscriptions. Their completion will depend on the grants of the Congregational Union, whose aid has been so helpful and generous in the past. The Sunday-school work has been blessed in Eastern Washington. Ten new churches have been organized within the year. Three or four Societies of Christian Endeavor have been formed and enlisted in important work. Our academies and colleges grow slowly in number and Christian influence.

“We have our hindrances. More than twenty five per cent. of our home missionary churches have been without pastors during a part or all of the year. This has imposed unusual labor and care in preaching and pastoral work upon the Superintendent and General Missionary and upon voluntary helpers. Lack of funds has prevented much new work. The halt called on account of the debt has cut down grants, and reduced applications. Some pastorless churches have been neglected for the sake of others in greater need. With success in supplying eight or nine, the rest are not sure. Such losses of time and service deplete and depress these small churches, and imperil not only the outlay already made for them, but their life as well. Out of such trials, in time past, other churches have risen, revived, grown, and become self-supporting and vigorous helpers of the weak. We may hope that God has provided a way of escape and of abundant blessings for some of these sorely stricken churches.

“This region draws larger increments of population every quarter. The new people come to stay, while older settlers remain more contented. Mining, agriculture, stock raising, wool-growing, fruit-raising, lumbering and fishing take on larger proportions. Railroads are consolidating their lines and extending branches. Commercial business on

sea and land grows rapidly, and builds up thriving cities, inland as well as seaward. Restrictive legislation and vetoes, State and national, do not long repress the spirit or break the courage of the people. The threats and plots of socialists, strikers, and anti-Chinese rioters of last year have lost force, or been silenced by the sober good sense of the really industrious classes. Christians are uniting more than ever to promote revivals, to withstand intemperance, to secure Sabbath observance, and to reach all classes in city and country with the gospel of Christ. The larger denominations push their Sunday-school and church plans with unusual vigor and liberal outlays of labor and of money. The calls are urgent for us to do likewise. Public sentiment has been slowly changing from opposition and neglect, to respect and interest in morality and religion. Few, if any, towns or settlements oppose or fail to help erect houses of worship and support faithful preachers of the gospel. The reckless elements of society are sifting out, while the worthier and more useful ones command recognition and respect. No time has been more favorable than the present to garner the fruits of home missionary seed-sowing, and to establish our communities in the principles of wisdom and knowledge on which may rest the security of the State and the welfare of the church."

WEST WASHINGTON.

REV. CLARK C. OTIS, Seattle, Superintendent.

The receipts from this missionary district, within the year, were \$352.30 paid into the treasury of the Society.

Twenty-three missionaries have been under commission during the whole or part of the year, and labored in connection with sixty-four churches and stations.

The Superintendent says :

"Of the five churches which give promise of coming to self-support within ten years, two have been organized during the past year, the White River church, Rev. O. L. Fowler pastor, and the Whidby Island church, Rev. Geo. Lindsay pastor. Two houses of worship have been built, one in White River Valley and one in Seattle, a mission chapel connected with Plymouth church. The chapel in East Tacoma has also been freed from debt. At Houghton and Tacoma there have been revivals of religion and the churches are strengthened thereby.

"The most encouraging work of the past year, however, has been the founding of Puget Sound Academy, on Whidby Island. While not directly under the fostering care of the Home Missionary Society, it could not have been founded had it not been for the sympathy and help which came from this source, and it is therefore truly a child of Home Missions. Founded as it is on a good financial basis, it is sure to prove one of the most potent factors in saving this region for Christ.

“As to the future, Western Washington never will become an agricultural region. Its population will always be gathered about milling, mining, manufacturing, and commercial centers. No doubt there will be two or three large cities on the Sound, but the development of the country as a whole will be very slow. The larger places will furnish fields for strong churches, but the milling and mining towns will always be dependent upon the Home Missionary Society. Our climate is pleasant and will always attract people. Our coal and iron and timber are almost inexhaustible, and are sources of wealth which are sure to be developed. Railroads are coming. The prospects for this region have never been brighter than now.”

WORK AMONG IMMIGRANT POPULATION—SLAVONIC DEPARTMENT.

REV. HENRY A. SCHAUFFLER, Cleveland, Ohio, Superintendent.

In summing up the year's results of the Bohemian work, Mr. Schaufller says:

“We find in Cleveland encouraging growth; an increase of missionary forces, larger average attendance at the services, an increased attendance at Bethlehem and Cyril Sunday-schools, and generally a stronger hold of the work upon the community. On the west side (Cyril) we see a great quickening of interest among the Catholic Bohemians estranged from their own church, who hail with joy the new chapel now being built. A new (third) station in East Cleveland, which we were strongly urged to open when we hardly knew how to do it, is a cheering proof of the accessibility of the Bohemian population, and of the willingness of our Congregational churches to meet the demands of the work. The success of the Bible-readers' school has been placed beyond a doubt, and the very efficient labors of Miss Hobart and her Bible readers have proved invaluable. This is an agency which will abundantly repay all expense incurred in putting it upon a solid foundation; it needs a 'home' of its own. Notwithstanding Mr. Price's departure and other drawbacks, Cleveland affords much reason for encouragement.

“In Chicago we find a better chapel; fifty per cent. more children reached and more regularity of attendance; a new Boys' Union, which draws them from the streets and saloons by the offer of rational entertainment and instruction; a new girls' prayer-meeting; a new kindergarten; the sewing-school flourishing; two new openings for services; a new Bohemian Christian newspaper established with 1,105 subscribers thus far, the only one of the kind in America, and already exerting a most desirable influence in reaching both the unchurched masses in the cities and the Bohemian Protestants scattered through the land, carrying to all these the gospel, binding together the believing and serious elements, and giving our mission work through the country an influence which nothing else could do. For the first time Mr. Adams reports eight or

nine converted Bohemians, aside from the workers employed by the mission. The work has a bright outlook, if it can be supplied with the needful chapel and other instrumentalities.

“In St. Paul a beginning was made last July of a new Bohemian mission. A house was rented in the Bohemian district for a chapel, in which a Sunday-school was commenced and Bohemian services held for a number of weeks, last summer, by two Oberlin Bohemian students. A new chapel and an Oberlin Bohemian evangelist graduate to be stationed there give great promise of permanence and success.

“In Iowa City a nominally union Sunday-school in the Bohemian district passed over to the Congregational church; Bohemian services and house visitation conducted for several weeks last summer by an Oberlin student, with the prospect of the erection of a chapel and the permanent stationing there of an Oberlin Bohemian evangelist graduate, and the probable adoption of the work by the Iowa Home Missionary Society, justify the expectation of permanence and success in the work at this point.

“In Omaha the splendid faith and courage of the Saint Mary’s Avenue Congregational church, which has spared neither gifts nor personal service in establishing a Bohemian mission, purchasing and fitting up a chapel, conducting a Sunday-school, a sewing-school and a Boys’ Club, although aided only for a few weeks last summer by a Bohemian missionary (an Oberlin student) has met with signal reward. Rev. M. J. P. Thing, pastor at Linwood, Neb., has accepted the call to settle at Omaha, learn the Bohemian language, and devote himself to missionary work for Bohemians.

“In West Springfield, Mass., a new work was commenced last summer by Miss Bertha Juengling from the Cleveland Bethlehem Sunday-school, who is studying in Mr. Moody’s school at Northfield in preparation for missionary work, and who labored with much zeal and success during part of her summer vacation, and again for a few days last winter, especially amongst the children of that Bohemian colony.

“The Oberlin Slavic Missionary Training Department made it possible for us last summer, for the first time, to reach a number of the Bohemian colonies in the West and Northwest, as well as some Polish settlements. Five of the students have labored in Buffalo, Berea, O., Toledo, Detroit, Muscoda, Wis., St. Paul, New Prague, Minn., Iowa City and surrounding points, Omaha, Maple Creek, Linwood, Pilsen and Crete, Nebraska, and one point in Kansas. Thus a commencement of work has been made at a number of points, and at others encouragement given to hold on till we can reach them.

“Turning to the Polish work, we find its third year, in Detroit, has been its best, and that there has never been so much encouragement to press forward. The admirable courage and zeal of the Detroit Con-

gregational churches, which commenced this most difficult work without any prospect of Polish laborers, has been wonderfully rewarded by the Lord, who sent them, last summer, Mr. Lewis, the only Polish student at Oberlin, who from June to September labored with great success, and also furnished them a Polish female missionary who has won the affection and confidence of all, and is proving a most efficient laborer.

"In Cleveland Polish work was virtually commenced during this last year by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Staneff (the Oberlin Bulgarian student). As their chief labors have been elsewhere, only a beginning of this work could be made here, but enough has been accomplished to show the great need and the practicability of such work. Last summer Mr. Staneff explored the Polish field in Buffalo.

"In Toledo a new work among the Poles commenced last December, notwithstanding great fears of violence, has met with unexpected favor from that people, and shows the wisdom of entering the most unpromising fields, and the entire practicability of reaching the most degraded, bigoted and violent elements of our foreign population.

"A bird's-eye view of the whole Slavic Mission field shows ten stations, where last year we reported only four. This year the whole missionary force, including students and Bible-readers, is fifteen against thirteen of last year. A Bohemian Christian newspaper is a new and powerful auxiliary. All along the lines we note genuine progress, of which the most cheering is the success won in gathering and training an efficient body of laborers, where four years ago none could be found. With such results already achieved, and such large promise of future success, there is every reason why the Congregational churches of the land should give to this work their heartiest sympathy, their most earnest prayers, and their most efficient aid."

GERMAN DEPARTMENT.

REV. GEORGE E. ALBRECHT, Omaha, Neb., Superintendent.

"Looking over the past year," Mr. Albrecht reports, "we can gratefully say, it has been a fruitful one. We have organized fourteen new churches, with an aggregate of 224 members, giving us a total of 57 German Congregational churches, with 1,871 members. Aside from these newly organized churches, we have added 278 members, by profession or by letter, to our various church rolls, and have contributed for the various benevolent enterprises of our denomination the sum of \$1,898.68, or an average of \$1.01 per member.

"New church buildings were erected in Scotland, Dak., Omaha, Neb., and Huron, Dak.—fields of importance and of promise. In connection with the Omaha church, it would be ungrateful not to mention the kindness and generosity of Mrs. Reuben Gaylord, the widow of the first home missionary superintendent for Nebraska, who gave us a

choice lot at a nominal price, thus enabling us, with the help of the Congregational Union, to erect a tasteful building in a most favorable location.

“Our working force has been increased by five brethren, who have entered upon their work with energy and devotion.

“Looking at the work in the various States, and turning, of course, first to the East, we note the appointment of a General German missionary in Connecticut, an earnest of greater and better things to come. Would that other States might follow this good example!

“Here in Illinois the church in Waukegan is our pride. Only two years old, with a neat and attractive sanctuary, self-supporting from the beginning, they have added seventy-six to their membership, and have taken an active interest in all the work of our denomination. In Chicago there remains much to be done, and it is extremely difficult to find the right men for this important work while the means at our command are so scanty. The Sedgwick Street Mission, for about four years under the faithful care of Pastor Halbersleben, will soon develop into a church. A new work has been begun by one of our students at Half-day, on the Wisconsin Central Railway, among a numerous German population, who are cut off from religious privileges.

“Iowa has continued in her faithful, patient work, gaining especially in Muscatine and Dubuque, both of which churches are moving earnestly toward the erection of a new building, much needed in each case, and sure to come in due time. Any man who sees the ‘little church on the shelf’ in Dubuque, and learns the story of its faithful, self-sacrificing work, must have a heart of stone if he is not moved not merely to wish for them a new building, but at once to open his pocket-book, and to ‘take stock’ in such a noble enterprise.

“Evangelist Klossner has labored since New Year’s in connection with the German churches in this State, under appointment from the State Society, reviving and quickening many hearts, although not securing the desired number of conversions. Another season, we trust, we may have the ‘showers of blessing’ we have been praying for.

“Missouri has German churches in La Grange, holding fast what it has—Springfield and St. Louis. The latter church has changed pastors, and in its attractive edifice gathers especially good evening congregations. A bright future lies before this church under its new leader. Springfield has been stirred by the spirited preaching of the evangelist, Major Cole. Our German church has shared in the blessing, and while hearts were aglow has taken the first decided step in the long considered plan of erecting a house of worship. A lot has been secured, and if the A. C. U. is able to do a liberal thing in an important center, where ours is at present the only German church, the work will soon be upon a secure basis, and will increase in power faster than hitherto.

“In Nebraska the work of General Missionary Sues first attracts our attention. Whoever comes into his family cannot help wishing that all his girls were boys, and they were all going to be like him; a supply of good ministers for our German work would be so assured. He has organized four new churches, the result of his own indefatigable labors, with several others in prospect. Three new men are needed imperatively for this work, if this section of the country is to be supplied with the gospel, and if we are to follow out to its legitimate fruitage the work begun.

“Dakota leads in the number of churches, having now nineteen—six of which were organized during the last year. Mr. José has cared with untiring energy for his large and extended parish, but feels now the need of a milder climate. May God grant to these churches a worthy successor! The new church building in Scotland is a tower of strength for the whole work in South Dakota. New railroad extensions, forming new towns and centers, will by and by necessitate a reorganization of some of the churches, but even if thus their numbers may decrease, the work will gain in strength. Mitchell, with its various out-stations, proves the value and the power of a pastor’s earnest prayers; for these were the chief and almost only weapons with which Mr. Wuerschmidt began work there. United and eager for the Master’s work, the plan of erecting a church building is prayerfully discussed, and the good women, always first in such work, have begun to lay aside their savings for this purpose. Huron, a new church with a building purchased of our Episcopalian brethren, endeavors to deepen the spirituality of the German people there. Tulare and Medfield, new organizations under Pastor Geick’s care, have suffered from poor crops, but Medfield hopes soon to build. Mr. Heteler’s large parish, in Campbell, McPherson and McIntosh counties, where we have two churches, Guadenfeld and Rosenfeld, and where he is assisted by Mr. Schneider, our farmer-preacher, has seen times of drought and famine. The destitution among these new, and mostly poor, settlers, caused by the failure of crops and the severe winter, has been extreme. Our other churches have sent assistance to the utmost of their ability; but, nevertheless, the suffering was and still is great. But the Spirit of God has used these providences to lead many a heart to see the transitoriness of earthly things, and has lifted it up to behold the eternal treasures given of God, so that this field, while extremely poor, offers just now a most inviting work for the Society, because ripe for the reaper.

“Cheyenne, in Wyoming Territory, is under the care of Mr. Lange, who also serves the Second English church of that city. Patient and prayerful work will produce results by and by in this field, too.

“In California work has been begun in Fresno and Tulare counties, and one church, with eight members, is organized at Selma by Mr. Nagel,

from the St. Chrischona Mission House in Switzerland. We did not seek the work, but it sought us. A Christian family in Fresno county felt the religious destitution of the German population in their vicinity weighing upon their hearts, held prayer-meetings, and wrote to St. Chrischona for a missionary. He came, began work, made the acquaintance of some English Congregationalists in that neighborhood, and felt himself drawn to us. For sixty miles around he visits the German settlers, gathers them into school or private houses, and breaks to them the Bread of Life.

“Our two churches in Washington Territory are still served by Mr. Fruhlit; lonely outposts who need reinforcement.

“Looking at the field as a whole, it is full of promise for the future, although in some parts of it the change of workers and other circumstances may retard progress for a short time. That our faith and polity are adapted for the work among the countrymen of Luther has been proved over and over again. Our country churches in Nebraska and Dakota bear witness to it, and if we have but few churches in the large cities, where the problem we have set ourselves to solve is the greatest, it is solely because we have not yet raised up enough of the right kind of men, and have not interest and faith enough to expend adequate sums of money for such work. Let the following comparative statement serve as proof that I am right in saying we are adapted for work among the Germans. In 1883, the year when the Society made its new departure in work among the immigrants, we counted:

“Twenty-two German churches, with 898 members; reported fifty-six accessions (about six per cent.), and \$496.58 in contributions, or about fifty-five cents per member. In 1887 we report: Fifty-seven churches, with 1,871 members; erection of newly organized churches; 278 accessions (about fourteen per cent.), and \$1,898.68 in contributions, or about \$1.01 per member.

“It would be pleasant to linger a little while in reviewing these four years, but this brief statement shall suffice. To have been allowed to have a share in this work during these years, is a source of gratitude and of genuine joy. Of the personal work done in them by your Superintendent he will not speak. Called of God to lay down this work in order to follow the voice which more than five years ago bade him ‘go far hence unto the Gentiles,’ he would humbly lay it at the feet of the great Master, and ask him to accept it as a service of love, in spite of all its imperfections and failures. Nothing can be added, nothing can be taken away from it by him. May God make it increase in power as the years roll on! To his brethren, the pastors of the German churches, he is sincerely grateful for the hearty co-operation with which they have sustained him; to many of the pastors and members of our English-speaking churches he will always hold himself under obligation for

their sympathy, their warm interest, their words of counsel and encouragement; to the officers of the Society he expresses his most cordial gratitude for the confidence reposed in him, and for the free, unhampered way in which they have allowed him to work. A stronger, abler, worthier man will, God granting it, be found to lead on this work to become the power in the evangelization of our German population which it ought to be."

SCANDINAVIAN DEPARTMENT.

Rev. M. W. MONTGOMERY, Minneapolis, Minn., Superintendent.

Mr. Montgomery writes: "The work among the Scandinavians has steadily developed during the past year, notwithstanding the fact that the Superintendent, during the last six months, has given only part of his time to the work, by reason of being on a vacation. He has, however, kept up the large correspondence, and given special attention to the finding of suitable men for the Chicago Seminary, that we may soon have a supply of trained missionaries, which is the chief need of the work.

"Thirty-seven Scandinavian missionaries have been employed during all or part of the year, including some students from the Scandinavian department of Chicago Seminary. Great zeal has characterized the work of these missionaries. The preaching is decidedly evangelistic, and the number of meetings held almost incredible. Most of them have, for weeks in succession, averaged one service daily, and a service among these people means one of two to three hours' duration. Rev. Fridolf Risberg, Swedish professor in Chicago Seminary, traveled among the Swedish communities in the United States during his last summer vacation, and preached an average of nearly once a day for five months. These missionaries, as a rule, occupy wide circuits, and thus reach a large number of destitute communities. It is not uncommon for them to preach in thirty to forty different places during a single quarter. This circuit feature of missionary work is very popular with these people.

"Better acquaintance between Mission Swedes and Congregationalists has developed mutual confidence. Heartily co-operating in missionary work and in Chicago Seminary, and beginning to do the same in Carleton College, distrust of each other disappears and friendship grows apace.

"But the feature of the year's work of overshadowing importance is the remarkably large attendance of Scandinavians in our Chicago Theological Seminary. Sixty-eight applications for admission were received; about two-thirds of these were accepted, and forty-two students were in attendance—twenty-six Swedes and sixteen Norwegians and Danes! This most gratifying result would be ample after

many years of labor to that end, but that it should come in the second year of the opening of the Swedish department, shows the great need there was for such a school and the divine blessing upon its opening. A glance through the last catalogue of that seminary will fill the heart with joy to see that, at last, our Congregational people are reaching out among our immigrant populations in a practical, common-sense way. The very names of these students, as they stand in the catalogue, are an inspiration to all who would have our missionary work embrace the many nationalities among us.

“The work among the Norwegians has scarcely been begun for want of suitable men. Norway is calling for us to send trained ministers over there, and numerous places are calling for Swedes and Norwegians who can preach not only in their languages but also in English. In many places in the Northwest only such missionaries can meet the wants of these communities.”

CONCLUSION.

The sixty-first year of the Society's history has been one of decided contrasts. It has been a year of drought, and consequent failure of crops throughout large portions of the West, yet the benevolent contributions from these very sections are larger than ever before, and this revival in giving has been followed by revivals of religion, in fulfillment of the divine promise, “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing.” It has been a year of debt, and consequent anxiety on the part of the officers and friends of the Society, and suffering on the part of the missionaries. Yet it has been a year of rejoicing because of a wonderful deliverance from debt. It has been a year during which the receipts from legacies fell off \$108,013.56, an unprecedented shrinkage; yet, during this very year, the gain in contributions from the living is \$70,612.69, which is also unprecedented. It has been a year during which the receipts fell short of the half-million reached for the first time last year, and yet the expenditures have exceeded the half-million, and also exceeded the expenditures of last year. It has been a year during which the advance contemplated at the last Anniversary has not been made, and yet a very substantial advance has been made, for the number of missionaries has been increased by over one hundred, and the number of new churches organized reaches one hundred and thirty-five.

If these facts are borne in mind, and also, that the number of Sunday-schools organized and the number of conversions and additions to the churches exceed those of any other twelve months of the Society's history, then the Sixty-first Year may rightly be called

A Successful Year ; on the whole, the most successful in the Society's annals.

Here is sufficient cause for rejoicing on the part of all the friends of Home Missions. Here is encouragement for the fearful and faint-hearted. Here is abundant occasion for devout thanksgiving to Almighty God from whom all our blessings flow.

In behalf of the Executive Committee,

WALTER M. BARROWS, }
JOSEPH B. CLARK, } *Secretaries.*

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

SARATOGA put on her best dress in honor of the Woman's Meeting this year. The sunshine was never brighter nor the air more invigorating, nor the June sky more enchanting than on Wednesday afternoon, at two o'clock, while the largest church in the town was rapidly filling, even to its aisles, with those interested in woman's work for Home Missions. No one who looked into those upturned faces could fail to be impressed with the earnest and genuine interest stamped upon each. It was a rare inspiration. These women had come together not for amusement but for information and guidance in the grand and solemn work before them. The following brief report of the meeting by Mrs. Joshua Coit, of Massachusetts, will be read with interest. Extracts from the addresses will be given in *The Home Missionary* during the summer months.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

of the Woman's Department in connection with the sixty-first anniversary of the American Home Missionary Society was held on Wednesday, June 8th, at 2:30 P.M. The increasing interest in this ladies' gathering was manifested by the prompt filling of the large church. After singing by the congregation the meeting was called to order by the Secretary, Mrs. H. M. Shelton. Mrs. Joshua Coit, of Boston, was chosen scribe. A roll-call of States showed the number of representatives from each as follows: Vermont, 25; New Hampshire, 12; Massachusetts, 100; Rhode Island, 15; Connecticut, 40; New York, 40; New Jersey, 12; Ohio, 4; Michigan, 1; Illinois, 1; Iowa, 1; Minnesota, 1; Dakota, 1; Tennessee, 1. The officers of all State Branches were invited to sit upon the platform.

Mrs. F. K. Regal, of Ohio, read from the Scriptures the last chapter of the 1st Book of Chronicles—David's thanksgiving to God for the liberal offerings for the Temple.

Mrs. Wm. Kincaid, President of the Woman's Home Missionary Union of New York, led in prayer.

Mrs. Shelton then introduced Mrs. C. H. Taintor, of Chicago, as the presiding officer for the afternoon. She spoke of the pleasure it gave her to greet the ladies, and of the rest and inspiration which she gained last year at Saratoga.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. E. P. Bronson, Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Missouri.

Mrs. Shelton read the Annual Report, which can be obtained in leaflet form (No. 28) by application to the Woman's Department of the Society.

The congregation, led by Mr. Geo. C. Stebbins, sang the hymn, "In the cross of Christ I glory."

Mrs. Geo. M. Lane, President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Michigan, "the Banner State in Auxiliaries," gave an address on Woman's State Unions, in which she eloquently impressed upon the ladies the necessity of earnest, consecrated, and united work for the salvation of America and the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins favored the meeting with a fine rendering of Miss Havergal's "I could not do without Thee."

Mrs. Caswell, representing *The Home Missionary* and the "Burden-Bearers There and Here," said: "After an editorial experience of eighteen months, I have come to believe that if each member of the Church of Christ were to take a turn at the editorial wheel of our home missionary machinery there would not be known another backward movement in God's work, because, from this point, the whole wide field lies before you, and you are brought face to face with its actual condition and need." Mrs. Caswell then gave us some glimpses of the Burden-Bearer at the front, struggling to plant the standard of the cross in a God-forsaken region, and standing manfully by it with heroic endurance until a permanent foothold can be obtained. The Burden-Bearer at *this* end of the line was also brought to our notice in his patient endurance of constant self-denial that the "largest half of his little all" might be used in the work. The speaker, in closing, read a letter from a lady who, with a limited income, has been able to assist the Society during the year in the support of twelve missionaries. The question was then pressed home, "If one woman can do this for *twelve* missionaries, ought not each one present to economize somewhere, and do it for *one*?" Owing to the demand for this letter, it will be printed in leaflet form, and may be obtained by application for "No 40. One Woman's View of Giving."

The hymn, "Crown Him Lord of all," was sung, after which Mrs. C. A. Richardson, of Chelsea, Mass., read a paper on "Our Work among the Bohemians," which told of the encouragement there is in efforts for the education and evangelization of this people. She gave a picture of them as found in Bohemia, and of the change made by the light of the gospel when received by them, and spoke of the danger that the Roman Catholics might gain control over them in this land.

She was followed by Rev. G. M. Sanborne, of Arkansas, who told of Rogers Academy, and its field and work. This academy was started four years ago, in Northwestern Arkansas, a region largely settled by New Englanders, who, anxious that their children should be educated, gave liberally for the institution. The number of pupils this year is 284, an increase of 99 over last year. The academy is under the care of Professor Scroggs and four other teachers.

Mr. Lewis, a Pole, the only man of their nation working among the Poles, told a very interesting story of his life after he became a Christian; how he went to his shop and tried to proclaim God to his countrymen. They thought him out of his mind; when he asked them to be saved, they did not know what he meant. When they asked him questions about the Bible, he found he could not answer them. He did not know about the Bible, and so began to pray the Lord to give him time to study the Bible. After his day's work was over, and he had washed and had supper, he was too tired to study, and what could he do? At the same time brother Schaufler, at Cleveland, was praying to the Lord for a man to work among the Poles. "He sent for me," said the speaker, "and said, 'Brother Lewis, would you like to study?' I say, 'Yes; why not?' He said he would send me to Oberlin. This was what I had been praying for. Then the devil came after me, and said: 'I would not go; you are too old; people will laugh at you.' But I went." Mr. Lewis gave an account of his work at Cleveland, selling Bibles to the Poles. They were very glad to get them, but their priests soon found it out, and went from house to house taking them away. Many would be glad to read the Bible, but fear the priest.

Mrs. A. J. Drake, of Iroquois, Dak., gave one of her unique, unreportable talks. Taking up her story where she left it last year, she told us that the church at Iroquois was finished, paid for, and dedicated; that the church at Esmond was all done but the tower, "and we must have a tower, you know, to count, because the Bible says, 'Go about, and count the towers thereof.'" They had a stone-bee, and the men came to draw the stone. "Men work better in 'bees,' as well as women. We always have a dinner at our bees, which helps men on wonderfully. Then we had a rafter-bee, and a raising-bee, and a shingling-bee, and so the church went up, and then we had a lathing-bee, when every woman brought a hammer, and we all nailed laths. When we were almost dis-

couraged, a letter came from the American Congregational Union, saying, 'We will give you \$250.'" Mr. and Mrs. Drake have charge, as pastor and assistant pastor, of five churches and ten congregations, covering fifty miles one way, and seventeen the other. She said, "Mr. Drake goes one way, and I another. Sundays I have four appointments and my housework to do, and I do it nice, too!"

A gold thimble had been given to one of the ladies for the cause of Home Missions, and it was proposed, as a child's gold ring once built a church, so this should build a parsonage. This thimble is now in the hands of Mrs. C. H. Taintor, Chicago, Ill., who has already commenced collecting the "Thimble Parsonage Fund." When a sufficient amount has been received, the thimble will be presented to the missionary wife who occupies the parsonage.

A gold watch and chain were also presented—which are to build a parsonage in Dakota, for Mr. and Mrs. Drake, who now occupy rooms under their church at Iroquois, and who must be moved to a home above-ground without delay, if they are to be kept much longer "in the flesh," and in the work.

An impromptu collection resulted in \$215 for Mr. Schaffler's Bohemian work. The hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung, and the exercises were closed by a prayer by Rev. Dr. Clapp.

A MEETING OF THE OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S STATE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

THE meeting was held in the Congregational church, Saratoga, at 10 A.M., June 7th, 1887, in response to a letter of invitation sent out some months ago by Mrs. Kincaid, President of the New York Home Missionary Union, asking for a conference of State officers. The following responded:

Mrs. Wm. Kincaid, New York; Mrs. L. H. Cobb, New York; Mrs. G. M. Lane, Michigan; Mrs. E. P. Bronson, Missouri; Mrs. C. H. Taintor, Illinois; Mrs. C. C. Creegan, New York; Mrs. E. J. Mahony, Ohio; Mrs. F. K. Regal, Ohio.

The meeting organized with Mrs. Kincaid in the chair, and Mrs. Regal, scribe. The following programme was then discussed:

"Ought the women in our home missionary churches to be excused from aiding in our State organizations?" This paper, written by Mrs. Goodell and read by Mrs. Bronson, of Missouri, was discussed by all present. The variously expressed, but harmonious, theories on the subject were supplemented by the logic of facts, all strengthening the conviction that aided churches would, by connection with State Home

Missionary Societies, be so quickened in their activities and general usefulness as to hasten thereby the day of their self-support.

In the absence of the State officers, Mr. Hood, of Wisconsin, spoke briefly of missionary work in the "New North," or northern peninsula of Michigan and Wisconsin. His remarks were confined chiefly to Wisconsin. He spoke of the threefold resources of the State—the mines, the forests, and the soil. The mining is done mostly by Poles and Bohemians, the lumbering by other immigrants; but successful agriculture required Yankee skill and experience. The ladies' missionary work is being carried on successfully there, and is distributed among three or four of the national societies. They have been especially active in church and parsonage building, of which the whole region is in great need.

The next subject was "Penny-a-week Contributions," or, *Systematic Giving*. Mrs. Lane, of Detroit, opened this subject with a wholly unreportable talk, of which the text was the language of an English woman, that "Circumstances halts cases." The discussion of this topic was participated in by all present; all agreeing that while systematic giving was immeasurably better than spasmodic giving, care must be taken not to set the mark too low.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—Paper by Mrs. A. Blanchard, of Kansas, on "Methods of Communication between State Officers and their Auxiliaries." This paper furnished a fruitful theme, as it touched a difficulty everywhere experienced. All were agreed that a personal visit from the right person was altogether the most helpful thing possible. Some thought that it would pay back liberally to employ and pay an officer to go about as an organizer of new, and strengthener of existing, societies. Next best was the personal letter, and next the printed leaflet. Two States have issued a printed paper as their organ, and found it very helpful, but involving great labor, which few officers could assume without compensation. It was difficult to drop this subject, and take up

"The Advantages of Pledged Work." This topic was opened by Mrs. Cobb, of New York. It covered the plan of working for definite objects, as salaries of missionaries and teachers, tuition of pupils, parsonages, etc.; and had its companion topic, "Unpledged Work," which was to have been given by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, of Connecticut, been presented, the discussion would have been less one-sided. The missionary letters received by those assuming definite objects to support, prove very stimulating and helpful.

The final topic, "Co-operation of State Societies," was presented by Mrs. Kincaid. After duly considering the plan of a national organization, of an annual meeting like the present, and of a triennial meeting, it was finally voted that Mrs. C. H. Taintor, of Illinois, be asked to assume the responsibility of a meeting like the present, to be held in con-

nection with the next annual meeting of the American Home Missionary Society; that she invite the attendance of all State officers, or regularly appointed substitutes, prepare a suitable programme, and arrange for the meeting.

No brief report can exhibit the interest felt in this meeting. It was a rare treat to be allowed a share in it. The papers read will appear from time to time in the Woman's Department of *The Home Missionary*.—*Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Scribe.*

NEW LEAFLETS.—Number 28. Annual Report of Woman's Department. 29. The Responsibility for Missionary Debts. 30. An Experiment in Systematic giving. 31. Heaven-Sent. 32. Light Out of Darkness. 33. Emergency Women. 34. A Little Brother and Sister. 35. Those After-dinner Coffee Spoons. 36. What the Deacon Said. 37. Helen Harrison's Awakening. 38. The White Guards. 39. How I became a Home Missionary. 40. One Woman's View of Giving. A Catechism about the Bohemians. A Sunday-school Concert Exercise about the Bohemians.

THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY APPOINTS A WESTERN SECRETARY.

THE Board of Directors of the American College and Education Society on April 13th, at Boston, by unanimous vote, appointed the Rev. Theo. T. Gardner, of Hudson, O, to be the Society's permanent Western Secretary.

This action, repeatedly recommended by the Ohio Association, has been taken after Mr. Gardner's experimental work of eighteen months in Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin, and with the cordial approval of leading men in our educational work in the West.

The Directors are convinced that the personal supervision of a Western Secretary is henceforth needed to secure in the West an intelligent and practical sympathy with this Society commensurate with the aid it dispenses for the ministry in Western institutions.

The Directors earnestly commend their Western Secretary to the cordial welcome and co-operation of Western pastors, churches, ecclesiastical bodies, and colleges and seminaries.

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

District of Columbia, Washington.....	\$10 00
New Jersey, Montclair.....	150 00
	\$160 00

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Colorado, Denver.....	\$12 90
Dakota, South, Rec Heights.....	75
Massachusetts, Plymouth.....	10 00
	\$1,564 95
Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,541 30

MISSIONARY BOXES.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.

2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.

3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.

4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise, as "fast freight," by railroad, taking *two* receipts from the Company.

5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of *freight* (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.

6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for *freight*, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in **THE HOME MISSIONARY**.

7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.

8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding *the name of the place from which it comes*.

9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a *list of contents* to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the *size* of each adult, and the *age and sex* of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.

10. *These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society.* It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

WOMAN'S STATE H. M. ORGANIZATIONS.

New Hampshire Female Cent Institution, org. 1805, Miss Annie A. McFarland, Concord, Sec.	Wisconsin, Woman's Home Missionary Society org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead, Sec.
Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. 1872, Mrs. H. L. Chase, Minneapolis, Sec.	North Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Nov., 1883, Miss S. E. Judd, Fargo, Sec.
Nebraska Woman's Home Miss. Association, org. Oct., 1874, Mrs. E. H. Baker, Sutton, Sec.	South Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Sept., 1884, Mrs. W. H. Thrall, Armour, Sec.
Maine, Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, org. June, 1880, Mrs. Levi L. Paine, Bangor, Sec.	Connecticut, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Jan., 1885, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Hartford, Sec.
Michigan, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1881, Mrs. Mary B. Warren, Lansing, Sec.	Missouri, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1885, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3100 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Sec.
Kansas, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1881, Mrs. Addison Blanchard, Topeka, Sec.	Illinois, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1883, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, Chicago, Sec.
Ohio, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1882, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin, Sec.	Iowa, Woman's Home Missionary Union, Org. June, 1885, Miss Ella Marsh, Grinnell, Sec.
New York, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. C. Creegan, Syracuse, Sec.	

APPOINTMENTS IN MAY, 1887.

Not in commission last year.

Badertscher, Gottfried, Warrenville and Coontown, N. J.
 Bosworth, U. C., Genoa, Neb.
 Clapp, Cephas F., East Oakland, Cal.
 Dyas, Joseph P., Frankfort and Athol, So. Dak.
 Henshaw, George, Sharon, W. Penn.
 Klossner, John, Scotland, So. Dak.
 Loba, Victor E., Sloat Springs, Ark.
 Osgood, Lucian E., Cartilage and Canova, So. Dak.
 Scheerle, Gottlieb, New Hope and Friedens, Neb.
 Scoville, Edgar E., Cleveland, Ohio.
 Smith, John H. B., Jetmore and Harold, Kan.

Re-commissioned.

Andridge, Andrew A., Rhinelander, Wis.
 Angier, Marshall B., New York City, N. Y.
 Asmum, Edward H., Beatrice, Neb.
 Baker, Benjamin F., Udall and Seely, Kan.
 Bente, Christopher H., East Rockaway, N. Y.
 Bingham, Charles M., Daytona, Fla.
 Bradley, Albert L., Chase, Kan.
 Courter, J. E., Ford, Kan.
 Crawford, Sidney, Tampa, Fla.
 Cressman, Abraham A., Wahoo, Neb.
 Crosswell, Micah S., Rogers, Ark.
 Dille, Alexander B., Malabar and Lake Worth, Lucie and St. Sebastian, Fla.
 Douglas, Clinton, Faulkton, So. Dak.
 Edwards, Stephen, Georgetown, New Mex.
 Embree, John H., Doniphan, North Hastings and West Hamilton, Neb.
 Fordney, Daniel L., Cole Camp and Twin Springs, Mo.
 Foster, Richard B., Milford, Kan.
 Gearhart, Charles D., Wakonda and Beresford, So. Dak.
 Gross, Alfred, Doakville, Long Creek and Wheelock, Ind. Ter.

Gwynne, Frederic R., Wilkesbarre, E. Penn.
 Hicks, William H., McAllister and Lehigh, Ind. Ter.
 Hill, Emmett C. W., Meadville, Mo.
 Jennings, Samuel J., Big Horn, Becton, Sheridan, and Prairie Dog, Wyo.
 Jewell, George C., Cortland and Hartford, Ohio.
 Jones, John, Coolvill and Center Belpre, Ohio.
 Jones, Thomas G., Mineral Ridge, Ohio.
 La Bach, James M., Paris, Tex.
 Lund, Robert E., White Oaks, New Mex.
 Luse, T. Claire, Osborne, Kan.
 McDuffee, Samuel V., Orange City, Fla.
 McKean, John, Interlachen, Fla.
 Margeson, Berridge, Deming, Ind. Ter.
 Marvin, John T., Graceville and Appleton, Minn.
 Medlar, William H., Crookston, Minn.
 Morgan, Lewis, Soddy, Tenn.
 Norris, Thomas F., North Lawrence, Kan.
 Pamment, John M., Portland, Or.
 Pierce, Robert S., Phelps Co., Neb.
 Reuth, Jacob, La Grange, Mo.
 Richardson, Albert M., Tonganoxie and Kanwaka, Kan.
 Riddle, Merchant S., Junction City, Kan.
 Roberts, John, Silver Creek, Neb.
 Rominger, Henry V., Albany, Or.
 Rose, William F., Pierre, So. Dak.
 Scofield, William C., Washington, D. C.
 Smalley, Albert L., Buffalo, N. Y.
 Smith, L. A., Atwood and Ceina, Kan.
 Spring, John W., Linwood and Lenape, Kan.
 Stafford, Burnett T., Norwalk, Kerr City and Riverside, Cal.
 Stone, Rollin S., Chatham, N. J.
 Taylor, Albert W., Ellington, N. Y.
 Tenney, Marcus D., Neosho Falls, Kan.
 Travis, David G., St. Louis, Mo.
 Wheat, Nathaniel M., Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Whitman, John S., Canfield, Ohio.
 Wickes, Emerson G., Oak Hill, Fla.
 Woolman, William, Naponee, Neb.
 Wurrnschmidt, August, Huron, So. Dak.

RECEIPTS IN MAY, 1887.

MAINE—\$108.56.

Bath, Central Ch., by F. S. Partridge..	\$35 00
Biddeford, Second, by G. W. Carter....	17 10
Calais, First, by A. L. Clapp.....	42 00
Farmington, First, by A. Russell.....	18 46
New Castle, Ch., add'l and in full to const. A. W. Gliddon a L. M., by Rev. C. D. Crane	1 00
Yarmouth, First, by Rev L. Reynolds...	5 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$424.03; of which Legacy, \$200.00.

Concord, A Friend, by L. D., Stevens..	50 00
Derry, Legacy of Dr. M. Meriam, by M. Meriam, Ex.....	200 00
Francetown, Cong. Ch. and Sunday-school, add'l, by A. Downes.....	8 03
Hancock, A birthday gift from an aged friend.....	1 00
Haverhill, Eliza Cross.....	2 00
Milford, First, by A. C. Crosby, to const. F. W. Sawyer and E. E. Armstrong L. Ms.....	120 75
Pelham, A Friend, special.....	2 25
Sanbornton, by Rev. F. J. Ward.....	20 00
Wilton, Second, by C. Wilson.....	20 00

VERMONT—\$32.00.

Middlebury, E. J. Mathews.....	\$2 00
Norwich, Mrs. C. M. Smith	5 00
West Randolph, Ch.....	25 00

MASSACHUSETTS—\$7,328.63; of which Legacies, \$3,915.00.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.....	1,000 00
Amherst, W. M. Graves, \$10; A Friend, \$10, by W. M. Graves.....	20 00
Auburndale, Mrs. N. J. Ingraham.....	1 40
Boston, Woman's H. M. Assoc., by Mrs. H. H. Proctor, Treas.....	222 26
Charlestown, Legacy of Miss Hannah B. Sweetser, by W. Abbott, Ex.....	200 00
Chesterfield, add'l by Rev. E. Loomis..	5 00
Dorchester, Mrs. Eleanor J. W. Baker, special.....	100 00
Fitchburg, Remainder of Legacy of Miriam W. Partridge, by D. Messenger, Ex.....	715 00
Rollston Ch., A Friend.....	10 10
Florence, by W. L. Wilcox.....	20 06
Groton, On account of Legacy of George Farnsworth, Ex.....	3,000 00

Hayley, First Parish Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. Edwin Smith, in full, to const. Mrs. Charles Newton a L. M.	\$29 00
Hopkinton, First, add'l, by J. W. Stewart.	2 00
North Leominster, Mrs. A. G. Boutelle's Sunday-school class, for Children's Bohemian fund, by Miss C. Hobart.	6 30
Plymouth, Pilgrimage Sunday-school, Primary Dept., for Children's Bohemian fund.	10 00
Rehoboth, by F. A. Bliss.	35 25
Sheffield, by H. Dutcher.	10 60
Shelburne, First, by Z. D. Bardwell, Treas., to const. Miss Fannie M. Bardwell a L. M.	50 00
South Deerfield, Ch., \$20; Sunday-school, \$3.85, by Dea. C. A. Stowell.	23 85
Spencer, C. W. Powers and wife.	1 00
Springfield, Carrie E. Bowdoin, in full, to const. her a L. M.	20 00
Stoughton, First, by D. C. Rose.	8 60
Taunton, West Y. P. S. C. E., add'l, by E. K. Dean.	3 75
West Acton, Mrs. Rev. J. W. Brown.	6 00
Whitinsville, by E. Whitin.	1,801 56
Williamstown, A Friend.	25 00
Worcester, A Friend.	3 00

RHODE ISLAND—\$54.03.

Bristol, First, by P. Skinner, Jr.	\$42 53
Kingston, Cong. Ch., by B. E. Helme.	9 00
Newport, A Friend's Thank offering.	2 50

CONNECTICUT—\$7,087.86; of which Legacy, \$1,000.00.

Received by Mrs. S.M. Hotchkiss, Sec. Woman's Home Miss. Union of Conn.:
 Fairfield, Ladies' H. M. Soc. \$17 00
 Sunfield, Young Ladies' H. M. Circle 16 50

33 50	Brantford, First Ch., of which from Rev. H. P. Bake, \$10; H. G. Harrison, \$10; E. D. Sheldon, \$7, and in full to const. Mrs. Elizabeth J. Steer a L. M.	45 53
1 40	Center Brook, Mrs. E. E. Kelsey.	1 40
100 00	Connecticut, A Friend.	100 00
270 70	Danbury, First, by H. W. Frost.	270 70
1 00	Derby, A Friend.	1 00
10 00	East Haddam, A Friend.	10 00
5 60	Enfield, D. H. Abbe.	5 60
6 35	Fairfield, Cong. Sunday-school, by S. C. Morehouse.	6 35
5 00	Glead, Mrs. F. L. Brown, by Rev. C. W. Preston.	5 00
35 11	Greenwich, Second, special, by L. P. Hubbard.	35 11
100 00	A Friend.	100 00
30 00	Guilford, Ladies of the First Ch., by Rev. E. M. Vitum.	30 00
20 00	First, in full, to const. Miss E. Jennie Knowles a L. M., by E. W. Leete.	20 00
1,000 00	Hartford, Legacy of Caroline Lawrence, by E. R. Beardsley.	1,000 00
5 00	Huntington, Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Ella L. Wooster.	5 00
30 17	Litchfield, Y. P. S. C. E. of First Ch., by C. H. Colt.	30 17
5 00	A Friend.	5 00
5,000 00	Lyme, Elizabeth Griswold.	5,000 00
150 00	New Haven, Ch. of the Redeemer, J. B. Baldwin, \$100; Dea. Sherman, \$50, by J. B. Baldwin.	150 00
10 00	Ch. of the Redeemer, W. E. Chandler	10 00
22 00	Northfield, by H. C. Peck, in full, to const. Dea. W. M. Hopkins a L. M.	22 00
60	Plainville, A Friend.	60
2 00	Sharon, add'l, by Rev. J. R. Bourne.	2 00
6 00	Stamford, First, by E. B. Hoyt.	6 00
131 00	Stonington, Cong. Ch., add'l, by Rev. C. J. Hill.	131 00
39 00	Terryville, by G. M. Allen.	39 00

Thomaston, Mrs. Mary R. Watrous, dec.	\$1 00
Woodbridge, Y. P. S. C. E., by E. W. Beecher.	7 50
Woodbury, North Ch., by A. W. Mitchell.	15 60

NEW YORK—\$572.36.

Received by Rev. C. C. Creegan:
 Lisle, Ch. and Sunday-school \$10 36
 Oswego 21 00

31 36
 Received by Mrs. L. H. Cobb, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:
 Binghamton, Woman's Aux. \$50 00
 Gloversville, Ladies' Benev. Assoc. of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. C. Stewart. 25 00

75 00	Albany, Miss Mabel Learned.	75 00
50 00	C. A. Beach.	50 00
25 00	Black Creek, by Rev. H. W. H. Watkins.	25 00
5 00	Brooklyn, A Lady, \$10; A Friend, \$1; Mrs. J. M. Van Coter, \$5; F. B. Marsh, \$25.	5 00
41 00	Cambria Center, Cong. Sunday-school, by C. T. Comstock.	41 00
10 00	Canandaigua, First, by Rev. E. G. Tyler.	10 00
180 43	Danby, T. A. Van Gelder.	180 43
1 00	Eldred, by Rev. H. P. Hamilton.	1 00
4 33	Granville, by Rev. T. M. Owen.	4 33
4 00	Homer, by Rev. W. A. Robinson, D.D.	4 00
10 00	Lysander, by J. B. Gillett.	10 00
8 00	New York City, Miss Caroline Murray, \$10; A Lady of Madison Square Presb. Ch., \$10; C. P. Huntington, \$25.	8 00
45 00	Norwich, by J. Hammond.	45 00
33 62	Ogdensburgh, by Rev. J. S. Ainslie.	33 62
8 12	Richmond Hill, Union Ch., by A. Allen.	8 12
12 50	Riverhead, Mrs. S. Whaley.	12 50
1 00	Rochester, Miss E. Leavenworth.	1 00
5 00	Upper Jay, Harriet P. Wells.	5 00
3 00	Warsaw, by W. A. Walker.	3 00
19 00	Received by Mrs. L. H. Cobb, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union: Hammondsville, Woman's Aux. \$5 00 Ironville, Woman's Aux. 8 30	19 00
\$13 30		\$13 30

[Erroneously acknowledged in June.]

NEW JERSEY—\$238.47.

17 13	Montclair, Young Ladies' H.M. Soc., by Miss C. L. Snyder.	17 13
5 00	Newfield, Mrs. A. Moody.	5 00
140 34	Orange Valley, by J. Bell.	140 34
26 00	Passaic, First, by Rev. S. F. Palmer.	26 00
50 00	Summit, Central Presb. Ch., by D. H. Cooley, to const. Rev. T. F. White, D.D., a L. M.	50 00

PENNSYLVANIA—\$69.28.

13 60	Carbondale, by Rev. D. L. Davis.	13 60
5 00	Drifton, by Rev. J. F. Humphrey.	5 00
8 00	Ebensburgh, Ladies' Miss' Soc., by Mrs. Hill.	8 00
20 00	Minersville, First Welsh Ch., by R. Ricketts.	20 00
20 00	Pitston, First, by Rev. H. J. Whitby.	20 00
2 68	Spring Creek and West Spring Creek, by Rev. A. B. Sherk.	2 68

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$85.00.

25 00	Washington, Ladies' H. M. Soc. First Ch., special, by Miss L. Patterson.	25 00
10 00	Ladies' H. M. Soc. of the First Ch., special, Woman's Dept., by Miss L. Patterson.	10 00

WEST VIRGINIA—\$19.57.

\$19 57	Ceredo, by Rev. A. H. Chittenden.	\$19 57
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FLORIDA—\$36.00.

Hawkes Park and New Smyrna, by Rev. J. A. Ball.....	\$10 00
Lake Worth and Malabar, by Rev. A. B. Dilley.....	20 00
Mannfield, by Rev. E. R. Fuller.....	2 00
Phillips, by Rev. S. Rose.....	4 00

INDIAN TERRITORY—\$7.50.

McAllister and Lehigh, by Rev. W. H. Hicks.....	5 00
Vinita, by Rev. N. M. Wheat.....	2 50

NEW MEXICO—\$56.00.

Deming, by Rev. E. Margeson.....	6 00
Socorro, Rev. J. L. Allison.....	50 00

OHIO—\$934.29.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser:	
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue Ch., by T. Bates.....	\$71 62
Findlay, by Rev. J. P. Riedinger.....	7 93
Madison, Mrs. H. E. Fraser, by Rev. J. M. Fraser, to const. Asa S. Hardy, C. W. Hardy and Roy E. Hardy L. Ms.....	150 00
Nelson, Sunday-school, by G. Payne.....	4 69
South Newbury, by Dea. H. P. Green.....	13 38
Wauseon, by Rev. J. D. Nutting.....	17 41
	265 01

Received by S. P. Churchill, Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland, in April:	
Anonymous.....	\$1 00
Brooklyn Village, by Miss Hobart.....	10 70
Cincinnati, Columbia Sunday-school.....	20 00
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue Ch.....	145 79
Plymouth Ch.....	25 00
Greenwich, Sunday-school.....	2 49
	204 98

Bellevue, S. W. Boise.....	25 00
Cleveland, by J. H. Hull.....	5 80
Collinwood, by Rev. C. L. Hamlen.....	11 00
Coolville, Mrs. M. B. Bartlett, by Rev. C. E. Dickinson, in full, to const. Miss Mary J. Bartlett, Miss Maggie A. Adams and Miss Mary B. Orear L. Ms.....	103 00
Cuyahoga Falls, by C. Clark.....	7 12
Mansfield, First, by E. B. Caldwell.....	171 28
Ohio, Chs. and Individuals, by Rev. R. Quaife.....	137 00
Rochester Depot, From a few Old Ladies, by Mrs. E. C. Cummings.....	2 00
Sylvania, by Rev. S. R. Dole.....	5 00

INDIANA—\$48.67.

Macksville and South Vigo, by Rev. J. Hayes.....	2 50
Ontario, by Rev. J. P. Preston.....	37 77
Princeton, Mrs. M. A. Conant.....	41
Terre Haute, by M. J. Weiss.....	6 00

ILLINOIS—\$94.26.

Aurora, Y. P. S. C. E. of First Ch., for Debt, by W. N. Tucker.....	\$14 15
Bloomington, A Friend.....	10 00
Geneseo, Ladies' Miss. Soc., Mrs. A. H. Manington.....	55 11
Princeton, An Aged Friend, A Thank offering.....	5 00
Riverside, W. H. Gardner, \$5; Master Scott Gardner, \$5.....	10 00

MISSOURI—\$923.79.

Received by Mrs. H. A. Brown, Treas. Mo. Woman's H. M. Soc.:	
Hannibal, Mrs. W. H. Loomis.....	\$2 00
Hyde Park, L. H. M. S. of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. J. E. Green.....	11 40
Kansas City, L. H. M. S. of Clyde Cong. Ch., by Mrs. J. E. Harris.....	6 23
St. Louis, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. Brown.....	12 00
Webster Groves, L. H. M. S. of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. J. P. Heifester.....	15 00
	\$46 23

Brookfield, Y. P. S. C. E. of Cong. Ch., by Rev. S. W. Delzell.....	8 05
Brookline and Republic, by Rev. J. Stevens.....	12 00
Cameron, by Rev. F. G. Alger.....	10 05
Carthage, Ladies of the Cong. Ch., by Mrs. L. E. Kimball.....	13 43
Dennison, by Rev. C. W. Holden.....	2 00
Eldon, by Rev. J. Vetter.....	1 00
Kansas City, First, by J. F. Downing.....	511 84
Clyde Cong. Ch., by C. F. Emery.....	248 52
Sunday-school, by E. A. Fussell.....	15 00
Memphis and Honey Creek, by Rev. T. C. Johnston.....	3 00
Republic, Cong. Sunday-school, by T. N. Merrill.....	1 05
St. Louis, Fifth Cong. Ch., by L. J. Peck.....	36 00
Springfield, by Rev. J. F. Graf.....	5 00
Windsor, by Rev. J. G. Bailey.....	10 62

MICHIGAN—\$231.29.

Benzonia and Homestead, by Rev. O. B. Waters.....	28 12
Cedar Springs, \$2.50; Sand Lake, \$6, by Rev. E. C. Harrington.....	8 50
Cheboygan, by Rev. W. S. Bugbey.....	8 77
Columbus, Woman's Miss. Soc., by Rev. W. I. Hunt.....	10 99
Curry and Thayer, by Rev. E. S. Curry.....	2 43
Eaton Rapids, by A. C. Dutton, to const. Sara H. Kellogg a L. M.....	65 00
Franklin, by Rev. H. A. Putnam.....	4 20
Greenville, Mrs. R. L. Ellsworth.....	10 00
Hancock, Cong. Ch. add'l, by Rev. C. F. Waters.....	29 36
Mattawan, by Rev. E. Herbert.....	1 00
Minden City, by Rev. W. Scurr.....	4 75
Northport, by Rev. C. D. Banister.....	23 75
Rondo, \$1.07; Wolverine, \$1.30, by Rev. M. Tuck.....	2 37
Rosedale, by Rev. J. W. Holt.....	6 55
St. Ignace, by Rev. C. E. Taggart.....	1 00
Sherman, Cleon and Marilla, by Rev. R. Redeoff.....	17 00
Standish, by Rev. D. Curry.....	2 50

IOWA—\$20.60.

Iowa, A Friend of Missions.....	15 00
Maquoketa, by Mry C. Shaw.....	5 00

MINNESOTA—\$524.21.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:	
Brainerd, First Ch.....	\$10 54
Elk River, Union Ch.....	2 31
Groveland.....	1 00
Medford.....	5 00
Minneapolis, Plymouth Ch.....	58 34
Vine Ch., \$19.65; Mission Band, \$5.91.....	25 56
Wauona.....	115 59
	\$218 34

Received by Mrs. J. N. Cross, Treas. Minn. Woman's H. M. Soc.:	
Fairmont, L. M. S.....	8 75
Hamilton, Easter Offering.....	11 50
Mazepa, L. M. S.....	5 60

Mineapolis, Plymouth Ch., Woman's H. M. S.....	\$29 00	
Plymouth, Y. P. M. S.....	5 50	
St. Paul, Plymouth Ch., Wom- an's H. M. S.....	100 00	
Plymouth Sunday-school....	12 51	
Spring Valley, W. H. M. S.....	5 00	
Sterling, W. H. M. S.....	4 00	
Winona, Woman's H. M. S.....	50 00	
	\$231 85	\$450 20
Amiret, by Rev. P. K. Peregrine.....	5 00	
Barnesville, by Rev. J. W. Todd.....	4 00	
Farwell, Annie Wiberg, by Rev. G. Wiberg.....	25	
Freedom, by Rev. W. Fisk.....	2 50	
Granite Falls, by Rev. L. W. Chaney...	13 58	
Grass Lake and Brunswick, by Rev. G. Staaf.....	5 00	
Hamilton, by R. F. Engle.....	19 18	
Janesville and Morristown, by Rev. W. J. Parmelee.....	1 50	
Little Falls, by Rev. K. Pasco.....	2 50	
Mapleton and Sterling, by Rev. L. H. Moses.....	12 50	
Mineapolis, A Friend.....	1 50	
Sherburne and Triumph, by E. Carter.	4 00	
Stillwater, by Rev. J. W. Carlson.....	2 50	

KANSAS—\$254.08.

Received by Rev. L. P. Broad:		
Nickerson.....	\$15 53	
Russell.....	5 82	
		21 35
Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.:		
Lawrence, Ladies' H. and F. M. Soc., of Plymouth Ch.....	11 00	
Randolph, J. H. Dow, "A Mis- sionary Pig".....	3 00	
Sterling Ch.....	30 00	
		44 00
Alma, by Rev. W. C. Wheeler.....	8 00	
Bloomington and Dial, by Rev. F. G. McHenry.....	1 00	
Buffalo, Center Ridge and Scatter Creek, by Rev. J. Wilde.....	8 78	
Enreka, by Rev. R. H. Read.....	6 25	
Gaylord and Twelve Mile Run, by Rev. H. P. Page.....	7 00	
Haven and Mt. Hope, by Rev. L. Hull.	1 85	
Kirwin, by Rev. R. P. Markham.....	5 30	
Leavenworth, First, by G. H. Hyde....	61 30	
Manhattan, by J. W. Blain.....	85 00	
Sedgwick, Ch., \$6; Rev. H. S. Payne, \$4, by Rev. H. S. Payne.....	10 00	
Severy, by Rev. J. Cooper.....	5 25	
Stockton, by Rev. F. E. Sherman.....	11 00	
Topeka, Students of Washburn College, by R. H. Harper.....	2 50	
Wabaussee, First Ch. of Christ, by Rev. J. F. Willard.....	50	
Wyandotte, S. F. Mather.....	25 00	

NEBRASKA—\$437.87.

Received by Rev. J. L. Maite:		
Arborville, by Rev. J. E. Storm.....	\$15 60	
Fairmount, by S. S. Elder.....	18 50	
Sunday-school, by C. H. Aber- nethy.....	11 50	
Hastings, addy, by Rev. W. Walters.....	1 00	
Ivington, by E. L. Brewster.....	26 00	
Omaha, St. Mary's Avenue Ch., by E. A. Mills.....	202 00	
		274 00
Alpine and Macon, by Rev. W. H. Houston.....	5 00	
Beatrice, by Rev. E. H. Ashmun.....	65 37	
Cortland, \$5; Pickrell, \$3.50, by Rev. H. Bates.....	8 50	
Franklin, Ch., \$50; Rev. F. Barber, \$6, by Rev. C. S. Harrison.....	56 00	
Friend, by Rev. J. Lic.....	5 00	

Hay Springs, by Rev. B. F. Diffe- bacher.....	\$2 50
North Bend, by Rev. J. Harrison.....	18 00
Ogallala, by Rev. J. A. Thorne.....	5 00
Rushville, by Rev. W. F. Eastman.....	7 00
Straiton and Trenton, by Rev. G. W. Rich.....	5 00
Syracuse, by Rev. E. H. Baker.....	1 50
Weeping Water, Y. P. S. C. E., for Debt, by Rev. G. Hundley.....	25 00
Wymore, by Rev. J. V. Dimon.....	10 00

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$50.25.

Aurora and Volga, by Rev. H. A. Law- rence.....	2 50
Clark, by Rev. L. Kingsbury.....	4 00
Colvin, by Rev. H. H. Bement.....	2 50
Elk Point, by Rev. L. P. Sabiu.....	15 00
Huron, First, by Mrs. B. M. Rowley...	47 00
Lake Henry, by Rev. F. G. Appleton... D. Ross and wife, by Rev. F. G. Ap- pleton.....	2 00
Powell, by Rev. J. T. Lewis.....	4 50
Ree Heights, Mrs. John Harvey, for Bohemian Fund.....	75

COLORADO—\$40.28.

Colorado Springs, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Ch., by E. B. Curtis.....	\$3 50
Denver, by Rev. A. W. C. Hoffman.....	5 00
Park Avenue Ch., \$18.88; Park Ave- nue Sunday-school, for Children's Bohemian fund, \$12.90, by J. M. Leitch.....	31 78

WYOMING—\$3.50.

Big Horn, Becton and Sheridan, by Rev. S. J. Jennings.....	\$3 50
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MONTANA—\$25.00.

Helena, First, by A. E. Bunker.....	\$25 00
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UTAH—\$14.00.

Hooper, Rev. A. B. Peebles.....	\$10 00
Park City, by Rev. I. R. Prior.....	4 00

CALIFORNIA—\$132.83.

Received by Rev. J. H. Warren:		
Berkeley.....	\$12 50	
Crockett.....	1 20	
Fresno, Rev. W. N. Meserve.....	5 00	
Haywards.....	10 00	
Oroville.....	11 33	
		40 03
Eureka, by Rev. D. Bowman.....	30 00	
Green Valley, by Rev. R. Taylor.....	5 00	
Oakland, by Rev. W. S. Hamlin.....	6 00	
By Rev. W. H. Cooke.....	6 30	
Y. P. S. C. E. of the Market Street Ch., for the Debt, by Hattie E. Ben- ton.....	1 50	
San Bernardino, by Rev. C. A. Stone....	30 00	
San Miguel, by Rev. E. B. Tutthill....	4 00	
Sunol Glen, by Rev. O. G. May.....	10 00	

OREGON—\$86.75.

Albany, First, by Rev. H. V. Roefinger.	\$53 00
Astoria, Mrs. Wilson, by Rev. G. H. At- kinson.....	1 00
Beaverton and Portland Heights, by Rev. L. Kelsey.....	2 55
East Portland, by Rev. D. Staver.....	30 20
Oregon City, Ch., \$20.60; Y. P. S. C. E., \$25, for the Debt, by Rev. G. A. Rock- wood.....	45 80
[Erroneously acknowledged in May.]	

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$53.90.

Received by Rev. N. F. Coleigh:		
Cheney.....	\$1 55	
Farmington.....	2 15	

Natchez.....	\$2 15
North Yakima, Upper Columbia Assoc.	7 50
Wenas.....	1 70
West Klittitas.....	12 00
	\$27 05
Mt. Pleasant and Washougal.....	5 00
Spokane Falls, Cong. Assoc. of Upper Columbia, by Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D. D.....	10 00
Walla Walla, First, by G. Hunt.....	6 00
Y. P. S. C. E., of Plymouth Ch., by A. E. Cushman.....	5 85
Home Missionary.....	140 17
	\$20,164 43

Donations of Clothing, etc.

Albany, N. Y., First Ch., by D. A. Thompson, box hymn books.	
Brick Church, N. J., H. M. Adams, box books.	
Bristol, Conn., Ladies' Home Miss Soc., by Mrs. N. L. Brewster, two barrels.....	\$119 36
Brooklyn, N. Y., Ladies of Plymouth Ch., by Amy E. Halliday, bundle.	
Ladies' Benev. Soc., of South Ch., by Mrs. J. H. Swift, box.....	200 00
Hartford, Conn., Ladies' Sew. Soc., of First Ch., by Miss Emma Bunce, two barrels, cash and freight.....	105 00
Homer, N. Y., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Ellen F. Phillips, two barrels.....	121 99
New Haven, Conn., Rev. S. W. Barnum, six copies "Romanism as it is." Ladies' Aid Soc., of United Ch., by A. E. Merwin, box, cash and freight....	358 54
N. Y. City, N. Y., Wm. Abbott, bundle.	
Dr. L. H. Cobb, package magazines.	
North Acton, Mass., Sunday-school, two barrels.	
Orange, N. J., Ladies' Benev. Soc., of Trinity Ch., by Miss Harriet E. Halsey, box, cash and freight.....	226 00
Pierce City, Mo., First Ch., by Rev. Geo. S. Ricker, seven vols., "Spurgeon's Treasury of David," and freight.....	11 50
St. Johnsbury, Vt., Woman's Home Miss. Soc., of North Ch., by Mrs. A. E. Rankin, box.....	156 72
Sheffield, Mass., Mrs. R. F. Little, two barrels.....	120 00
Terre Haute, Ind., Home Miss. Soc., by M. J. Weiss, box.....	23 75

Receipts of the Maine Missionary Society, from March 1th to May, 1887, JOHN L. CROSBY, Treas.

Albany, Dea. J. H. Lovejoy.....	\$5 00
Alna, Ch., by Miss Alice Nelson.....	8 00
Bangor, First Parish S. S., by C. A. Bailey.	11 65
Bath, "A memorial gift for a daughter," by Rev. J. O. Fiske, D. D.....	10 00
Bar Harbor, Ch., by Rev. J. Torrey.....	16 28
Bucksport, Elm St. Ch. and Soc., by E. Swasey, Tr.....	54 83
Dexter, Ch., by Augustus Cummings, Tr.	11 00
East Baldwin, Ch., by Mrs. Frank Brown.	5 00
East Bangor, Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams.....	6 00
Eliot, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. James Lade..	12 83
Ellsworth, Ch., by Erastus Kedman.....	88 24
Ellsworth Falls, Ch., by F. E. Hartshorn.	5 00
Freedom, Ch., by Rinaldo Elder.....	5 00
Holden, Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams.....	7 10
Kennebunk, Union Ch. and Soc., by Hon. Jos. Titcomb.....	24 00
Lincoln, Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams.....	4 64
Litchfield Corner, Ch. and Soc., by D. F. Smith, Tr.....	10 00
New Casco, from Mrs. Ruth Merrill.....	25 00
Portland, Legacy, from "A friend," by R. H. Hinckley, Esq.....	200 00
State St. Ch., by W. S. Corey, Tr.....	200 00
Fourth Ch. by Rev. J. G. Wilcox.....	20 00

Presque Isle, Ch., by Rev. Geo. Christie..	\$10 00
Silney, Ch., by Joel Spaulding, Esq., to const. himself a L. M.....	20 00
Skowhegan, Ch., by Rev. A. J. Rickett..	15 25
South Bridgton, Mrs. Mary B. Fitch, by Rev. W. B. Hague.....	2 50
South Gardiner, Ch., by Mrs. M. J. V. Horton.....	8 00
Thomaston, Legacy, add'l, Mrs. H. C. Ludwig.....	50 00
Veazie, "Sociable," by Rev. J. E. Adams.	10 00
Wells, Legacy, Mrs. L. W. Maxwell, by B. Maxwell, Esq.....	100 00
West Newfield, Ch., by E. H. Symes.....	15 06
Windham, First Ch., by J. W. Doughty.	9 00
York, Second Ch. and Soc., by J. H. Moody.....	10 00
Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary....	140 00
Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec'y, received for preaching.....	18 09
Income from Stocks, etc.....	207 33

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,344 87
	\$22,772 77
Total receipts June 12th, 1886, to date...	\$24,117 64

Receipts from May 19th to May 31st, 1887.

Acton, Ch. Soc., by Rev. Wm. A. Merrill.....	\$10 00
Bath, Central Ch. Soc., by F. S. Partridge, Tr.....	25 00
Bangor, Central Ch., from Mr. Walter Brown.....	10 00
Biddeford, Second Ch., by Geo. W. Carter, Tr.....	20 00
Bingham, Ch., by Rev. T. F. Millett.....	5 00
Boothbay, Ch. Soc., by Rev. S. D. Evans.	22 55
Buxton, Ch. Soc., by Rev. G. W. Johnson	7 45
Calais, Ch. Soc., by A. L. Clapp, Tr. for South Anson Ch.....	20 00
East Bangor, Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams.....	5 50
Eastport, Central, Ch. Soc., by G. A. Peabody, Tr.....	14 00
Edgecomb, Ch. Soc., by Rev. C. G. Holyoke.....	30 96
Foxcroft and Dover, Ch. Soc., by C. H. B. Woodbury, Tr.....	32 32
Freeport, First Ch. Soc., by Augustus Pennell.....	8 60
Garland, Ch. Soc., by Rev. J. E. Adams..	9 00
Houlton, Ch., by Rev. C. H. Percival.....	21 50
Jonesport, Ch., by Rev. E. S. Walbridge.	17 50
Lebanon, Ch. Soc., by Rev. Josiah Closson.....	18 00
Limerick, Ch. Soc., by W. Adams.....	18 00
Lisbon, Ch., by Mrs. E. W. Coombs.....	1 00
Machias, Center St. Cong. Ch., by A. L. Heaton, Tr.....	7 53
Marshfield, Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams.....	4 50
Portland, Williston Ch., by G. F. Thurston, Tr.....	40 00
Richmond, Ch. Soc., by Rev. W. C. Curtis.....	10 00
Rockland, Cong. Sabbath-school (for South Anson Ch.).....	8 00
Searsport, First Cong. Ch., by E. B. Sheldon.....	25 50
Sebago Lake, Society, by Miss A. M. Lowell.....	7 28
Sherman Mills, "Wasburn Memorial" Ch., by Rev. I. C. Bumpus.....	5 00
Solon, Ch., by Rev. T. F. Millett.....	4 25
South Berwick, Ch. Soc. (\$20 of which to const. Dea. Madison Riley a L. M.), by J. H. Plumer, Tr.....	100 00
South Paris, Ch., by A. W. Bolster.....	13 00
Southwest Harbor, Ch. Soc., by Rev. A. Redlon.....	14 00
Standish, Ch. Soc., by Miss A. M. Lowell	10 77
Turner, Ch., by Rev. A. N. Jones.....	10 65
Union, Ch. Soc., by Rev. T. V. Norcross.	7 50
Waldoboro, Ch., by Mrs. Belle B. Gardner, \$20 of which const. her a L. M.....	26 60
West Auburn, Ch., by H. M. Packard..	18 60

West Brooksville, Ch, by Rev. W. J. Skelton.....	\$5 00
Yarmouth, First Ch. Soc., by L. Reynolds.....	73 50
Woman's Me. Missionary Auxiliary....	358 00
Income from Stocks, etc.....	258 62
	\$1,313 53
Amount previously acknowledged.....	\$24,117 64

Total receipts from June 12th, 1886, to date.....\$25,431 17

Receipts of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society, from March 1st, to May 31st, 1887, L. D. STEVENS, Treas.

Amherst, Edward Boylston, to const. Mrs. Abby F. Dodge a L. M. of A.H.M.S	\$50 00
Atkinson.....	8 79
Bennington.....	9 35
Concord, First.....	200 00
A Friend.....	2 00
A Friend.....	10 00
A Friend.....	50 00
Concord, West.....	24 00
Center Harbor.....	8 62
Chichester, Legacy of Augustus Leavitt..	310 00
Claremont, Legacy of Geo. N. Farwell...	500 00
De. rfield Center.....	10 40
Danbury.....	4 00
Epping, John M. Fitz.....	5 00
Fitzwilliam.....	15 00
Gilmantou.....	16 59
Goffstown, Legacy of Miss Frances Morrison, to const. Miss Fanny Gibson and Mrs. Samuel Upton L. Ms.....	266 66
Greenfield, Sunday-school.....	6 00
Greenland.....	33 00
Greenville.....	1 00
Haverhill, to const. Mrs. Athalinda Jenkins a L. M.....	39 00
Hempstead.....	18 50
Hollis, to const. Enoch J. Colburn a L.M.	33 14
Keene, First.....	134 00
Second.....	37 25
Lebanon, Legacy of Sarah Kinsmau.....	100 00
Marlboro, Ch. and Soc., \$6.09; S.S., \$10.....	16 09
Nashua, First.....	54 11
New Ipswich.....	7 60
North Conway, Income of Abby K. Wentworth Fund.....	10 00
Northwood, Young People's Miss. Soc..	37 00
Ossipee Center.....	11 50
Penacook, Ch., and Soc., \$8.90; Mrs. A. W. Fiske, \$7.00.....	15 90
Plymouth.....	3 25
Portsmouth, North Church.....	158 10
Rindge.....	5 43
Short Falls, Ch. and Soc., \$8.50; Sally H. Moses, to const. W.H. Tripp a L.M., \$30	33 50
Union.....	16 00
Wakefield, \$17; Daniel Smith, \$115.....	132 00
Walpole.....	14 00
Warner.....	8 00
Wolfborough, Interest on Legacy of Nancy H. Lord.....	4 00
New Hampshire Cent Institution.....	156 50
	\$2,570 39

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, in May, REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

Andover, West, by Peter D. Smith.....	\$50 00
Ashburnham, First, to const. J. N. Hastings and Chas. H. Howard L. Ms., by Rev. R. B. Tobey.....	61 75
Bedford, Y. P. S. C. E., by C. F. Pressey, Debt.....	15 78
Beverly, Estate of John D. Jones, by John L. Gardner, Ex.....	100 00
Boston, A Friend.....	12 00

Miss C. M. Dyer.....	\$5 00
Estate of Geo. Puuohard, by Ezra L. Woodbury, Trustee.....	763 50
Dorchester, Second S. S., by Miss E. L. Tolman.....	18 83
Roxbury, Eliot, Rev. B. F. Hamilton, D.D.....	20 00
By A. McLean.....	6 00
Union, by Albert Gay.....	14 16
Braintree, First, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., to const. Mrs. Frank Dearing and Mrs. W. M. Morrill L. Ms., by Mrs. Julia F. Hayward.....	85 60
Buckland, Mrs. R. D. Field, Birthday gift, by Rev. A. C. Hodges.....	1 00
Charlemont, East, "A friend interested in Home Missions".....	39 50
Chihuahua, Mexico, Rev. A. C. Wright... Concord, Trinitarian, by Thomas Todd... Dartmouth, South, by E. B. Sturtevant....	10 00 57 62 15 00
Dartmouth, South, by E. B. Sturtevant....	10 00
Dedham, First, by C. Guild.....	17 07
Deerfield, Orth., by Rev. A. Hazen, D.D.....	39 22
Douglas, First, by Rev. James Wells.....	17 18
Easton, Mrs. Daniel Belcher (Debt).....	3 00
Foxboro, Orth., by Horace Carpenter.....	51 94
Greenwich, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Miss A. M. Root.....	37 00
Groton, Estate of Geo. Farnsworth, by Dea. Ezra Farnsworth, Ex.....	3,000 00
Hampden Benev. Assoc., by Chas. Marsh, Treas.:	
Blandford.....	\$37 65
Monson, Estate of Dea. Marcus Chapin, by E. P. Keep, Ex.....	100 00
Springfield, First.....	160 00
North.....	31 54
	269 19
Hardwick, Calvinistic, by Rev. C. M. Pierce.....	3 00
Hyde Park, First, by J. Ellery Piper.....	42 00
Ipswich, Linebrook, A lady, by J. H. Tenney.....	1 00
By J. H. Tenney.....	3 75
Add'l, by Rev. W. P. Alcott.....	1 00
Lawrence, Lawrence St., S. S. Class of W. S. Couch, by N. P. Houghton.....	10 00
Lexington, Hancock, by Dea. Walter Baker.....	15 00
Lowell, Ehot, by James Howard.....	60 21
Lynn, Chestnut St., by Rev. Jay N. Taft.....	10 00
Middleton, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by C. A. Berry.....	8 00
Millbury, Second, by Dea. A. W. Lincoln, Thank offering, for Rufus M. Taft's work.....	20 00
Montague, First, by Sanford Marsh.....	55 50
New Bedford (Acushnet), First, by Rev. S. C. Bushnell.....	78 25
Norfolk Co. Conference, by C. W. Carter, Treas.....	20 22
Northfield, Trinitarian, by Mary T. Dutton.....	12 00
North Reading, by Rev. Geo. E. Allen.....	10 00
Norwood, Ladies' Sew. Circle, by Rev. E. Mendell.....	5 00
Phillipstou, by Walter White.....	37 97
Plymouth, Pilgrimage, by Geo. G. Dyer, S. S., Primary Class, Birthday offerings, special for Bohemian work, by Mrs. C. T. Holmes.....	141 07 10 00
Quincy, Wollaston, by N. G. Nickerson... Reading, by S. G. B. Pearson.....	14 00 25 00
Rowley, to const. Mrs. Lizzie R. Millett a L. M. of the A. H. M. S., by Rev. W. H. Dowden.....	38 60
Southampton, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. D. W. Clarke, Debt.....	6 50
Southbridge, Evang'l Free, by Rev. S. Hayward.....	26 68
Tannton, Winslow, by Edgar H. Reed... East, by Rev. E. W. Allen.....	49 11 4 00
Waltham, Trinitarian, by G. H. Whitford	62 38
Wellesley, by D. S. Short, Debt.....	5 00
Wellfleet, First, Ladies' Missionary Soc. Mrs. Kemp.....	7 00

Westhampton, by A. D. Montague.....	\$31 00
Weymouth and Braintree Union, by H. A. Pettigell.....	37 66
Weymouth, South, Union, by Rev. W. H. Bolster.....	109 63
Winchester, A friend to missions.....	3 00
Worcester, South Conference, by A. Armsby, Treas.....	24 77
Yarmouth, First, by Rev. John W. Dodge.....	65 90

Home Missionary.....	2 55
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	\$5,776 79

Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss. Soc., in May.

Boston, Jamaica Plain, Central, Ladies' Sewing Circle, by Mrs. R. W. Wood, barrel, box and freight.....	\$99 70
Roxbury, Highlands, barrel unmarked and unappraised.....	
Brookfield, Ladies, by L. C. Clough, barrel of second-hand clothing.....	40 00
Dalton, Ladies' Sewing Society, by Miss Clara L. Crane, barrel, half-barrel and freight.....	126 86
Greenfield, Second, Ladies' Benev. Society by Miss L. E. Mann, barrel and freight.....	71 25
Holyoke, Second, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Agnes R. Allyn, 4 vols. Smith's Bib. Dictionary and express.....	16 50
Middlebury, Ladies, by C. T. Wood, barrel.....	40 00
Newton, Eliot, Ladies' Benev. Society, by Mrs. A. E. Crosby, two barrels and freight.....	239 36
Spencer, Ladies' Charitable Society, by Mrs. Nathan Hersey, barrel.....	71 16
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	\$704 52

Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, in May, WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.

Ashford, by A. H. Byles.....	\$3 00
Avon, West, Rev. R. Scoles, personal.....	10 00
Cheshire, by A. C. Peck.....	9 29
East Lyme, Niantic, by Rev. C. W. Hanna.....	11 65
Hartford, First, by C. T. Welles, to const. Miss Henrietta Sooter, of Hartford, Ct., a L. M.....	667 22
Pearl Street, by G. M. Welch.....	61 98
Hartland, East, by E. P. Jones.....	13 50
Litchfield, Milton, by Rev. Geo. J. Harrison.....	2 00
Old Saybrook, by Robert Chapman, quarterly.....	21 43
Plainfield, Wauregan, by Rev. S. H. Fellows, \$26; Ladies' Benevolent Soc., by Miss Alice Bugbee, with above contribution to const. Miss Emma Morse, of Wauregan, Ct., a L. M., \$24.....	50 00
Sprague, Hanover, by Rev. E. W. Merrill	7 00
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Ladies.....	8 90
Alton.....	7 00
Allison.....	2 00

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S. S.....	29 00
Anamosa.....	45 77
Ladies.....	14 05
S. S.....	4 23
Ames, S. S.....	3 50
Atlantic, Ladies.....	4 40
S. S.....	10 40
Avoca.....	28 00
Baxter.....	12 75
Belknap.....	4 05
Belle Plaine.....	15 13
Y. P. S. C. E.....	6 14
Rev. C. H. Bissell.....	3 63
Belmond.....	5 00
Berwick.....	2 45
Big Rock.....	20 00
S. S.....	4 00
Bradford.....	5 00
Britt.....	1 43
Burlington, Ladies.....	25 00
Cedar Rapids.....	13 26
W. H. M. U.....	31 85
Rev. C. A. Towle.....	5 00
Center.....	6 00
Central City.....	14 25
Cedar Falls, Mrs. I. C. Gibbs.....	5 00
Mrs. M. W. Bartlett.....	1 00
Clay.....	6 50
Ladies.....	8 90
Clear Lake.....	15 71
W. H. M. U.....	4 39
Colesburg.....	4 90
A Friend.....	5 00
Council Bluffs.....	72 43
Cresco.....	15 35
Creston.....	95 52
Cromwell.....	3 43
Ladies.....	5 00
Crocker Center, R. L. McConnell.....	5 00
Davenport, German.....	5 00
Ladies of Edwards Ch.....	36 00
Decorah.....	2 98
W. H. M. U.....	31 00
S. S.....	15 00
Denmark.....	30 00
Des Moines, Plymouth.....	59 00
Ladies.....	68 92
North Park.....	6 05
Ladies.....	9 17
North Park S. S.....	5 00
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Dubuque.....	127 86
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Durant.....	9 75
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Eldon.....	31 75
Ladies.....	5 00
Eldora.....	12 75
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Mrs. C. M. Duen.....	1 34
Elk Creek.....	5 10
Elliott.....	4 75
Exira.....	9 88
Fairfield.....	108 77
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1880.....	91,529,754	12,275,589	33,700,759
1881.....	94,506,498	12,196,624	34,700,755
1882.....	97,746,365	12,845,592	37,234,458
1883.....	100,912,245	13,457,928	37,820,597
1884.....	103,585,501	13,850,258	34,687,989
1885.....	108,431,779	14,768,801	46,548,984
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1878.....	13,092,719 83	14,400,032 13
1879.....	12,687,881 72	14,015,555 48
1880.....	12,275,589 16	13,160,034 46
1881.....	12,196,624 62	12,640,112 12
1882.....	12,845,592 10	12,848,835 24
1883.....	13,457,928 44	13,359,330 51
1884.....	13,850,258 43	13,923,062 19
1885.....	14,768,801 93	14,402,049 0
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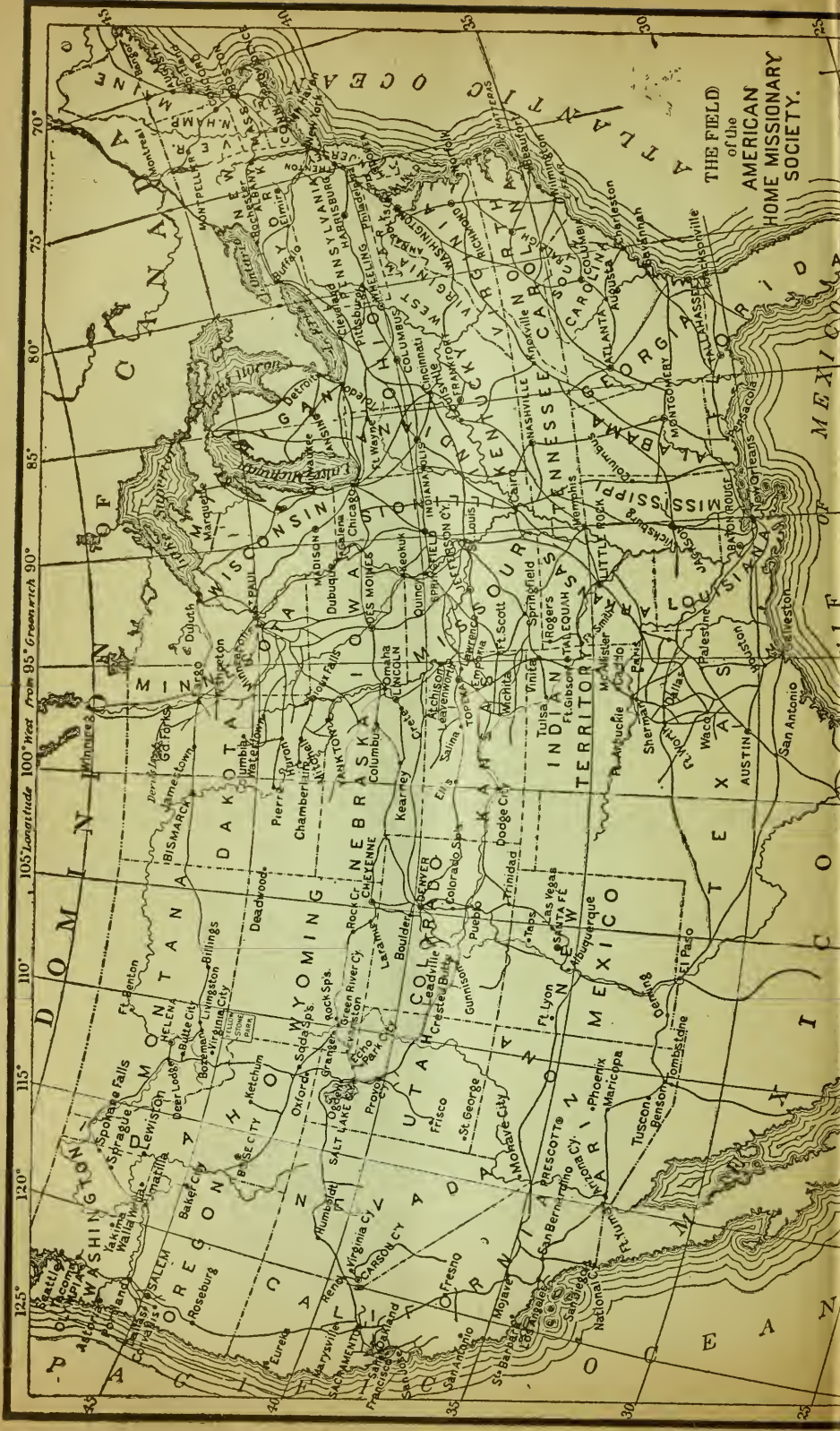
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THE TREASURY.

As usual at this time of the year, the Treasury is empty. Weeks of dry summer time are before us, during which, unless the Lord were to make windows in heaven, we may not expect it to be materially relieved. The receipts in June were about \$19,100; in the three months of this financial year, about \$57,500. The claims on the Treasury, meanwhile, average not far from \$1,000 a day.

In accordance with the Society's resolutions and instructions at the recent annual meeting, "to pay its missionaries and agents their salaries without delay," the Executive Committee is borrowing money at the banks, on the credit of the Society. Its friends need not be told what this means for the next autumn, when the churches come together again after the dispersion. We speak of it here that they may be prepared to hear of a debt of no inconsiderable dimensions, contracted in their name, which they will be asked to pay. We trust they will be ready for a prompt response. There are, however, not a few churches which are not hindered in this way—some are helped, rather, by the summer's accession to their congregations. And there are many favored ones among God's people whose income flows as steadily in these summer days as in the more active business seasons. Will such churches and individual givers bear the cause of Home Missions now upon their hearts, and come to the aid of their brethren in many a far western field, whose work knows no cessation in summer's heat or winter's cold?

POSTSCRIPT.—As the last line of the above "Treasury Note" was written, a New York business man, who was at the Saratoga meeting, came in with a check for fourteen hundred dollars (\$1,400) to provide for paying the entire grant to two missionaries at the front. Not content with that, the great-hearted man proposes to provide for paying the grants to three more at the same rate. Are there not others, like-minded and able, who would count it a privilege so to be represented in our country's great mission field? Our friend's visit filled the rooms with light and cheer. A few more such calls would almost make us forget the midsummer's drought and shrinkage.

THE annual meeting of the Society at Saratoga, in June, has been universally pronounced "the best yet." One of the editors of a prominent religious journal remarked at the close, "From beginning to end there has not been one dull address or paper by man *or woman!*" We have crowded as many as possible of the good things of the feast into the present issue, and "still there's more to follow."

A GENTLEMAN said not long ago, "Did you ever think that a man cannot give his money away after death? It is not a gift to give what you cannot keep or use." How true it is! A gift is an offering of that which we are at liberty to withhold. So the truly generous man uses his money for the benefit of others while he is alive.—*Exchange.*

ONE of the Society's oldest friends asks, "Are the Home Missionaries among the prophets?" and furnishes the following:

From Rev. Theron Baldwin, in 1831: "This western country will be the great moral battle-ground of the nations."

From Rev. A. Trent, in 1830: "Illinois is indeed in its infancy; but this infant will soon become a giant; and if the infant has imbibed the spirit of practical infidelity, the giant will defend it with all the strength of manhood and the deep depravity which pride, and fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness will generate."

FROM AN UNKNOWN FRIEND: "This package is from the poor widow of a (no longer) poor clergyman, whose heart is full of sympathy for the noble band of Home Missionaries. If her purse were equally full she would offer no partly worn clothing, but would with joy give of her best and choicest to those whose self-denying lives put half-hearted Christians to shame. May God bless and reward them, every one. And he surely will. Although strangers here we shall meet face to face in our Father's house."

THE President of Robert College, Constantinople, Dr. George Washburn, is about as clear-seeing a man as there is. In a personal letter to one of the leading churches in Wisconsin, he says, among other things: "The truth is, I find it better to spend my time in work than in talking or writing about it. Still, it would be work well done if any word of mine could induce any of your people to consecrate themselves more fully to God's work in the world. I live and work here because I was called here providentially; but although I have to do here with the making and unmaking of States and Empires in my humble way, it seems to me that the fate of the world is to be decided where you are. You are in the forefront of the battle for Christ's Kingdom. Every one of your people ought to care for the home missionary work more than for anything else in this world. You are not half awake to it. It is enough to make angels weep to see such a society as the American Home Missionary Society halting for lack of funds."—*The Advance.*

AN OBJECT LESSON.—I return by express the map you so kindly loaned me. Please accept my hearty thanks. I know my people would gladly second them. My plan was to present the subject of Home Missions so as to prepare the minds and hearts of my people for the contributions to be taken for that object on the four succeeding Sabbaths. I had your map put up behind the pulpit in full view of the congregation, and by the side of it a magnified reproduction of the chart in "Our Country," contrasting the entire wealth of the churches in 1880, the average annual increase of wealth from 1870 to 1880 and the annual contributions to missions. I made out the dimensions on the scale that would make each square one inch, enlarging the chart 169 times. The sermon was an object lesson and held the unflinching attention of the people.—*Rev. M. C. Stebbins, Cornwall, Vt.*

[The map referred to in this letter is the one prepared to show the field of the American Home Missionary Society. It is a cloth map of the United States, twelve feet by seven, and is well adapted for use in a church or lecture-room. It is sold for what it costs to get it made, viz., \$12.50.

But if any pastor desires to borrow one of these maps to use in the way described above we shall be glad to accommodate him free of charge. We do not believe a better way can be devised for increasing the gifts of the churches to Home Missions, than for the pastors to place this map before their people and give them facts in reference to the development of our country and the imperative need of the new communities.]

STUNG TO DEATH.—The moral sense of our country is being stung to death, and the seeds of anarchy in industrial and all other vital interests are being sown. No power on earth can compare with City Missions and Home Missions as defenses against these evils. Besides, they more than ten times pay for themselves through their enhancement of real estate alone, in city and country. In addition to giving vastly more liberally of money to sustain these mission safety-valves, Christian men and women should personally do ten times as much mission work as they do, in the neighborhoods where they live. The growth of their own spiritual life, as well as the country's safety, demands it. A strict account of the relative time and money we put into good work, as compared to what we spend on self, will be a terrible balance-sheet to read at the Judgment Day, unless there are radical changes among professing Christians.—*G. M. Powell.*

THE Mount Pleasant Church, D. C., with a membership of twenty-nine, contributes \$65.50.

THE church of Rev. A. L. Gillett, at Grand Forks, North Dakota, with a membership of forty-three, has this year reduced its application from \$500 to \$200, besides placing in the home missionary treasury \$59.09.

These glimpses are significant. Have not some of our Eastern Churches yet to learn the first letter in the alphabet of self-denial for the cause of Christ?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SECRETARY CLARK'S PAPER.

PRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, SAMUEL B. CAPEN, OF BOSTON.

THE Executive Committee of the American Home Missionary Society have shown great wisdom in having Secretary Clark prepare a paper upon the financial problem of the Society. It is the most vital question of the hour for every Missionary Board. Directly across the pathway of progress is this barrier of the lack of means with which to properly perform the work of the church. In our report upon this paper we would make a threefold division. (1) What has been, (2) What ought to be, and (3) How the "ought to be" may come to pass.

1. *What has been.* We have been taught, (1) *the uncertainty of legacies.* Last year they were unusually large and this year the opposite is true. There is, there can be, no law of legacies. They must ever be in the realm of the unknown and unknowable. (2) *The certainty of the gifts of the living.* It is very clear that this Society has an ever-increasing hold upon the confidence and love of the churches. With every added year it is learning better how to do its work, and how to make the most of its grand opportunity. We trust it more because it deserves more. (3) We have no hesitation in saying in the most unqualified terms, that the officers of the Society did right in borrowing of the bank in November last to meet its obligations. We believe a Missionary Society should be governed by the same general principles that control any business, or it will fail to receive the full confidence of the churches. The question that confronted the Executive Board was not whether or not they would borrow. They were already borrowing. The question was, *of whom* should they borrow. Of the banks whose business it is to loan money, or of the missionaries in the field. The committee, we believe, would have been false to their trust in this emergency, if they had not borrowed as they did and cease making a forced loan from their servants. It may be true that the missionaries did not complain, they are too noble for that. But we believe it should be a fundamental principle in this, and every society never to allow the payment of the salary of the missionaries to be delayed one hour. They receive little enough at the most. It is an injury to the cause of Christ, to compel these men in their various communities, either to owe others, or to borrow at high rates for their daily personal wants. The best work can never be done under any such conditions. If any such emergency should ever again arise we trust the Board will follow this principle. No man ought to accept a position on an Executive Committee, unless he is willing to stand back of it to this extent.

2. In making suggestions for the future, as to "*What ought to be,*" we would ask, (1) *Cannot all future debts be prevented by a change in the method of making appropriations?* As the legacies are so uncer-

tain and the gifts of the living the only thing to be definitely relied upon, would it not be well to defer appropriating and spending legacies until the year after they have been received, and when of course the amount is known. This would not be as helpful as the ideal plan of the "pledge in advance from all the churches" referred to in the latter part of the paper, but it would be in a measure approaching it, as the committee would not be "laying out the year's work over an absolutely empty treasury." We know the difficulty that would come the first year and it might take two or even three years before the principle could be fully worked out, but in that time the end certainly could be reached.

(a.) We believe such a plan would commend itself to the *business judgment of our churches*. There would always be in hand a little working fund to meet promptly every liability. Why should not our missionary societies be conducted on the same rules that prevail in ordinary business? Could any business of nearly half a million a year, soon to be a million, be conducted on nothing? Ought we to conduct large missionary operations through panics and financial storms and years of depression on any such basis? Resolutions passed at mass meetings and national councils are poor things to "bank upon." We need in this emergency not only the small gifts of the many, but the great gifts of those who have great wealth. To obtain these we shall need to inspire them with great confidence in our business methods.

(b) It would save the necessity of the constant appeal for money to save the Society from disaster, and allow the appeal to be made on the *larger plane for Christ's sake and the country's need*. Raising money to pay debts has about as much enthusiasm in it, as paying last year's bills? We think there is a feeling in some minds that it is well to work up nearly to the danger line of a possible debt as a means of *pressure* on business men to give. We believe it a most erroneous idea. People are too intelligent to be reached many times from such motives. They may be once or twice in an emergency, but the society that plans in that way is doomed in the end to bitter disappointment. The cry of "Wolf" loses its terror. There are so many causes to which one can give, that business men say, and properly too, we will give our money where there is better management. We have known of large sums of money withheld for this reason.

(c) It would save an *untold amount of mental strain and anxiety* upon executive officers at home, and men in the field, so that all could give their best thoughts to the work with that enthusiasm which comes from conscious strength and support, unhampered by business burdens. We believe men without such anxious loads would be able to do a quarter more work and do it better. The plan would be in a series of years almost like adding an equivalent of 300 or 400 men to the force at the front. Furthermore, we need the very best men for home missionary

service. Would not prompt payment always, secure more of this class and give to the superintendents a choice from a larger number of candidates? (2) While we may by the change proposed make the administration of what is already given, easier, it does not touch the deeper question of "*How shall the income of the Society be made commensurate with its work?*" It is hardly necessary to repeat here the fact which is so familiar, that the country and the church are increasing in wealth in a far greater ratio, than the gifts to missionary objects. When the former spends \$600,000,000 a year for tobacco and \$5,500,000 for missions, something is wrong. When Christians give only one-sixteenth of one per cent. of their means for missionary work, something is wrong. When the surplus accumulation of wealth of Christians in America, after paying all expenses is \$400,000,000 per year, and we give \$5,500,000 for missions and pocket the other \$394,500,000, it looks very much like robbing God by stealing trust funds. Too many Christians are enormously rich. Their great wealth in which they glory ought to be their shame. It is very evident that not only are there great multitudes who give little or nothing, but there are very few who are doing all they ought. The great danger to the church now is not skepticism but worldliness. The ambition to be hastily rich has become a passion and is weakening the power of the church for good. *The one pressing need of to-day is a revival in giving.* The world is everywhere open, there are men enough ready to be sent whenever the needed money is laid upon God's altar.

Will you allow me by way of parenthesis to show by a single illustration how broad this question is. If the church should show by its enthusiasm in generous giving that it was thoroughly in earnest to save the land, what an influence it would exert on wealth not always in Christian hands to do other needed service. Much attention has been properly given the last few years to the needs of the cities. The rapid massing of men at great centers creates one of the problems of our generation. I hope it is not an improper play upon words, to say that before the American Home Missionary Society can permanently reach some American homes, these homes will have to be of a different kind. We must have better homes in our cities for the poor. When six or eight people are huddled together in a single cellar or attic, they will need more decent surroundings in order to have conversions that will be lasting. If the Church were doing its part for the missionaries and providing places of worship it might have some hope that other capital would provide the necessary home accommodations. Greater benevolence in the church, inspiring greater benevolence in the world, would help also to break down the class distinction between rich and poor, and help in solving some of the most serious problems which threaten us. When a rich man uses his great wealth like Peter Cooper, he creates no barrier between himself and the poor—he removes it.

It is wealth hoarded or spent selfishly which causes the poor man to chafe and become defiant and dangerous. So long as Christians are faithless we are debarred from any positive influence in this direction. The whole question in its reach is one of patriotism and country and general safety, as well as of God and humanity.

3. We come to the practical question, how "*that which ought to be may come to pass*." If there were time we would like to emphasize the duty of training the children. A recent State Sunday-school report gives these figures. Number of Sunday-schools 225, of which only 120 take any benevolent contributions. But passing by the whole subject of the duty of teaching the children so that they may be the certain givers in the near future, and considering only what can be done to effect immediate results, we would suggest, (1) *That business men have not only a great responsibility but a great opportunity*. In this critical hour in our national history, when the one great pressing need is money to carry on our missionary work, ought not many men seriously, in the sight of God, to consider the question whether the time has not fully come for them to cease all further accumulation of property and give their income in future to the Lord's work. A few such examples would be contagious; others would increase their gifts, and the old spirit of self-sacrifice would again fill the land. What would we say of a minister, who has the gift and opportunity to preach, who should close his mouth, be silent, and allow the multitude to perish? Is it not just as much a breach of trust for a layman with means to fail to use them for God? In the one case as in the other, men are lost who might be saved. If God has written of the one, "His blood will I require at the watchman's hands," how about the other? Christian business men, now is our opportunity to put in work that will tell for God. It costs on an average only about \$500 to pay a Home Missionary's grant for a year. Are there not multitudes who might, in addition to what they have been doing in the past, send word to the Treasurer of the Society, "Put one, two, three, five, ten men into the field for me"? They will be the "doubles" that will never "undo them" either in this world or in the world to come. Would it not sanctify the counting-room and the shop, would it not lift them above the dead level around to know that out on the frontier somewhere our representatives were preaching the "unsearchable riches of Christ"? Dr. Taylor told us, in this room last year, how much better he enjoyed his winter home when the wind was howling without, at the remembrance of what he had so well done to house so many brave men and women. Let us have similar enjoyment because we have our men out on that front picket line. In the consecration of such a large number of young men to missionary work as has recently been reported from our seminaries, may we not reasonably expect a new spirit of giving from business men? In God's providence is not one to match the other? This whole matter of Christian

benevolence needs to be lifted to a higher plane and men who have wealth made to feel the responsibility of the trust.

Would it not help to this end if we made the act of giving in the Lord's house a more *sacred part of our worship*? No one can have failed to notice, in God's instructions to his ancient people, what a large place was given to their consecrated gifts to him. The methods may have changed, but the principle remains. We read in the days of Jehoiada the priest, that he "took a chest and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the Lord; and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money that was brought into the house of the Lord." Compare this with the modern way in most of our churches, where the boxes are carelessly tumbled into the front seat, or laid upon the pulpit steps. If the pastor, before the offering was made, should stand in his desk and repeat some appropriate passage, and offer a simple prayer at the close, in some cases possibly receiving the offering from the hands of the ushers, placing it reverently upon the table, would it not give the act new dignity and new meaning? However we may accomplish it, we need to keep steadily in mind that our money is the Lord's and not ours, and he will demand an exact account at the Great Assize before he tells us whether or not the business of life for us has been a profit or a loss. Christ asked, when on earth, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose himself"? In the other world may he not ask another question in profit and loss, What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose not himself only, but a hundred others he might have saved? (2) Turning from the business man's duty to that of the *ministry*, we would ask if, at the very start, the time has not fully come for our theological seminaries to provide some *definite education* to the young men upon our various missionary interests. If need be, would not a little less knowledge of books and of the best way to write a sermon be wisely exchanged for some more comprehensive knowledge of the field and the work to which they are called? May not this lack of instruction here be an explanation in part for the necessity of the hint given in the paper which we think is most timely, viz., that the blame for neglect in many of our churches rests largely with our pastors. In the criticism which we feel constrained to make, we hope it will be fully understood that it does not by any means rest in any degree upon most of our pastors. They are doing grandly, many of them all they can, often toiling in very stony places. If such men only had one or two influential laymen to help them! But there is a class upon whom the criticism must rest. Unfortunately they are rarely seen at missionary meetings. It is to *pastors* that the local church is to look for leadership, and if they are careless or indifferent the church can hardly be expected to be very forward in their generosity. Churches are asleep because either the pastor has gone to

sleep or never was awake. Any pastor can arouse and kindle the spirit of benevolence, even to sacrifice and self-denial, if he is willing to set the example. In many parishes the people are entirely ignorant of our missionary work. The figures show that only about one-fourth of our church-members take the Congregational papers or periodicals. How then are the three-fourths to be educated in missionary work? Not certainly from the daily press or the secular monthly. Their information must come from the pulpit if they are ever to be delivered from their ignorance. We fear there are some ministers who, for selfish reasons do not wish their people to become too greatly absorbed in missionary interests. A young minister, when he commenced with his parish, at once planned with intense energy to develop its benevolence. An older minister, in a neighboring church, came to him and said, "You are young yet; if you keep on this way they will not be able to pay your salary." He replied, "I propose to keep on nevertheless, and when they cannot pay me I will move on." What is the sequel? That church has grown strong, its pastor is now filling one of the most influential positions in Massachusetts, and the older man, who was so much wiser, has seen his church first "shirk" and then "shrivel." We fear this example stands for a class. Will they never believe the proverb, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty?" We believe men are ready to give when rightly informed. A person comes before a people with some special appeal, giving facts, and there is usually money enough. How does Mr. Moody have such success in raising large sums of money? Because he always makes every man see and feel that the money he gives him will be wisely invested for good and without waste. People have such confidence in him that they give generously. Let our pastors give the facts relating to our missionary work, the awful need, the glorious openings, the hopefulness, the sure returns for every dollar invested; and then, with all their souls, plead that God and humanity and patriotism demand their interest, and pocket-books will be opened and streams of money will flow into the Lord's treasury.

And there is no excuse whatever for any pastor not doing this. With all the missionary literature that is furnished so freely by our various societies, with the facts which fill our religious papers, there is material in abundance. We fear too much of this literature is treated like an advertisement for a new clothes-wringer, and put into the wastebasket without reading. It is a shame thus to treat it. If it were a notice about some railroad stock in which they owned a share, it would be carefully read. Has not the Lord's missionary work an equal right to be treated respectfully? Let every pastor purchase a scrap-book, and arrange it in sections for each of our seven societies, and collect material as it is published. Then let him preach at least once in three months a

missionary sermon. It will do his own soul good, and the people are bound to respond to his appeal. It might be doubted whether a minister should be licensed who would not preach four missionary sermons a year. He ought certainly to have sufficient interest in the command to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," to take a broad look at the Lord's field, and present it to his people once in three months.

Too many ministers seem to regard the Sunday when the representative of the benevolent society comes, as the day for them to go away and preach for themselves on their own account; or plan to work him into the summer months, when the people are scattered and cannot be instructed, but when the minister can get an extra Sunday for a vacation. It is surprising to know the number of cases of this kind that are constantly occurring, showing the lack of a nice sense of honor. What do you say, when a minister threatens if you will not come and present the cause of your Society to his people—suggesting at the same time that you occupy the pulpit all day—that he will not have the usual collection taken for your Society? The case made still stronger when four times within five years the Society has sent a representative to that parish. What value do you place upon that minister's interest in your missionary work? This incident is not an imaginary one; it is history.

There is a special reason why pastors should habitually do the work themselves. In many of our churches the weekly offering system has become firmly established. We believe in it, because it is Scriptural, definite, systematic, and capable of becoming universal. But there is a danger in this direction. When collections were taken for some specific object, on a given Sabbath, it was the custom for the pastor, or some one interested, to emphasize the need and give some facts. On the weekly offering and percentage plan, there is danger that it may become a piece of machinery without any heart. Education regularly and constantly given from the pulpit can alone prevent this.

Passing from the duty of the business man and the ministry, we come (3) to the *necessity of better denominational organization*. It seems to us that the suggestion of the paper to have this whole matter discussed in the local conferences all over our land, looking toward the perfecting of some system by which each church, even the feeblest and most obscure, should have some part in missionary giving, is worthy of our approval. There is an old maxim to "Divide and Conquer." We believe it is by just such a division of the whole field into districts, in this way, that we may arouse the dead and listless churches, and through their added help do far more than in the past to conquer this land for Christ. We believe the wisest end would be most quickly attained, if there should be a united effort of all our various missionary interests. It is one world lost in sin which we are trying to redeem for one Master. Each of our seven societies has its own special work, which cannot be

neglected without injuring all the rest. There would be power in a *united* effort which could not be felt in any other way. Men who are especially interested in some special field would be included in the grand whole. None would be excused. Such a union of interest would be an object lesson to the world which would be of inestimable value. We would, therefore, recommend to the Executive Committee of the Society the calling of a conference, either of all the Executive Boards of our seven societies, or of delegates from each, to meet in the autumn to consider this whole matter. The time has come to organize more thoroughly. "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." May we not learn a lesson from our political parties? There is a National Central Committee, then a State and County Committee, till, in its last analysis, we have the Ward and the Street Canvass. No plan will work itself. But we would suggest whether the time has not come for our seven societies in conference to select a Central Committee, of five or seven men, to give the matter direction. Let them be chosen for service, and not for ornament, taking men, if possible, not now connected with any of our missionary Boards. It shall be their duty to secure three men in each State, who, in turn, shall secure one man in every conference or county, to see that the local churches are not left to be careless or indifferent as to the needs of the great world without. Let it be their duty to see that every church in our fellowship remembers each of our seven societies every year. No matter how small the gift, if but ten cents, let them have some definite connection with our whole field. The little churches half dead among the hills need it for their own sakes as well as Christ's. We want, as churches, to be "*all at it, and always at it.*"

As the great need of the hour is a revival of benevolence, Secretary Clark's paper will have performed a worthy mission, if it shall awaken a discussion on this theme in every conference, association and church throughout the land.

This is the second paper on this subject from his pen. We hope he will continue, with the same spirit and in the same words which William Lloyd Garrison used when he commenced the publication of *The Liberator*: "I am in earnest; I will not equivocate; I will not excuse; I will not retreat a single inch, AND I WILL BE HEARD!"

SAMUEL B. CAPEN,

J. G. HASKELL.

REPORT OF [COMMITTEE ON SEC. BARROWS'S PAPER.

PRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, REV. J. G. MERRILL, D.D., OF ST. LOUIS.

A MAN in this year of grace who would do home missionary thinking, must be capable of the broadest thinking. The day of provincialism in home missionary undertakings ended with the Albany Convention. The

day of metropolitan thought ceased with the first Saratoga meeting the awakening of our Society to the exigencies of our incoming immigrant population has made our work cosmopolitan.

A Secretary of the Home Missionary Society of any day needs a broader sweep of vision than the premier of our republic. The interests committed to his keeping involve the destiny of not merely our nation and all nations, but that infinitely more vast commonwealth, the Kingdom of God on earth and in Heaven.

The paper assigned to your committee for review, to a large degree appreciates the problem given to our churches to solve. Prepared by one who began work as a Home Missionary in a church with less than a score of members; who for years held one of the most difficult and delicate of our Society's outposts; who to-day finds forced upon him questions the equal of which in their vastness and varied difficulties none of his predecessors met, it would have been an unspeakable disappointment indeed had it been in any respect less far-reaching, less inspiring, than it is.

Quite naturally, a review of this report, although reflecting the opinions of the entire committee to whom it was intrusted, bears the marks of one whose ministerial life has been in the heart of our missionary operations, and has been shaped by his own experiences as a missionary, a State Superintendent, and a pastor in one of the centers of the field of conflict.

Up to the full limit of our ability, we men of the West think along the lines which this on glorious Society is working. With the spirit of the region in which we live, our thinking is positive, and expressed with freedom; while, with pardonable satisfaction, do we rejoice in the adoption of measures which the exigencies of the question before us have forced us to adopt, advocate, and sometimes urge.

There are societies which carry on their affairs after the methods of Mr. Dickens's famous firm, Spenlow & Jorkins, whose Mr. Spenlow was always so ready to grant any suggestions asked, but whose inexorable silent partner in the back part of the store would never, never give his consent. Some of us in the West think that we can remember the time when the Secretaries at New York had such a silent partner; he went by the name of "rules of the Society"—and it did sometimes astonish us that brave and progressive as they were, the active members of the firm stood in such awe of this inflexible, hard-hearted character. I am glad to have heard the well-authenticated rumor that Mr. Jorkins is dead; that the Society has learned that *it* is something greater than the rules that it has made to govern its action, and that rules must change with the problems to be solved; that it is not wise to work an example in multiplication by the rule we have learned thoroughly and used faithfully when in addition; that a whip that would increase the speed of a

stage-coach is not the appliance that will secure sixty miles an hour out of a locomotive.

Our report starts out with a valuable comparison of the workings of our Society and the relations which exist between the United States of America and the various States and Territories of our Union. There are those upon this floor who, as members of the Oberlin Council of '71, will recall the vigorous contest which secured to the Territories, as our report calls them, the local governments which this paper of our Secretary declares is now insisted upon in all regions where the churches cannot as yet furnish the means to carry on adequately their own work.

And, in this connection, none too appreciative is the approval given in the report of the action of the Executive Boards in these aided States. The men constituting these boards bear constantly in mind the sacredness of the funds given them to distribute—the gifts of the Lord's poor, the widows' mites which our Master has afforded eternal honor. They also feel as few others can the meagerness of the moneys at their command in comparison with the needs of the work intrusted to them. The days of prayerful deliberation when is decided how most economically and wisely the apportionment made to the State can be used, call into requisition not merely all the financial ability that can be summoned, but also the power to forecast the future of rapidly growing commonwealths, the courage to refuse grants which a wise administration of funds must deny even the most pious and importunate of beggars, and even at times the heroic treatment, which puts out of existence churches that have finished their work, and have no other mission before them than "by their death to glorify God."

The generous, self-sacrificing givers of the East, honored by our Master to be the benefactors of our growing and needy West, can rest assured that the almoners of their gifts are, up to the full limit of their ability, securing the largest possible returns; they are not satisfied with the three per cent. of the Government bonds; nor the ten per cent. of Western farm mortgages; nor the two or three per cent per month of the frontier bankers; they are looking for the thirty, sixty, yes, one hundred-fold demanded in the financial policy of the Kingdom of Heaven. They put out your money with the usury that our Lord commends.

A second point in the paper of our Secretary which we would notice with most hearty appreciation is the proposed use of the \$50,000 Swett Exigency Fund, as collateral for borrowing money that the missionaries may be paid promptly. Mr. Jorkins surely is dead. The acquisition is a thing of the past. No longer will the Society insist upon the missionary's naming his minimum salary, the State committees cutting this down if possible, and then, when due, telling the man who has earned his money, "We have promised money that we did not have, allow us to display your necessities up and down our church aisles that the hearts

of the charitable may pity you and come to your relief." Done with a policy that made beggars of the truest men who ever earned their meager salaries! Shame upon the churches that needed such a spectacle to unloose their purse-strings. Honor be to the wisdom that has devised a method by which money can be secured without paying the per cents of the frontier or ruining the reputation of a missionary. Rather may we be able to say, Honor to the churches that find in the needs of the work and its opportunities all the arguments wanted to raise the money to carry it on.

If the exigencies of the closing year had secured no other benefit than this, it is enough to be devoutly thankful for, that hereafter there shall not be added to the trials of our men at the front the heartaches, mortification and physical suffering caused by difficult payment of money twice earned.

To be sure the money to be hypothecated is not to-day in the hands of the Society. It has already gone on its beneficent mission. But it is to be returned. The constituency of our Society will never allow the funds to be wanting to pay an honest debt. The claims of the Swett Fund no one can question the validity of. Once replaced may it ever be the pledge of uninterrupted financial honor in our dealings with our men.

The old faith in the churches and in the God of the churches for the forthcoming of funds to do the work which Providence had opened seemed Christian and hence to be held in honor. But experience having shown that this so-called faith worked extreme hardship to those who least deserved it, it certainly appears to be no distrust of Providence to avert like disaster in the future by means of the rich legacy which God has put into our hands.

The temper of our age is not that of twenty-five years ago. Our salaries as ministers we are not willing to receive save as an equivalent for services rendered. Donation parties belong to a past that ought never to return. The nerve of Home Missions does not secure its vital fluid from the tears of starving children. The vigor of business life is in our churches and missionary organizations. The Home Missionary is simply and solely the most essential factor in the problem we are solving. He should command, not beg; should, on the day it is due, receive the money due him.

We shall never outgrow the merciful command, "In his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it," etc. We can afford to forego the glory of having a Congregational church in every hamlet of America, but we cannot forego the privilege of being true to every man in our employ.

Another important point made in the paper of your Secretary is concerning evangelists. This is another of the new departures of the

Society. It seems to us of the West an exceedingly wise movement. Your committee would suggest that the men and work designated would be better called "general missionary." That there are dangers in this style of work we do not fail to recognize. Men whose stock in trade is a limp-backed Bible, some Gospel Hymns, and a set of methods of the stool-pigeon order, are doing incalculable harm in making impossible genuine Christian work; but there are wise, earnest, devout men, with the ability to lead their fellows to decision for Christ, who know how to supplement without overthrowing a pastor's work, and in the wake of whose movements can be found churches strengthened numerically, financially, and in spiritual life. There are communities which are so completely asphyxiated that nothing short of such a cyclonic movement as evangelists produce can stir them. After such an awakening, and not until then, are the labors of an ordinary pastor of worth.

The methods of other denominations also force this form of labor upon us, and provided the management of our State organizations crucify the denominational, I should say sectarian, passion for mere numbers, insist upon knowledge to accompany zeal, select less than one in ten of those who will seek the positions, the Gideon's Band, which will come out of this faithful elimination, will be mighty to the pulling down of strongholds. This is an agency, not unlike electricity, as full of possibility for evil as it is magnificent in its possibilities for good.

But the most important department of Secretary Barrows's paper we have not touched. His discussion of the question of the immigrant population. Other matters in the annual report relating to the ordinary workings of the Society, although of vastest import we must pass by to consider this method. Circumstances have compelled the chairman of your committee to consider most anxiously the work among our German friends. Who could labor ten years in the midst of a city one-half of which was composed of thrifty, industrious people not one of whom was influenced by the gospel preached year after year? They are born, marry and die. They employ the physician, the justice of the peace and the undertaker. The priest they despise. They sell you their wares, they support the public schools. One thing they have no use for—the church. They make no boasts, they appear to form no plans, but none the less do they enter a county, and, little by little, do they take possession of it. The little church at the four corners grows less and less as the American families, one by one, sell their farms, and the patrons of the beer garden purchase them; sometimes even the sanctuary is changed into a saloon. The towns, as a natural result, have German tradesmen, the county officers are held by the men from over the sea. This were all well enough, for we would not have to go very far back to find that we all also came from over the sea, if only added to their many superlative excellencies these immigrants could be possessed of true Christian principle.

And it is this which the Home Missionary Society, above all other agencies, has been raised up to afford. Our civil government can do nothing in this direction, our public schools are impotent here, our mercantile agencies are futile. Society is useless; the church, in many instances urged upon them and largely supported for them, is their only salvation.

The report of our Secretary estimates the incoming flood of immigrants for 1887 at 800,000. More than two whole regiments for each day of the year. Enough to make two hundred western cities. More in number than the population of the city of Chicago, more in number than the inhabitants of several of our great commonwealths.

The Atlantic Ocean is the crowded highway over which, at a nominal cost, are transported every week fifteen thousand people, seeking for money, lands, freedom. Very few of them bring a vital religion capable of being acclimated here; none of them save the Mormons have the spirit of devotion to a cause.

The forces that have brought them hither are unrest, the solicitation of competing lines of travel, the Eldorado which ever lies toward the setting sun. Hurried through Castle Garden, whirled forward on special trains *via* rival trunk lines, they are apparently soon lost in our great centers and on our broad prairies, but none the less do they add to the ranks of Mammon, some of them to the strength of socialism, many of them to the foes of temperance, not a few to the number of the adherents of the superstition and ignorance of a foreign hierarchy. And all the while our churches as a whole are asleep, the stupor of despair, the blindness of indifference making us content to hold our own, to save our kith and kin.

It is an open secret that the indifference of leading pastors of our large western cities broke the courage of the man who has left his post as superintendent of our German work to become a missionary in Japan. This most disheartening event of the year, the sailing next week of a man of more value to us in his department than a whole class from a theological seminary, is in many aspects of the case appalling. As many of us look at the matter, no anxiety to secure men for the foreign work should have allowed him, however anxious to enter upon it, to have gone from an important post now abandoned. We console ourselves somewhat by the thought that when shall have gone on unarrested the movement that is taking place in our Mississippi Valley, when county after county and town after town shall have lost its churches and its Christianity, some of the young men from Japan converted by our brother, hearing of the heathenism of this, the garden of America, fired by missionary zeal will set sail for our shores, and thus the seed, which with weeping we to-day are sowing, will in another generation bring forth precious fruit.

And this is no idle dreaming. Unless we awake, not one county nor

one city, but vast regions of our domains are to fall into the hands of those who will have nothing to do with the God of our fathers or the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What matters it that these men bring us a splendid physique, strong intellects, wealth? If with all these true religion is wanting, the fate of our republic is sealed.

Their materialistic methods of living bewitch our children, their success in money-making dazzles them. Nothing but a church aroused to self-denying giving, wisest and most prompt action, can save us.

The cause is not lost. As more than one of our speakers last night said, our menace is our inspiration. The Church is to arise and shine, the dark clouds will not always hide it.

Seven years ago this summer I climbed the leafy summit of Gray's Peak, 14,500 feet above the level of the sea. Panting in the thin air I surveyed the magnificent horizon. Far away over the mountain tops I caught the brilliant gleam of the wondrous Mountain of the Holy Cross. But up the side of the elevation upon which I stood stole a dark cloud, the chill of a mountain storm seized me. I could see no further than if I were in a dungeon, and yet I knew that beneath that bright southern sun beyond the little cloud that blinded me, the cross was still shining in all its splendor. And to-day I know that the Church of Christ in our beloved land can not, will not fail; the incoming clouds cover our view point for a moment, but the Sun of Righteousness never has a setting.

JAMES G. MERRILL,
MICHAEL BURNHAM.

ADDRESS OF REV. JOSHUA COIT,

SECRETARY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE Auxiliary in Massachusetts comes to this annual assembly of the saints, in full force and with cordial greeting to her young mother.

About to hold her own eighty-eighth annual meeting, she is glad of the inspiration and cheer which comes from this gathering; glad to see and learn to know the brethren from the front, and to give with others a hearty tribute to the noble men and women who, at the cost of so great and so little appreciated sacrifice, are doing for us such grand work. The churches send picked men and women—of their very best—to do the work the Master bids. “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature”—so runs the command. That command is the Constitution of every Missionary Society, Home and Foreign. In obedience to it, saintly men and women are in “all the world” under the banner of the Cross. In foreign lands, among the heathen everywhere, the standard of the Cross is being lifted up, and glorious conquests are

made. In equally full obedience, no less saintly men and women are pushing out under the same banner over our own land, which is as much a part of "all the world" as is Japan—and a part, too, for which we not only have and feel a greater responsibility than for Japan, but also a responsibility that we cannot divide with any or all other Christian nations.

Massachusetts is glad to meet a few of these men and women, and through them honor all. It is but a few weeks since a foreign missionary in our office in Boston, who came in to express her interest in our work in the West, declared with much earnestness that she had not grace enough to be a Home Missionary. She knew, too, what she was talking about. Herself a foreign missionary, and her mother a Home Missionary, she insisted that her own hardships and self-denials were as nothing compared with her mother's; and I think she was right. Well, we will honor both and all, and rejoice that so many are willing to go forth and endure hardships.

Of the work in Massachusetts this is to be said: It is growing on our hands. Strictly home missionary work is increasing in the Old Bay State. One-third of the receipts of the National Society came from our State this year, and so long as we keep this proportion good, we feel justified in spending as we did last year some \$40,000 in our home work. Thirteen thousand dollars of this was for work among our foreign population and in our new city work. The number of churches and missions helped reached an even hundred. The eighty-seven churches have a total membership of 4,501, an average membership of fifty-two. Resident membership is but 3,561, an average of forty-one. Now the additions by profession of faith were 389, or ten and six-tenths per cent., while the additions by profession to the rest of the churches in Massachusetts last year was but four and eight-tenths per cent. of their resident membership. One hundred and fifty-six of the 389 were additions to our five French churches, of which Rev. Mr. Amaron will speak.

Of the four or five divisions of our work, I have time to speak only of one. The foreign work reaches French, Canadians, Germans, Swedes and Norwegians.

The work of our General Missionaries, Rev. Lemuel Jones and Mr. R. M. Taft, is of great and increasing value.

The new work in cities we have but just commenced. The grants to new enterprises in or near cities and large towns are proving themselves wise investments. But passing all these, I can speak only of the help extended to churches in country towns. Much has been said during the year in the public prints about the decline of religion and the deterioration of morals in the country towns of New England. Instances are given and dilated upon of deserted churches on the hill-tops, and of flagrant crime in retired places. But so far as Massachusetts is concerned, certain facts are known which go far toward showing that relig-

ion has not declined, nor have morals deteriorated. For if the sad state of things alleged is true of any towns in Massachusetts, we should find it in the towns where our churches were so feeble as to need help from this Society. Now, there are thirty-three towns where our churches have been helped for from ten to forty years, and in these towns the church-membership has so gained upon the population that there is to-day one church-member to every nine and one-half of the population whereas forty years ago there was only one church-member to every eighteen and three-fifths of the population. The population of these thirty-three towns has decreased in forty years from 30,449 to 22,165, but the church-membership has increased from 1,681 to 2,328—an increasing church in the face of a decreasing population—the population falling off twenty-seven per cent., and the church gaining twenty-seven per cent.

Now any study of church records will convince one that the average church-member stands higher in character to-day than forty years ago. And any one familiar with the facts will admit that church life is stronger in its power for good over the community now than then. Much that is said of the alleged religious decline may fairly be attributed to insufficient recognition of the changes that have taken place in the persons that make up the population of these country towns and in the location of population centers. The wave of immigration has reached the hill towns, and the villages have moved down from the hills to the valleys and cluster now around the railroad station and the mill. There are not so many people to the hundred who may be expected to go to the Protestant church worship, and often the new meeting-house in the valley or perhaps the two new places of worship account satisfactorily for the desertion of the old meeting-house on the hill. For it should be noticed that the comparisons unfavorable to the present condition of things generally refer back to a boyhood forty or fifty years ago. Actually the days of the stage-coach are longed for by some of these distressed ones who mourn our Zion.

During the years that have passed since the hill-top churches were thronged with worshipers, or more correctly, with attendants during divine worship there have been many changes that should be borne in mind in all discussion of this subject.

There is a general change in city and in country in regard to attendance upon public worship. It is no longer true that a man who habitually neglects public worship on the Lord's Day is regarded with suspicion so that before the community will accept him as a thoroughly respectable man this fact must be satisfactorily accounted for. Whether the loss of this compulsory attendance is, in the broad view, to be deplored or not is a question, but the fact should be recognized in all our counting of congregations for comparison now and forty years ago.

Again, however much we may lament the forming of many churches of many minds, there have been many formed in these country towns, so that to-day we have two or three in the town where there used to be but that one to which every respectable person went regularly; and there are fewer persons in the town for the two or three; some of them are Romanists, and any of them can stay at home or walk abroad and not attend public worship without losing social caste.

This evil of many churches, of more churches than the numerical demand calls for, has, it should be remembered, some compensating advantages. Indeed, it has not yet been proved true in ecclesiastical matters if it has in manufacturing and mercantile affairs, that one large establishment is more economical and therefore, in the eye of the dismal science, better than many small ones. The synagogues in our Savior's day were small. The churches in the apostles' time, patterned to some extent, we may assume, after the synagogue, were so small that Nymphas had one in his house and Philemon another in his, and Aquila and Priscilla one in theirs. In spite of the temptation to strife and petty jealousy so often yielded to, it is yet good to see two or even three sets of people in a place making great sacrifice to maintain in the way they conscientiously think the best way the worship and service of God. The loss of missionary money occasioned is to be regretted of course, but not perhaps to be deplored in such holy horror as it sometimes is by people who shut their eyes in calm complacency to the waste by foolish extravagance of a great deal more money by Christians; money which, though it may not be missionary money, is yet the Lord's money that an honest view and practice of stewardship would make to be missionary money. In all other business transactions carried on upon a large scale a percentage of loss is reckoned upon and allowed. And it is not to be expected that missionary operations, so long as men are human, will prove an exception.

Once more. These country towns have been sending out constantly young men and women of their very best to cities, manufacturing towns, and to the wide West, where they have proved in many cases bulwarks for righteousness. The wonder is, when we think of this long-continued draft by emigration that there is anybody left in the old home to go to church, rather than that some pews are empty. This emigration furnishes the sufficient reason why the church that remains is compelled to ask of its sister churches who are strong, some of them, from this very source, aid in maintaining public worship. And as they ask they may well say, not only that they are weak, but that they are weak because of strength both spiritual and financial taken from them to build up other churches far and wide through the land. And they may add that the young people who are now going and are to go in all the future from the communities where they are set for the maintenance of truth, will be a

mighty power for good or for evil up and down our land. As they plead that the old church be maintained they may well ask, Whose business is it after all? Upon whom does the responsibility for its maintenance rest? These streams from the country-side unite with the tide of immigration to make the river of trade and of professional life that flows through our cities and over the western country. In the past then, waters from the hills, sweet and pure, have been the greater in bulk, but now the proportion is changed. There is need, plainly, for the utmost diligence that every right effort be made that these waters be pure and life-giving. This they cannot be except they flow from under the threshold of the Lord's house.

The number of churches helped in our country towns has been now for some years steadily increasing, and there is no indication that the maximum has been reached. There is a feeling in some of the giving churches that too large amounts are spent in the State. This not so much because of unwillingness to allow weight to such considerations in favor of helping the weaker churches as have just been advanced, as from a deep sense of the wide work at the West, coupled with the belief that there is on the part of churches helped so great withholding of what they might pay, as to amount to unrighteousness and the fear that by the liberal grants something closely allied to pauperism is encouraged. Any who have this feeling may perhaps be comforted, so far as the work in the West is concerned, by noticing the fact that this Society received last year from the living, \$72,912.25, and sent to New York \$71,742.09. The difference is but slight. But it is true that in some of these country churches there are men and women who are able to give more than they do for the support of the gospel. How shall these delinquents be brought to right action? There seems to be no better way than to preach the gospel to them as well as to unconverted sinners. So long as this fails to bring them to do what they ought, what else can be done in behalf of the general interests of the church, and the land, and the special needs of their community, than to help those that do make sacrifices and give all they are able, in maintaining the preaching of the Word? And that some of these feeble churches show greater self-denial in the raising of money for the services of the Lord's house, even though they raise but little, than the strong churches in our cities, though they spend many thousands, is beyond all question.

The larger part of our expenditure is for the wider work that rests upon us in common with our sister churches all over our land. The word "Home Missions," suggests to most people in Massachusetts the frontier work in the midst of a thronging crowd of new-comers from all quarters of the globe, the most of whom are utterly irreligious, and care nothing for the Bible, of which they are absolutely ignorant, and have no respect for the church. This phase of home missionary effort is, in

some respects, the most striking. There is a great deal of just such home missionary work needed, and unless it is done, and speedily done, there can be no assurance of our prosperity as a nation. The gospel alone can save us as a people. It seems plain that God will require, is requiring, at the hands of this generation of Christians in this land, unto whom he has given the gospel in one hand and abundant means in the other, that they put the two hands together so diligently, so effectually, that his Word shall be preached in all places throughout the length and breadth of the whole country, so that every miner's camp, and cow-boy's ranch, and hunter's cabin, and farmer's home, shall be visited by the preacher, and all men everywhere have the gospel invitation, not simply spoken in their hearing by chance, but urged home upon them week after week in the regular services of the Lord's house, and as well in the faithful visits of their pastor. How can the church, why should the church, be satisfied with anything short of that?

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

IT would be impossible to tell how many Woman's Home Missionary societies have been formed since the opening of the Woman's Department, in 1883.

Our sixteen Woman's State Unions number now 779 auxiliaries, an increase of 209 within the past year. And there are very many local societies, not as yet connected with the State organizations. We trust the arguments presented here to-day will influence many of these to join the organized ranks, which we report as follows:

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY STATE UNIONS.	<i>Av.</i>
Maine.—Woman's Missionary Auxiliary.....	82
New Hampshire.—Female Cent Institution.....	98
Connecticut.—Woman's Cong. Home Missionary Union.....	38
New York.—Woman's Home Missionary Union.....	72
Ohio.—Woman's Home Missionary Union.....	66
Illinois.—Woman's Home Missionary Union.....	90
Michigan.—Woman's Home Missionary Society.....	105
Wisconsin.—Woman's Home Missionary Union.....	50
Minnesota.—Woman's Home Missionary Society.....	72
Missouri.—Woman's Home Missionary Society.....	24
Nebraska.—Woman's Missionary Association.....	34
Kansas.—Woman's Home Missionary Society.....	45
Iowa.—Woman's Home Missionary Society.....	80
North Dakota.—Woman's Home Missionary Society.....	6
South Dakota.—Woman's Home Missionary Union.....	17
Wash. Ter.—Woman's Home Missionary Society.....	Not reported. —
Total.....	779

The reported contributions of ladies' societies throughout the country to our branch of home missionary work is \$23,192.05. Last year it was \$12,327.09. This speaks well for the growth of organization.

Iowa came into the sisterhood of Woman's State Unions in June, 1886, very shortly after our last anniversary. All the Unions report increase of Auxiliaries, and a growing appreciation of the duty and privilege of putting forth *our woman's arm* to help on the great cause of the evangelization of our country.

NEW YORK.—This beautiful Empire State reports 14 new Auxiliaries and \$611.80 as their aid to our work in the last six months. Having changed their time of annual meeting, they report only for six months. Their receipts have increased annually about \$1,000. Their aim for the new year is \$4,500.

CONNECTICUT.—Connecticut reports receipts from her 38 Auxiliaries of \$2,323.43, and adds, "1886 being only our second year, we feel that we have done quite well, and we are very hopeful for our growth in the present year."

MICHIGAN.—Michigan is the "Banner State" as to number of Auxiliaries, also as to increase in number during the past year. She reports 105, a gain of nearly 100 per cent. No State has done more nobly for this cause, in proportion to her ability. No State has a more rapidly opening home missionary field.

MINNESOTA.—Minnesota is one of our model States in energy, zeal, and method in her home missionary work. She reports 72 Auxiliaries, with a contribution to our work of \$1,215.33 for the past six months.

MISSOURI.—Missouri, one of our youngest sisters, has increased her Auxiliaries from 10 to 24, and has sent to our treasury \$659.91.

NEBRASKA.—Nebraska, with 156 churches, of which 147 are aided by the American Home Missionary Society, brings to us her woman's offering of \$721.97.

Many of the Nebraska churches are making a noble struggle for self-support; and in no other way could they better aid the cause of Home Missions, though their reported contributions are lessened thereby.

Time forbids further extracts from the reports of our State Auxiliaries. We offer our heart-felt thanks to all for the efficient aid they have given to the National Cause, which includes the missionary needs of every one of the older States as well as those on the frontier.

It must always be remembered, too, that many of our most helpful societies in the older States still prefer to work for Home Missions in their old accustomed way. They do not contribute to the treasury of the A. H. M. S. separately from the church collections, but they do a great deal for the cause in the way of boxes, barrels, and trunks of supplies for the home missionary families. The Ladies' Society of the Broadway Tabernacle Church, New York, is a notable example of this

kind of help. Its paying membership is 92; average attendance on its weekly meetings, 45. Twenty-five trunks have been sent to missionaries during the last year, in each case including a new pulpit suit for the minister; a warm shawl for the wife, and twenty new useful books. The cash value of the 25 trunks is estimated at \$4,434.44.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

Our practical suggestions must be brief.

We propose that the work among the foreign population still hold a warm place in your prayers, and have a fair share of your contributions; but we ask our more able societies, especially, to take the support of one or more missionaries as the particular object for their contributions this year. Already one of our local societies and one State Union have adopted this suggestion. Others are now holding it in consideration. Any society may select its missionary, or a locality in which it feels a special interest. Correspondence may then be maintained between the missionary and the ladies' society.

The average appropriation for one year of missionary labor is about \$450. This plan, we think, will increase interest, and give definiteness to effort.

THE NEED, THE VALUE, AND THE PRACTICABILITY OF THE WOMAN'S STATE HOME MISSIONARY UNIONS.

BY MRS. GEO. M. LANE, OF MICHIGAN.

THE words of the Master, "Without me ye can do nothing," are as true in relation to his disciples to-day, as when spoken to the waiting twelve, more than eighteen centuries ago. Is not the unspoken promise "With me ye can do anything," equally true? It is only because of my strong faith in this plainly implied declaration, coupled with the "Lo, I am with you alway," that I venture to come and speak to you upon this important theme.

Before anything is said of woman's organizations, let us look for a moment at the need for home missionary work. This is a subject so vast in extent, so overwhelming in magnitude, so far reaching in consequences (whether done or neglected), so important from any view, that we can do nothing at this time but touch a few salient points. The question is not a new one to any of us who are here, and doubtless you are more familiar with it than I am, but we often need to have our minds stirred "by way of remembrance." Study it as much as we may, ponder it as constantly as we please, we cannot comprehend it all, we cannot realize it as a whole. It is only when we think of it in detail that we begin to understand the wonderful opportunity God has given to the people of this land, in this day. When we look at one phase of the

question after another, consider the great extent of our domain, the character of the people, the multiplying needs, the imperative calls, and the necessity for immediate action, we are constrained to cry out, "Who is sufficient for these things?"

Regarding the importance and extent of the home missionary field, I refer you to an editorial in the Woman's Department of *The Home Missionary* (May, 1886) entitled "Our Country." But even this statement we shall have to divide and take by piecemeal before we can comprehend it. This land is not only vast but it is as the land of Canaan, "a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig-trees; a land whereon thou shalt eat bread without scarceness; thou shalt not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass." "It is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven." "A land which the Lord thy God careth for; the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year, even unto the end of the year. From almost every part of this vast and goodly land, there is heard the Macedonian cry, 'Come over and help us,' and from above, the command, 'By the hand of sons and daughters,' 'sow this continent for God.'"

To picture the character of the people, we need to remember, first, that we have the children of Americans, perhaps of our own households, to care for, as they go westward to make homes for themselves and the little families that are growing up about them. (The following is from report of the Ohio Woman's Home Missionary Union.) "When they write, 'It seems very strange to have no Sunday and no church, to see stores open, saloons in full blast, horse-racing and prize-fighting on Sundays as well as week-days, and not a religious meeting of any sort,' we read through our tears, and wonder if they *can* keep the faith, which needs such tender nursing here to keep it alive, and there is subjected to such a strain."

But, necessary and important as this work is, other grave trusts are committed to our care. Within our borders are gathered people from nearly every nation, clime and tongue under heaven. I wish I could quote entire the leaflet issued by our Home Missionary Society, entitled "Our Foreign Population," and then add some personal experiences gained from work among the Poles. There are to-day in the city of Chicago more Germans in proportion to the population than in Berlin, and more Irish in New York than in Dublin. Minneapolis is the fourth city in the world as to its Swedish residents. In Detroit there are gathered more than 26,000 Poles and Bohemians, mostly the former. So we might continue to enlarge the picture, 15,000,000 foreigners within our borders, and what of them as to character? Some, notably the Scandinavians, large numbers of whom are in Minnesota, are reachable and teachable; but they need to be taught. The Hollanders, a

large colony of whom are settled in Western Michigan, are an example to us by their thrift and love of the church and its ordinances; these things usually go together. But these and such as these are the exceptions; it is not the people who are comfortable and content at home who seek to better their condition by going to a strange land. It is stated that seventy per cent. of the criminals in the Old World come to this country after serving out their sentences. Not long since I saw a statement that a judge discharged two prisoners who had been convicted (one for murder), on condition that they should come to the United States. These are the classes who gather mostly in the cities; the better, more industrious portion go into the far West to occupy the land.

Has God nought to do with this gathering of the nations to our shores? Isaiah says, "They shall come as a rushing stream which the breath of the Lord driveth." They come, bringing with them every form of vice, of irreligion, of skepticism, of rampant socialism; mistaking license for liberty and anarchy for self-government. For ourselves, for our children, for our country, there is no hope but in giving the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ to these people. The rapid increase of immigration causes the needs to multiply. Official returns show that nearly 75,000 foreigners arrived at the ports of the United States in the month of April, 1887; 25,000 more than the corresponding month of 1886. For the four months ending April 30th, 1887, the excess over the corresponding months of the last year was nearly 50,000. It is said that in Massachusetts to-day every second man you meet is a foreigner. The same thing is true of Michigan. At a family dinner table, not many days since, as this subject of increase of immigration was being discussed, the son asked: "Is this to continue, or is something to be done to check it?" and the father replied: "The United States will soon belong to Europe."

The work must be done at once; it will not wait. In an address before the Woman's Home Missionary Association, a few months ago, Rev. Charles M. Southgate made use of this expression: "When we write the year 1900 at the head of our letters, the principle of crystallization will be settled for America, and the fate of America is the fate of Christianity." Taking into consideration then, the great extent and importance of our country, the demand for work everywhere, the character of the people, the multiplication of the needs, the necessity for prompt action, we see at once the work demands, and must have the help of every man and woman who loves the Master, ay, and of the children, too. Do we not hear the voice of the Lord saying to us as to his *first* chosen people, "Go up, possess this land for me; subdue the nations."

Let us pause and ask why to us is this command given, this high privilege granted. As we listen for a reply once more comes the mes-

sage as to them of old, "The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set his love upon you, or choose you, because ye were more in numbers than any people, for ye were the fewest of all people; but because the Lord loved you." Oh, gracious condescension, oh wonderful love, this love of our Father, shown always to us, his sinful, unworthy children, reaching its highest expression in the giving of his only Son to die for our sins, "and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world!"

From the lips of the divine Redeemer himself came the command to woman to spread the news of a Savior risen. When, on the resurrection morning, a woman stood weeping by the empty sepulcher, the risen Lord, speaking for the first time since his completed victory over death, said, "Mary." Oh, what a thrill of joy filled her heart, causing her to turn and utter the glad "Rabboni." Recognizing her loyalty there expressed, the Master at once gave her her commission, "Go tell." Think you, she and the other Mary waited to question the expediency, to consider what the world, what even the disciples would say? Could they do aught else than obey? The record says: "They departed quickly and did *run* to bring the disciples word." There was then no word of man to interfere. The relation between cause and effect was a close and natural one. "She had seen the Lord, he had spoken to her, she did run to tell the world." I appeal to you, could she have done otherwise? The same relation between cause and effect has operated ever since. It holds good to-day. Glancing backward over the space between the then and now, we see how this truth has been exemplified. But it has remained for women of the nineteenth century in large numbers to see the bright shining of the Savior's face and hear even more plainly his welcome voice giving them their commission.

The call that first stirred so many hearts came from the suffering and helpless of other lands, and by thorough organization and systematic effort, much has been, and is being done for them. But now we are startled with a cry of distress that needs no messenger to bring it; it sounds in our very ears, and we are suddenly aroused to see that while we have been busy sending the gospel to those in far-off lands, the Father, who plans wisely and for a purpose, has been bringing the heathen from these very lands to our own doors. We awake to find our homes in danger, our institutions threatened, our government imperiled, and, saddest of all, our Christian religion, the hope not only of America but of all the world, assailed, and in danger of being overthrown. And this is not a dread of something *yet to be*, a disaster to be apprehended in the far-off future, but a present crisis, to be met and overcome. Christian women are awakening to see that they have an imperative call to work at their own doors, to care for the home heathen. To meet the

call and to do the duty, the Woman's Home Missionary Unions are springing up over the land, endeavoring by organization to concentrate and give wise direction to their labors. Any argument that has been or can be used for organization in any line of work applies to this. United work led by wise planning is essential to success. *We have nothing to waste, either in means or moral forces.* In time of war, companies of soldiers are gathered in localities and properly officered; but are they then sent out to do battle each where it sees fit, and after its own fashion? When, think you, the struggle of the Rebellion would have ended, with this sort of guerrilla warfare? No, companies must be gathered into regiments, regiments into brigades, brigades into divisions, and all marshalled under a commander-in-chief aided by an efficient staff. Why should not we use the same wisdom in planning for the coming of Christ's kingdom as we do in worldly matters?

A few specific reasons why we need State organizations.

1. TO GATHER AND DIFFUSE INFORMATION.—A few days before I left home, a lady said to me: "People are responsive to this work if they can only be made to know its needs," and this is practically true.

2. TO AROUSE INTEREST AMONG THE CHURCHES, and aid in forming new Societies. There is a great work to be done to gather up and utilize the latent talent and power in our churches. Crossing the Niagara, as some of us did in coming to this gathering, seeing the immense volume of water that is constantly pouring over the fall, and losing itself in the river below, one cannot but reflect upon the force wasted and the power lost that might be used with great effect in doing the world's work. Is not the same largely true of the moral and spiritual power that might and ought to be utilized in our churches. We must largely increase the work among the children and young people. As foreign missionary workers we have done much in that line. Now let us see to it that we use this power of the children in home work. The children of Michigan know more of the heart of Africa than of their own Upper Peninsula! There is need of State organizations to develop interest, and educate along these lines.

3. TO GET THE STIMULUS AND ENTHUSIASM that come from numbers and united forces in the annual State meetings. These are powerful factors, and these we cannot have without a State society.

4. TO EMPHASIZE THE PRINCIPLE OF SYSTEMATIC GIVING.—It seems to me, this must be done in all our churches before the work of our benevolences can be done as they should. Let this principle be recommended and urged by our State Unions upon all the auxiliaries, and we shall help in accomplishing a work greatly needed. It is the way and the only way in which our woman's work can be done effectively. I will not dwell upon this, though it is a theme upon which much can be said, and about which I feel very strongly.

5. TO STUDY THE NEEDS IN OUR CITIES.—I have done this somewhat, and am impressed with the fact that the day is not far distant when, in addition to its time-honored policy of church-planting, the American Home Missionary Society must take up more largely the work among the foreign population in the cities. This, for many years, will be preparing the soil and sowing the seed. The work must be done as it is among the heathen on the other side the seas, mainly by Bible women, reading God's Word and talking with the people in their homes, holding mother's meetings, cottage prayer-meetings, gathering the children into Sunday-schools, and both mothers and children into sewing-schools. There is no other way to reach these people any more than there is those in foreign lands. When this work is enlarged, if it is, much of it would naturally fall into the hands of women. We need to be ready to take it should it thus come to us. It is being successfully done by other denominations.

And once more, we need organization, because this work is not to be done in a month or a year, but is to last until "He comes whose right it is to reign." "And unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

Last, but not least, there is needed the leading power, concentrating force, the wise planning of the State society in raising the money among and from our women. This is part of the "King's business," and it "requires haste." It is an important part, for money is needed constantly and in largely increasing amounts. Every church should do its share and every one in the church his and her part. Hundreds and thousands are required from those to whom the Father has intrusted large sums; dollars, dimes, nickels and pennies from those whose ability is measured by these amounts. Careful planning by State officers to gather in these sums from the women in local churches is necessary to secure the largest measure of success in this direction. The parent society is too far away to do this. The relation between it and the small churches is not realized except when these wish help. The societies already existing have proved by their growth and influence, the interest they have awakened among the women, and the increase of contributions gathered, that they are of great value. They have also shown that they are practical and forceful.

But all plans will fail without devotion and consecration. In view of all these things, first of all let each one of us take to our own hearts the thought of *personal consecration*, of earnest prayer, of whole hearted service; then with wisdom given from on high, let us push this work of thorough State organization, that we may economize our forces, spread intelligence, awaken enthusiasm, call into exercise and utilize the Niagara power now latent among the women of our churches, and largely increase our contributions. Let us by systematic, organized effort place ourselves by the side of our brethren in the church, keeping step with them

in their onward march ; not permitting them to harbor the thought for a moment, that we are doing their work, but by our success in wise planning and systematic working, encourage, help and stimulate them to greater zeal. And so with our forces well organized, with every man, woman and child in their allotted places, with the Great Captain for our leader, our rallying cry, "FOR GOD AND HOME AND NATIVE LAND," the motto "Forward!" inscribed on our banner, with weapons not carnal but spiritual, let us press on to save America for Christ, and so win the world.

A PAPER,

BY MRS. C. L. GOODELL, OF ST. LOUIS.

Ought the ladies belonging to home mission churches to be excused from helping in the State work?

Most certainly not. For many reasons they are the ones who should be the most zealous in awakening and extending an interest throughout their own State. They are receiving aid from outside, and are indebted to others who are doing for them; one way in which they can discharge this obligation is to join in efforts for the general good. "Freely ye have received, freely give." This rule stands good for all. It is a narrow and selfish policy that excludes a care for other churches, and seeks only to build up one's own.

By entering into the State work, ladies belonging to mission churches gain the impulse that comes from association with other workers; they become acquainted with new and effective methods, and receive helpful suggestions which might not come to them apart by themselves. "Iron sharpeneth iron." So the workers on different fields quicken and inspire one another, and thereby become more efficient at home. Those who are afraid to undertake anything abroad will probably be feeble instruments in their own churches. It is generally true, the more we do the more we find we can do. God is always ready to use the *willing* hearts and hands.

A mistaken sentiment prevails in many of the new and weak churches. They say, "We are poor and have no money to give, therefore we cannot at present help in the State work. But it should be remembered that all mission work is not giving money—perhaps it is not the chief thing. Certainly if that were all, the work would lack many very important elements. It is the *laying of one's heart to it* that makes it succeed. It is so in any enterprise, but especially true of *mission* work. And this, consecrated women in mission churches can do as well as others. They can at least meet together and pray; they can

read and learn what others are doing, and what the great needs about them are. They can ask the Lord for some share in the general work, and then take up the thing at hand with full purpose to do all they can.

I have in mind a Christian lady who has very little money to give compared with others she is associated with, and yet she is regarded as one of the most efficient and successful and needed helpers in the mission circle to which she belongs. Why? Because she *lays her heart* to the work. She informs herself with regard to the new missions—the waste places. She keeps abreast of all that is being done in the broad field. She plans and watches for opportunities; she seeks to interest those about her and inspire them; she takes *The Home Missionary*, and lends it; she circulates leaflets on missionary subjects and information from newspaper articles; she enlarges the scope of her vision to take in the needs of other churches as well as her own. But, having done all this, she does not stop here; she has so learned to deny herself for Christ's sake and to sacrifice in order that she *may have to give*, that perhaps the Lord is saying of her, "She hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury."

It is not an uncommon thing when the ladies belonging to a mission church are invited to become auxiliary to the State Society, to say, "We should like to be associated with you, but we are unable to raise the amount required by your constitution," (one dollar or five, as the case may be). "We need every cent we have, to carry on the work in our own church, and are scarcely able now to obtain the necessary furnishings; when we are stronger we will undertake more."

This is dangerous ground. Supposing that church does grow stronger, and come to self-support; it is generally true that with enlarged capacity comes also a demand for increased outlay on herself, and so the time is delayed, and who shall say when the day will ever come that she has got beyond her own need, and able to extend aid to others? The only safe way is to *begin now*, and trust God to multiply the seed for sowing.

How do we teach our children in regard to benevolence? That because they have little or nothing of their own they must wait till they are independent men and women with a superabundance of means before they can give anything to the Lord? Oh no! we encourage them to commence at once to share what they *have*, and if they have nothing, to deny themselves in some way in order that they *may* have something. The principle holds good for a young church. While still dependent for her own support, she should reach out in her sympathies and prayers and material help to others more needy than herself. She must seek to enrich others if she would be enriched.

In the matter of *giving*, whether it is time, or influence, or money,

or strength, God has established a guide by which we may decide questions of Christian duty. "If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." The "willing mind" means we are ready to use *all* the resources within our reach for the one great purpose of life—that of extending Christ's kingdom throughout the world. We shall not be called to account for what we have *not*, but let us be careful how we shut ourselves out from God's acceptance, by failing to recognize and use the talents we *have—for Him*.

METHODS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STATE OFFICERS AND LOCAL SOCIETIES.

BY MRS. ADDISON BLANCHARD, KANSAS.

1. THE most effective method of influencing the individual members of the churches is, no doubt, by a personal visit. The hand-clasp, the earnest spoken word, the smile, the look of sympathy will awaken an interest where the printed word is comparatively impotent.

2. Where there cannot be the visit, let there be intimate communication between the State officers and the local societies through the autograph letter. This requires time. Everything that *succeeds* requires time. A letter that can be read in the Society—a warm, appreciative, kindly letter—that recognizes the peculiar condition of that particular people, will call forth a heart-response. More can be done for the spiritual uplift through our missionary work by the personal visit and the autograph letter than by any other means of communication. Why? Because we are all interested in the *personnel* of those to whom we look for instruction and direction. We are interested even in the chirography of one who cares to know about us or to have our co-operation. Whatever attracts us to the representative of a society helps win us to the cause.

3. Send printed leaflets, circulars of encouragement and information to individual members of local societies.

4. Use the State denominational paper. These communications will be read, especially after the personal intercourse.

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MINISTERS SCARCE?—How can they be when every desirable vacant pulpit has a dozen applicants, and 100 such pulpits hear from 1,200 waiting ministers? But let us see:

1. Often the *same* minister writes to many churches; and 100 ministers might easily write the 1,200 letters.

2. By recent inquiry in several pastorless churches the writer found, as others have, that at least *four-fifths* of the so-called "applicants" are *ministers in charge*, but thinking of a change (which they may or may not make). Ministers without charge are rather seldom heard from.

Most "calls" but ask a minister to *fill one vacancy by making another!* Hence our 1,092 *vacant pulpits*—sixty-five more than last year. And the churches increase eighty-six yearly, while ministers *from all sources*, the partly trained, those from other denominations, etc., gain but seventy-one (average of last five years).

But are not our 1,238 "ministers not in pastoral work" enough for the 1,092 vacant pulpits?

Yes, if we could have them. But, *e.g.*, in one large conference, of seventeen ministers without charge, eight were too old, others otherwise engaged, and *but two or three* could well be pastors! Other inquiries have shown a like result. At this rate our 1,238 ministers without charge would yield but about 200 available as pastors for 1,092 vacant pulpits, *besides* hundreds of *churchless* needy fields, home and foreign.

These 1,238 ministers certainly include several hundred too old to be pastors—for our ministers die at the *average* age of sixty-seven. And of the 387 who have died in the last five years 202, *over one-half*, were *past threescore years and ten*, and eighty-seven were past fourscore. No wonder that 265 *died not in pastoral nor in missionary work*. Hundreds more (of the 1,238) serve Christ as evangelists, instructors, editors, secretaries, etc., and cannot be spared. A portion (far less than of other occupations) have missed their calling or are inefficient. What a legion of lawyers, doctors, etc., fail! But the sentiment, "once a minister always a minister," retains on our rolls hundreds who will never be pastors. Such the other professions drop from their lists.

Nor can we *compel* the few, who *are* able, to fill the small charges on scant pay, nor compel the weak churches to pay more.

Some misadjustment or waste is inevitable in all business, secular or religious. We must expect this. We must train enough ministers to do our work, home and foreign, *with a margin* for the varied failures flesh is heir to.

The 1,092 "vacant churches" are mostly weak. But *two-thirds* of our churches in most Western States average *not over forty members each*. Our *main work* in the West is to *nurse the weak* into strength. Our State Home Missionary Superintendents, who know best these churches, say but few of them ought to die, or will, if *only pastors can be had to feed them*.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers."

And let our gifts to the Education Society "prove the sincerity" of our prayers.

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,564 95
Connecticut, Fair Haven.....	10 00
Saybrook.....	24 95
Massachusetts, Ware.....	50 00
Michigan, Lansing.....	2 00
Union Home.....	1 00
New Hampshire, Epping.....	6 19
Tilton.....	6 00
New York, Albany.....	20 00
Rhode Island, Bristol.....	25 00
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WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$160 00
Connecticut, Hartford.....	20 00
Middletown.....	50 00
District of Columbia, Washington.....	45 00
Kansas, Topeka.....	7 00
Michigan, Charlevoix.....	5 00
Minnesota, Alexandria.....	13 00
Little Falls.....	7 00
St. Paul.....	7 50
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MISSIONARY BOXES.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.

2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.

3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.

4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise, as "fast freight," by railroad, taking *two* receipts from the Company.

5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of *freight* (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.

6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for *freight*, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in THE HOME MISSIONARY.

7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.

8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding the *name of the place from which it comes*.

9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a *list of contents* to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the *size* of each adult, and the *age and sex* of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.

10. *These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society.* It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

WOMAN'S STATE H. M. ORGANIZATIONS.

- New Hampshire Female Cent Institution, org. 1805, Miss Anne A. McFarland, Concord, Sec.
- Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. 1872, Mrs. H. L. Chase, Minneapolis, Sec.
- Nebraska Woman's Home Miss. Association, org. Oct., 1874, Mrs. E. H. Baker, Sutton, Sec.
- Maine, Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, org. June, 1880, Mrs. Levi L. Paunc, Bangor, Sec.
- Michigan, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1881, Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lausling, Sec.
- Kansas, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1881, Mrs. Addison Blanchard, Topeka, Sec.
- Ohio, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1882, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin, Sec.
- New York, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. C. Creegan, Syracuse, Sec.
- Wisconsin, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead, Sec.
- North Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Nov., 1883, Miss S. E. Judd, Fargo, Sec.
- South Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Sept., 1884, Mrs. W. H. Thrall, Armour, Sec.
- Connecticut, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Jan., 1885, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Hartford, Sec.
- Missouri, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1885, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3160 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Sec.
- Illinois, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1885, Mrs. C. H. Tantor, Chicago, Sec.
- Iowa, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. June, 1886, Miss Ella Marsh, Grinnell, Sec.

APPOINTMENTS IN JUNE, 1887.

Not in commission last year.

- Boit, Nicholas, St. Paul, Minn.
- Bouney, John R., De Smet, So. Dak.
- Bull, Richard B., Colvin, So. Dak.
- Carruthers, William, Richmond Hill, N. Y.
- Davies, John F., Lima, Ohio.
- Davison, Joseph B., Ashtabula, Ohio.
- Horst, George, St. Louis, Mo.
- Myhren, O. H., Brookville, Chetec, Hayward and Sand Creek, Wis.
- Spanswick, Thomas W., West Superior, Wis.
- Taylor, Charles B., Buena Vista, Colo.

Re-commissioned.

- Allen, Edward P., Manchester, N. J.
- Bailey, Amos J., Ogden City, Utah.
- Bergstrom, Wilhelm, Rush City, Harris, Rock Creek and out-station, Minn.
- Bickford, Warren F., Berkeley, Cal.
- Brainard, Edward R., Los Angeles, Cal.
- Brown, Amasa A., Mitchell, So. Dak.
- Bush, Frederick W., Perry, Mich.
- Cate, George H., Minneapolis, Minn.
- Chittenden, Andrew H., Ceredo, West Va.
- Clarlin, Arthur H., Sheridan, Sidney Center and Bushnell Center, Mich.
- Clarlin, George P., Dunlap, Kan.
- Clancy, William P., Arlington and Fontenelle, Neb.
- Coffman, Arthur W., Denver, Colo.
- Cooke, William H., Oakland, Cal.
- Dada, William B., Stanton and Pilger, Neb.
- Daniels, Henry M., Oceanside, Carlsbad and De Luz, Cal.
- Davis, David L., Carbondale, Penn.
- Dexter, Granville M., Sequel, Cal.
- Dunsmore, Edward F., Little Shasta Valley and Central Siskiyou, Cal.
- Douglas, Alexander, Unity and vicinity, Mo.
- Dyer, Edward N., Galt, Cal.
- Eckles, John G., Tulare, Cal.
- Edwards, Jonathan, Spokane Falls, Wash. Ter.
- Fisk, Perrin B., Altamonte and Lake Brautley, Fla.
- Fisk, Phny B., Gettysburg and out-stations, So. Dak.
- Foster, Jesse D., San Bernardino, Cal.
- Frazer, John H., Knoxville, Penn.
- Griffith, Griffith, Alturas, South Fork, Canby and Centerville, Cal.
- Griffiths, Henry, Orford and Park, Neb.
- Gurnes, John H., Dover, So. Dak.
- Hadden, Jacob W., Freewater, Moline, Wilcox and Hildreth, Neb.
- Hall, George C., Astoria, Or.
- Hall, Russell T., Tavares, Lone Park, Mt. Dora and Taugerine, Fla.
- Howell, Edward B., Mojave and Victor, Cal.
- Houghton, John C., Prescott, Ariz.
- Houlding, Horace, Riverside and Chino, Cal.
- Hubbard, William B., Chamberlain, So. Dak.
- Hull, John H., Cleveland, Ohio.
- Humphreys, Thomas A., Cawker City, Kan.
- Huntley, Sanford F., Templeton, So. Dak.
- Hurlbut, Henry C., Eastlake, Mich.
- Johnson, Thomas C., Honey Creek, Kahoka, Pleasant Hill and out-station, Mo.
- Kyle, James H., Ipswich and vicinity, So. Dak.
- Langley, Henry C., Rocklin, Cal.
- Lillie, Isaac B., Bay Mills and Superior, Mich.
- McCunn, Drummond, San Jacinto, Ferris and out-station, Cal.
- McHenry, Feargus G., Bloomington and Dial, Kan.
- McNeill, Samuel M., Sleepy Eye and out-station, Minn.
- May, Oscar G., Sunol Glen and Niles, Cal.
- Merrill, Adams H., Heber and Midway, Utah.
- Morse, Milton J., Carbondale and Ridgeway, Kan.
- Nelson, Andrew G., Anoka, St. Francis and Ham Lake, Minn.
- Norton, Reuben, Eden and Alcester, So. Dak.
- Oakey, James, David City and Deer Creek, Neb.
- Osborn, Russell S., Ash Rock, New Harmony and Mt. Ayr, Kan.
- Packard, Abel K., Highland Lake, Colo.
- Philbrook, Charles E., Sierra Valley, Cal.
- Phillips, John H., Los Angeles, Cal.
- Plat, Merritt E., Poway and out-stations, Cal.
- Presy, Edwin S., New Lots, N. Y.
- Prucha, John, St. Paul, Minn.
- Rice, Orthillo V., Columbus, Neb.
- Richards, Emanuel, Wano and Bird City, Kan.
- Robbins, Anson H., Lake Preston, Oldham and North Preston, So. Dak.
- Roberts, Griffith, Dawn, Mo.
- Rose, Samuel, Philips, Fla.
- Ruddock, Edward N., Villard and Glenwood, Minn.
- Schnacke, Leon C., Clay Center, Kan.
- Seecombe, Charles, Springfield and Running Water, So. Dak.
- Seward, Arthur L., Coalville, Echo and Henefer, Utah.
- Smith, George H., Walnut Grove, Minn.
- Smith, T. M., Buffalo, Wyo.

Snell, William W., Rushford and Yucatan, Minn.	Uzzell, Thomas A., Denver, Colo.
Steele, William, Stephen, Minn.	Veazie, Walter C., Pueblo, Colo.
Stewart, William C., Erna, Ft. Jones, Oro Fino, Callahan's and out-stations, Cal.	Wallace, Stryker A., Billings, Mon.
Strong, Jacob H., Clayton and Pacheco, Cal.	Waterman, Alfred T., Charlevoix, Mich.
Summer, Charles B., Pomona, Cal.	Welch, Moses C., Pomona, Fla.
Taylor, Raynsford, Green Valley and Guernville, Cal.	Wells, John A., Dwight, Grafton and Wynde- mere, No. Dak.
Thomas, Richard H., Modesto, Cal.	Wilde, James, Scatter Creek, Center Ridge, Buf- falo, Mound Valley and Cottage Grove, Kan.
Tubbs, William H., Bethany, Byron and Marsh Creek, Cal.	Wilson, John J., Onaga and Clear Creek, Kan.
Tuthill, Edward B., San Miguel and out-stations, Cal.	Wolcott, William H., Ontario and out-station, Cal.
	Woodard, Francis C., St. Louis, Mo.

RECEIPTS IN JUNE, 1887.

MAINE—\$74.25.

Anburn, Center Minot Ch., \$17 ; Mother's Gold piece, \$5, by Miss H. L. Jones.....	\$22 00
East Machias, A Friend.....	2 00
Rockland, by S. J. Shaw.....	40 00
Scarborough, First Cong. Sunday-school, by J. Y. Small.....	10 25

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$149.87.

Alton, by Rev. E. F. Borchers.....	5 00
Bedford, Dea. George.....	2 00
Chesterfield Factory, Ch., \$3.04; Rev. A. E. Hall, \$1.25.....	4 29
Concord, A Friend.....	5 00
Dover, First Ch., by Dr. S. H. Wheeler.....	52 52
Epping, Children's concert at Cong. Ch. for Children's Bohemian fund, by Mrs. Abby T. Spaulding.....	6 19
Exceter, A Thank-offering.....	25 00
Jaffrey, by Rev. W. M. Livingston.....	8 87
Loudon, J. R. Swett.....	5 00
Tilton, Cong. Sunday-school, a class of little Girls for Children's Bohemian fund, by Rev. C. C. Sampson.....	6 00

VERMONT—\$114.22.

Cornwall, Miss Mary A. Mead.....	5 00
Lunenburg, Mrs. D. W. Chandler.....	1 40
Rutland, Ch., to const. D. G. Morgan and G. K. Montgomery L. Ms., by F. W. Gary.....	100 00
Vermont, A Friend.....	1 00
Waterbury, by Rev. C. M. Sheldon.....	6 82

MASSACHUSETTS—\$7,172.50; of which Legacies, \$1,000.00.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas. for Western work among Foreigners.....	4,500 00
Adams, First, by E. Humphrey.....	52 00
Miss Julia F. Kimball, special.....	1 00
Andover, Chapel Ch., balance, by Rev. C. C. Carpenter.....	4 35
Boston, On account of Legacy of John Gilbert, by Elizabeth G. Frost, Ex.....	1,000 00
Berkley Street, Y. P. S. C. E., by Grace S. Peirce.....	2 00
Brookline, Edge Hill Road, A Friend.....	10 00
Chicopee, Ladies of Cong. Ch., for freight, by Rev. W. E. Dickinson....	4 00
Concord, E. C. Damon.....	25 00
Hadley, Russell Ch., by Rev. E. S. Dwight.....	39 46
Hopkinton, by J. M. Stewart.....	108 12
Lenox, by E. Barrett.....	58 50
Massachusetts, A Friend.....	100 00
Salem, Crombie Street Ch. and Soc., to const. Frank A. Brown and Henry J. Pratt L. Ms., by Dea. O. Thayer.....	126 67

Shrewsbury, The Children's Miss. Soc. "Lights on the Hill," by Agnes T. Bemis.....	\$25 00
South Hadley, Teachers and Pupils Mt. Holyoke Sem., by Sarah H. Melvin....	12 00
Springfield, "H. M.".....	1,000 00
Taunton, S. B. Simmons.....	5 40
Ware, Mt. Hermon Band of Boys, by Mrs. G. H. Coney, special for Bo- hemian Work.....	50 00
West Boylston, C. T. White.....	4 00
Winchendon, A Friend.....	10 00
Worcester, C. A. Lincoln's Sunday- school class, Plymouth Ch., by C. A. Lincoln.....	35 00
ERRATA: June No., p. 79, column one, for "Milles" read "Millis." Against Springfield, South, for "157.40" read "157.46."	

RHODE ISLAND—\$983.31; of which Leg- acy, \$758.31.

Bristol, First Cong. Sunday-school, for Children's Bohemian fund.....	25 00
East Providence, A Friend.....	200 00
Newport, Avails of Legacy of Mary A. Roberts, by C. A. Ives, Master in Chancery.....	758 31

CONNECTICUT—\$1,537.75.

Missionary Soc. Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec....	140 00
Received by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Sec. Woman's H. M. Union : Bridgeport, South Ch. Ladies' Social Circle, special.....	\$40 00
Hartford, Cong. Sunday-school of First Ch., \$12, for Woman's Dept., \$20.....	32 00
Bethel, From Ladies' Mite boxes, \$20.05; A Friend, \$50.....	70 05
Chester, Mrs. A. L. Smith.....	5 00
Connecticut, A Friend.....	50 00
Connecticut, A Friend.....	73 00
Cornwall, First, by M. Beers.....	33 00
Darien, by M. S. Mather.....	38 83
Fair Haven, Y. P. S. C. E. of First Ch., special, by Rev. B. Hart.....	10 00
Hampton, A Friend.....	5 00
Litchfield, A Friend.....	10 00
Madison, A Friend.....	8 20
Middletown, South Cong. Ch. Sunday- school, special, \$50 and \$25 by E. Payne Milford, First, by N. D. Platt.....	75 00
Morris, Mary W. Skilton.....	250 00
Naubuc, Mrs. N. W. Goodrich.....	1 00
New Haven, First Ch., by F. S. Bradley From Our Contry.....	104 00
New London, First, by C. D. Boss, Jr....	117 60
New Preston, John Beadle.....	2 00
Norwalk, Mrs. Bissell's Schools, special	50 87
Ridgfield, by A. L. Paddock.....	5 00
	25 00
	63 70

Saybrook, Cong. Sunday-school for Children's Bohemian fund.....	\$24 95
Somers, by Rev. L. W. Percival.....	22 50
Wallington, by G. M. Judd.....	110 06
Waterbury, "A".....	1 00
Watertown, by H. T. Dayton.....	43 46
West Sufield, by B. Sheldon.....	16 72
Winstled, First Ch., by J. D. Baldwin, in full, to const. Rev. H. N. Kinney, Mrs. H. N. Kinney, Mrs. C. N. Sage and Mrs. J. A. Smith L. Ms.....	79 84

NEW YORK—\$5,141.77; of which Legacies, \$4,920.27.

Received by Rev. C. C. Creegan: Morrisville, Rev. A. S. Emmons.....	\$5 00
Oswego, Ch., addl.....	25
Otisco, Woman's H. M. Soc.....	14 00

Received by Mrs. L. H. Cobb, Treas. of Woman's Home Miss. Union of New York:	
Albany, Ladies' Aux. for Bohemian work.....	\$20 00
Brooklyn, Ladies' Soc. of Puritan Ch., to const. Mrs. C. H. Dickson a L. M.	50 00
Seneca Falls, Woman's H. M. Union.....	8 00

Brooklyn, W. B. Smith, \$10; From a Lady Friend, \$10; A Friend, \$2.....	22 00
Ellington, by Rev. A. W. Taylor.....	4 00
Great Neck, Legacy of Mrs. Amanda Wells, by O. J. Wells, Atty for Ex's.....	4,745 27
Hermon, by Rev. J. J. Munro.....	1 86
Hicks, Mrs. S. A. Davis.....	18 80
Homer, B. W. Payne.....	10 00
Jamaica, Legacy of Mrs. Keziah Griffin, by John A. King, Ex.....	50 00
Lewis and Wadnaans' Mills, by Rev. A. R. Crawford.....	10 25
Morish, Ladies of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. R. A. Barber.....	9 55
By Rev. J. H. Butler.....	5 00
New Lebanon, by J. Kendall.....	21 10
New York City, Pilgrim Ch., J. A. Jamison, \$10; Robbie E. Jamison, dec. Missionary money left in his box when the Lord called him home, \$2, by H. N. Lockwood.....	12 00
Norwood, First, by W. H. Kelley.....	40 00
Oneonta, L. J. Salford.....	5 00
Oswego Falls, by Rev. C. Olmstead.....	2 50
Saratoga, Miss Julia M. Gilmore, to const. herself a L. M.....	50 00
Bequest of Mary L. Bailey, by E. Baley, Ex.....	25 00
A Friend.....	56
Summer Hill, by Rev. C. H. Curtis.....	6 02
Wilming on, by Rev. D. Fish.....	5 61

NEW JERSEY—\$211.70.

Bloomfield, Mrs. G. A. Wheeler.....	5 00
Buffalo Grove and Wesley, by Rev. L. C. Johnson.....	1 75
Chester, Jacob H. Crane.....	40 00
Closter, by Rev. G. W. Plack.....	13 69
Montclair, Ladies H. M. Soc., by Mrs. J. J. Cooper, to const. Mrs. S. Wilde, Mrs. W. Holmes and Mrs. H. Dick L. Ms.....	150 00
Warrenville, by Rev. G. Baerstscher..	1 26

PENNSYLVANIA—\$372.75.

Altoona, C. S. D.....	5 00
Aurum, \$2; Rev. D. P. Jones, \$5.50.....	7 50
Blossburg, by Rev. A. Jones.....	5 00
Brisbin, by Rev. T. C. Benjamin.....	5 00
Corry, R-v. E. H. Martin.....	2 50
Jermyn, Welsh Ch., by J. Roberts.....	5 00
Philadelphia, A Friend.....	200 00
Pottsville, by Rev. T. P. Thomas.....	10 45
Ridgeway, First, by W. H. Osterhout..	11 33

Shamokin, collected by Rev. B. M. Hughes:	
David Llewellyn, \$43.50; Mrs. Mary D. Jones, \$5.00; B. Morlais Hughes, \$5; Mrs. Margaret Uren, \$3; John Edwards, \$2; Evan R. Jones, \$2; John A. Phillips, \$2; Evan L. Jones, \$2; Mrs. M. Simonds, \$2; C. C. Leader and brother, \$2; Daniel Richards, \$1; John W. Evans, \$1; Thomas D. Williams, \$1; Benjamin Mergans, \$1; Miss M. A. Roberts, \$1; Mrs. R. Harris, \$1; Mrs. Rachel Schminkey, \$1; Mrs. David Roach, \$1; T. F. Simonds, \$1; Mrs. T. F. Simonds, \$1; Mrs. Sarah Parry, \$1; Hopkin Davies, \$1; Thomas L. Williams, \$1; George Greasley, \$1; Mrs. Hewitt, \$1; Mrs. Jennett Jenkins, \$1; Thomas J. Thomas, \$1; Mrs. David J. Davies, \$1; John T. Thomas, \$1; Mrs. Ann Williams, \$1; James W. Evans, \$1; Thomas Reynolds, \$1; James Reynolds, \$1; Enoch Edmunds, \$1; David Thomas, \$1; Mrs. J. A. Cardwell, 75c; Richard Griffiths, 50c; Miss Mary Harris, 50c; Mrs. Mary Harris, 50c; Mrs. Thomas Lewis, 50c; Mrs. Lizza Williams, 50c; Miss Jane Williams, 50c; Mrs. Daniels, 50c; Mrs. Thomas J. Thomas, 50c; Miss S. A. Thomas, 50c; Miss Rachel Thomas, 50c; John W. Thomas, 50c; Miss Flower Edwards, 50c; R. T. Price, 50c; Mrs. R. T. Price, 50c; Mrs. Margaret Jones, 50c; Mrs. Maria Culton, 50c; Sam Bowden, 50c; J. J. John, 50c; Mrs. Enoch Jones, 50; Thomas Lloyd, 50c; Lewis Parry, 50c; William R. Jenkins, 50c; Miss May W. Jones, 25c; John Jones, 55c; Mrs. Boyd, 25c.....	\$106 00
Slatington, by Rev. W. H. Jones.....	10 00
Wilkesbarre, by Rev. F. Gwynne.....	5 00

MARYLAND—\$50.00.

Maryland, A Friend.....	50 00
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$50.00.

Washington, First Ch., Ladies' H. M. Soc., special, by Miss Lizzie Patterson Ministering League of First Ch., for Woman's Dept., by Mrs. S. M. Newman.....	25 00
By Rev. W. C. Scofield.....	20 00
	5 00

GEORGIA—\$8.00.

Atlanta, by Rev. W. Shaw.....	8 00
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FLORIDA—\$46.77.

Apopka, by Rev. W. T. Richardson....	5 00
Jacksonville, Union Ch., by F. W. Lyman.....	18 07
Norwalk and Kerr City, by Rev. E. T. Stafford.....	2 50
Port Orange, add'l, \$2.74; Holly Hill, \$8.46; Rev. D. M. Breckenridge, \$10, by Rev. D. M. Breckenridge.....	21 20

TEXAS—\$554.75.

Dallas, First, by E. M. Powell to const. Rev. C. I. Scofield a L. M.....	551 75
Palestine, by Rev. E. F. Fales.....	3 00

NEW MEXICO—\$55.00.

Carthage, J. L. Allison.....	\$50 00
Georgetown, by Rev. S. Edwards.....	5 00

ARIZONA—\$75.00.

Prescott, by Rev. J. C. Houghton.....	75 00
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OHIO—\$564.54.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser:	
Alexandria, by D. Williams....	\$8 25
Brighton, Mrs. M. H. Smith....	1 00
Cleveland, Franklin Avenue Ch. and Sunday school, by Rev. S. B. Shipman.....	25 36
Hudson, by Miss E. E. Metcalf.	16 23
	50 84
Received by S. P. Churchill, Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland, in May:	
Cleveland, Jennings Ave. Ch.....	\$10 00
Plymouth Ch.....	2 00
Gustavus, Sunday-school.....	4 00
Lorain Co. Cong. Sunday-school Assoc.....	14 00
Medina, Sunday-school.....	15 50
Nelson, Sunday-school.....	4 43
	49 93

Ohio Woman's H. M. Union, by Mrs. Ella J. Mahony, Treas.:	
Burton, Mrs. A. H. Hotchkiss..	2 00
Cleveland, First, L. M. S.....	35 00
Furst, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 25
Harmar, by H. M. S.....	43 00
Hudson, by H. M. S.....	3 15
Mansfield, First, W. B. S.....	45 10
Medina, L. M. S.....	10 50
Oberlin, Second, L. M. S.....	55 00
Springfield, First, H. M. S.....	5 00
	232 00

Ashtabula, Second by Rev. J. B. Davison	7 67
Berea, First, by C. W. Sanburn.....	5 88
Cleveland, Plymouth Ch., by S. P. Churchill	79 40
Cow Run, by Rev. R. G. Beynon.....	3 00
Perrysburg, Mrs. Mary Hatch, by S. P. Tolman.....	5 00
Toledo, First, by M. Brigham.....	100 71
Second, by Rev. J. C. Agauer.....	10 00
Windham, First, by G. A. Merwin.....	20 11

INDIANA—\$12.50.

Angola, Rev. H. B. Knight and wife..	2 50
Hebron and Hobart, by Rev. D. W. Andrews.....	10 00

ILLINOIS—\$24.13.

Chicago, Leavitt Street Ch., by A. M. Ellsworth.....	18 13
Springfield, Mrs. C. M. Salter, a Thank-offering.....	5 00
Western Springs, Lovella Sillence.....	1 00

MISSOURI—\$51.74.

Bever, by Rev. J. V. Willis.....	1 30
St. Louis, Plymouth Ch., by C. L. Wolber.....	30 00
By Rev. J. L. Smith.....	7 94
By Rev. G. Holmquist.....	11 00
Unity, by Rev. A. Douglass.....	1 50

MICHIGAN—\$547.06.

Received by Rev. L. Warren:	
Alamo, J. Hackley.....	\$20 00
Covert, Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 10
Croton.....	2 50
Dundee, Children's Day Coll....	5 00
Goodrich, Mrs. Campbell.....	2 00
Kalkaska, Sunday-school.....	4 24
Lexington.....	3 50
Northville, D. Pomeroy.....	5 00
Olivet.....	50 00

Port Huron.....	\$80 00	
Rochester.....	2 50	
Wheatland, add'l.....	50	176 34

Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas. Woman's H. M. Soc. of Mich., in May:	
Charlevoix, L. M. S., special...	\$5 00
Cooper, Y. L. M. S.....	10 00
Pledge Cards.....	2 50
Thank-offerings, at Annual Meeting.....	12 70
Coil, in Mite Box, by Belle Cady.....	3 27
Grand Junction, A Friend.....	5 00
Greenville.....	10 83
Lansing, Willing Helpers, for Bohemian fund.....	2 00
Muskegon.....	10 00
Ontonaga, Pledges.....	3 00
Port Huron, Mrs. C. M. Stockwell.....	1 00
Saginaw Conference:	
Bay City.....	\$11 44
Bridgeport.....	6 22
East Saginaw.....	29 22
Y. L. M. C.....	2 00
Munger.....	1 25
St. Johns, Cheerful Givers....	5 00
Sheridan, W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Union Home, Mrs. Daniels, for Bohemian fund.....	1 00
Grandma Stevens.....	1 00
Vicksburg, Busy Bees.....	2 60
West Adrian, W. M. S.....	10 00
	\$140 03

In June:	
Alpena.....	\$32 73
Calumet.....	6 03
Grass Lake, Y. L. M. S.....	15 00
Ithaca.....	4 95
Manistee.....	25 00
Reed City, Contribution Children's Day.....	4 40
South Haven.....	5 00
	98 19

Alba, by Rev. R. M. Burgess.....	1 00	238 22
Almira, First, by Rev. E. Linkletter.....	3 00	
Bauks, \$4.70; Eastport, \$3.50, by Rev. P. F. McClelland.....	8 20	
Bay Mills and Superior, by Rev. I. B. Lille.....	2 83	
Cho, \$9.21; Genesee, \$3.19, by Rev. F. C. Wood.....	12 40	
Coral, by Rev. L. P. Spelman.....	13 50	
Eastlake, by Rev. H. C. Hurlbut.....	6 00	
Edmore, by Rev. H. Marsh.....	4 72	
Fruitport, by Rev. J. H. Dole.....	1 25	
Hersey, by Rev. T. A. Porter.....	5 00	
Hudsonville, by Rev. J. C. Ablett.....	4 10	
Leonidas, A. Floyd Kingsley.....	25	
Perry, \$2.64; Rev. F. W. Bush, \$2.36....	5 00	
Rockford, by Rev. W. W. DeGeer.....	14 00	
Traverse City, First, by J. E. Johnson..	51 25	

WISCONSIN—\$29.27.

Bloomer, \$20.75; West Superior, \$4; Rev. G. A. Hood, \$5, by Rev. G. A. Hood..	29 27
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IOWA—\$35.50.

Big Rock, by J. M. Mitchell.....	5 00
Charles City, A Boy, by Miss C. Hobart Glenwood, by Van Halter.....	20 00
McGregor, J. H. Ellsworth.....	5 00
Traer, From one of the Church.....	5 00

MINNESOTA—\$258.15.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:	
Minneapolis, Plymouth Ch.....	\$55 00
Wiuona, Gertrude Staples.....	20 00
	75 00

Minn. W. H. M. S., by Mrs. J. N. Cross.
Treas.:

Alexandria, special.....	\$13 00
Fairbairn.....	10 00
Little Falls, special.....	7 00
Mantorville.....	5 00
Monticello.....	9 40
Paynesville.....	10 00
St. Cloud.....	6 00
St. Paul, Plymouth.....	10 50
Atlantic, special.....	7 50
Villard.....	5 51

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Benson, by Rev. C. A. Ruddock.....	3 30
Breckridge, by Rev. G. A. Schram..	15 00
Cottage Grove, by Rev. W. Gill.....	25 00
Hutchinson, Mrs. W. J. Ives.....	2 00
Lakeland and Afton, by Rev. J. Chandler.....	4 10
Leech Lake, A Friend.....	5 00
Minneapolis, First, by W. F. Decker..	15 67
By Rev. G. H. Cate.....	5 00
By Rev. K. F. Norris.....	5 10
By Rev. D. Magnus.....	15 60
Sleepy Eye, by Rev. S. M. McNeill....	3 57

KANSAS—\$181 56.

Altoona and Village Creek, by Rev. T. V. Davies.....	24 11
Argentine, by Rev. H. R. McCartney..	20 00
Capitoma, by D. S. Hubbard.....	1 50
Cedarville, M. T. Grove, by Rev. W. C. Sanford.....	2 00
Chapman and Sulphen's Mills, by Rev. G. H. Perry.....	9 50
Chase, by Rev. A. I. Bradley.....	12 00
Columbus, by H. Colvin.....	1 00
Ford, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. W. B. Shaw.....	4 15
Junction City, by Rev. M. S. Riddle....	6 00
Milford, by Rev. R. B. Foster.....	3 50
Mound City, by Rev. O. E. Lake.....	3 80
North Lawrence, by Rev. T. F. Norris..	3 00
Oneida, by Rev. C. E. Hoyt.....	10 00
Sabetha, First Ch., to const. William Graham a L.M., by Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.....	67 00
Topeka, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. G. M. Perry, for Woman's Dept.....	7 00
Wabanssee, First Ch. of Christ, by J. F. Willard.....	7 00

NEBRASKA—\$107.45.

Aurora, by Rev. E. Cressman.....	18 00
Bradshaw and Randolph, by Rev. H. Geer.....	6 00
Doniphan, North Hastings and West Hamilton, by Rev. J. H. Embree.....	16 00
Genoa, by Rev. U. C. Bosworth.....	20 00
Martinsburg and Bethel, by Rev. S. Pearson.....	8 05
Nebraska City, by Rev. A. Clark.....	15 00
Newcastle, by Rev. W. J. Paske.....	5 15
Omaha, by Rev. H. C. Crane.....	10 00
Riverton, by Rev. W. S. Hampton.....	1 50
Silver Creek, by Rev. J. Roberts.....	4 40
Upland, by Rev. W. H. Houston, through Rev. J. L. Malle.....	2 75

NORTH DAKOTA—\$67.32.

Dawson and Tappan, by Rev. A. J. Pike	13 00
Grand Forks, North Dakota Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Hattie A. Joy.....	10 00
Hope, by Rev. T. W. Thurston.....	13 75
Jamestown, by Rev. D. Wirt.....	21 34
Wahpeton, by Rev. G. B. Barnes.....	9 23

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$79.52.

Buffalo Gap, by Rev. E. E. Frame.....	7 45
Canton, by Rev. J. L. Granger.....	4 20
Carthage and Canova, \$33 24; Rev. L. E. Osgood, \$5, by Rev. L. E. Osgood....	35 24
Deadwood, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. S. Konsigsbergen.....	7 00

Howard and Winfred, by Rev. I. G. Gordan.....	\$3 43
Letcher, by Rev. J. W. Russell.....	1 00
Rapid City, by Rev. J. W. Davis.....	15 00
Scotland, by Rev. E. Jose.....	3 50

COLORADO—\$141.50.

Denver, by Rev. G. M. Meacham.....	32 50
Eaton, by Rev. J. W. Kiug.....	25 00
Greeley, First, by A. T. Bacon.....	80 00
Otis, by Rev. G. Dungan.....	4 00

MONTANA—\$7.50.

Butte City, by Rev. J. B. Clark.....	2 50
Livingston, by Rev. W. C. Fowler....	5 00

UTAH—\$25.00.

Salt Lake City, by Rev. A. Monroe....	25 00
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CALIFORNIA—\$58.50.

Bidwell and Cedarville, by Rev. D. F. Taylor.....	5 00
Buena Vista, by Rev. C. B. Taylor....	5 00
Clayton, \$6.60; Pacheco, \$6.90, by Rev. J. H. Strong.....	13 50
San Diego, Rev. J. H. Harwood, D.D..	35 00

OREGON—\$33.30.

Beaver Creek, by Rev. H. R. Jones....	3 00
Oregon City, by Rev. G. A. Rockwood..	30 30

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$35.05.

Ferndale and Semahmoo, by Rev. G. Baker.....	1 50
John's River and Wynoochee, by Rev. O. A. Thomas.....	2 00
Slaughter and White River, by Rev. O. L. Fowler.....	3 00
Spokane Falls, by Rev. J. Edwards....	5 00
Steilacoom, by Rev. C. E. Newberry....	23 55

AFRICA—\$20.00.

Grantville Natal, South, by Mrs. Abbie T. Wilder, by J. G. Root.....	20 00
Home Missionary.....	157 81
	\$19,035 37

Donations of Clothing, etc.

Charleston, S. C., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Circular Ch., by C. E. Lance, box.....	
Chicopee, Mass., Ladies of First Ch., by Rev. Wm. E. Dickinson, barrel and freight.....	
St. Paul, Minn., Woman's Home Miss. Soc. of Park Ch., by Mrs. Nathan Gallup, box and freight.....	\$40 35
Westfield, Mass., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Second Ch., by Mrs. Henry Hooker, barrel and freight.....	79 27

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, in June, Rev. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

Andover, Ballardvale, Union, by Rev. S. Barker.....	\$5 00
Auburn, by Rev. S. D. Hosmer.....	55 00
Boston, A Friend, "C".....	10 10
Mrs. Susan Collins.....	5 00
Brighton, Evangelical, by Rev. J. E. Fullerton.....	2 00
Union, by Albert Gay.....	290 80
Braintree, First, by A. B. Keith.....	28 43
Canton Center, Mrs. Edward S. Canfield.	2 60
Carter, Miss Sabra, Income of Fund.....	7 50
Chelsea, A Friend, "R".....	60
First, by H. W. Jeffers.....	65 10
Third, by John Bell.....	59 05

Dover, Orth., by T. S. Norton.....	\$10 00
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Net Surplus,	1,442,494 58
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CASH ASSETS,	\$7,855,509 62

SUMMARY OF ASSETS:

Cash in Banks,	\$91,685 16
Bonds and Mortgages, being first lien on Real Estate,	614,450 00
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Interest due on 1st July, 1887,	33,587 32
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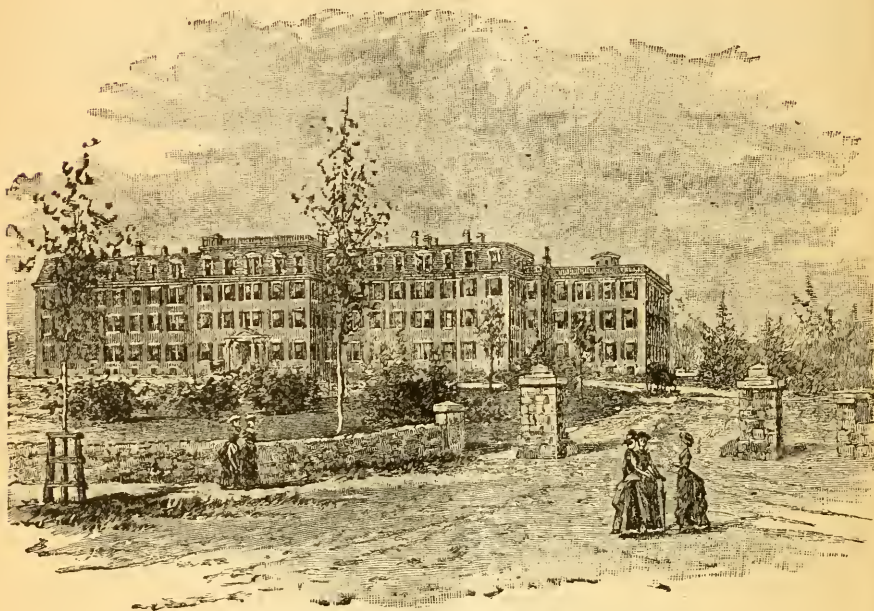
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Of what local church is he a member?
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The number of persons composing his family.
Total amount of salary proposed.
Amount pledged by the people and how secured.
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The least amount that will suffice from the A. H. M. S.
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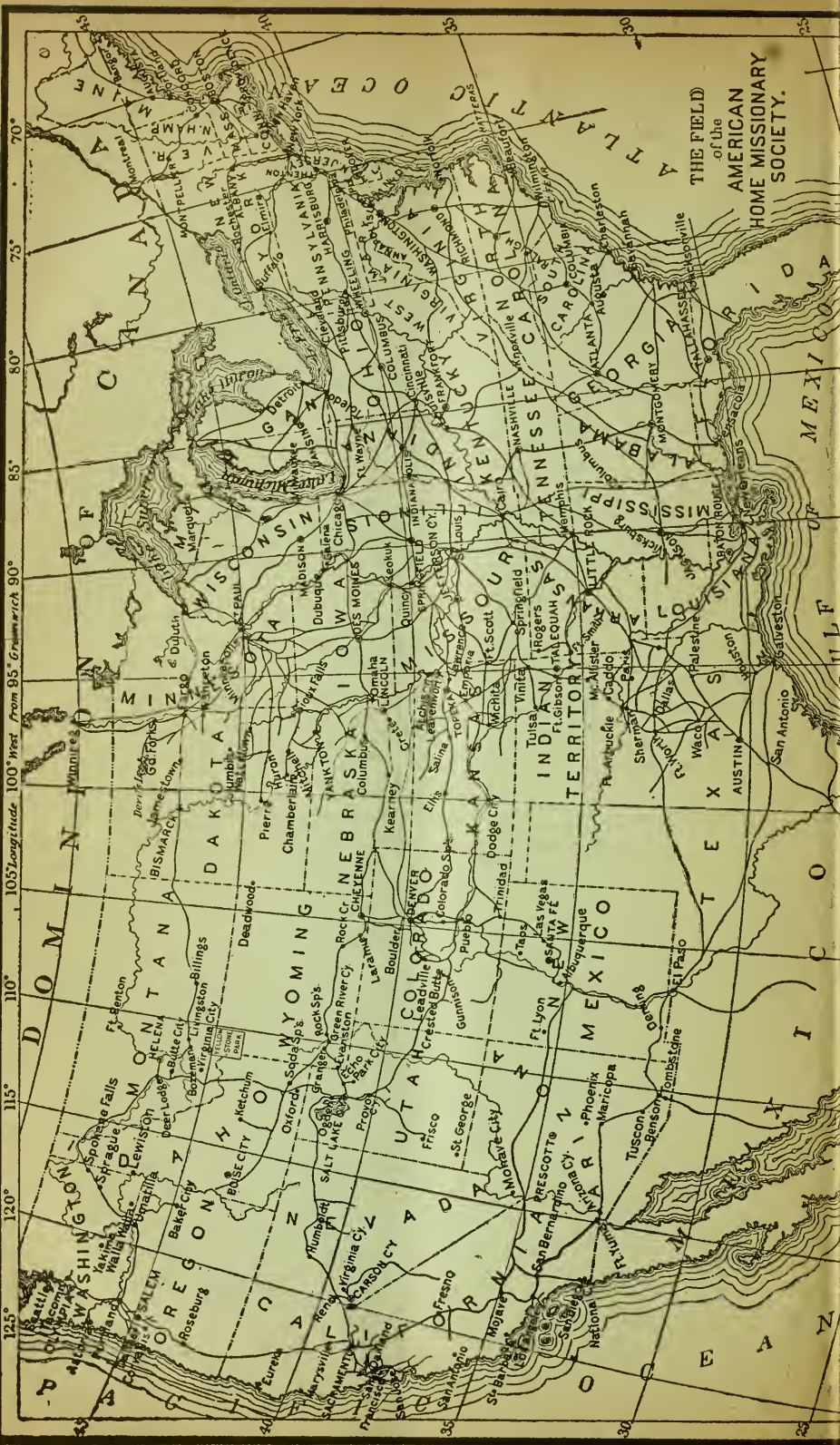
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THE TREASURY.

THE only thing to be said of the Treasury is to repeat the story of last month—as to its emptiness—and to remind our careful friends that there are still before us weeks and weeks of the dry season in which, ordinarily, little relief is to be hoped for.

The receipts in July were about \$16,250; in the four months of the fiscal year now past, about \$73,800. Here is a gain, over the same months of last year, of nearly \$7,600 in the gifts of the living, and a loss in legacies of about \$6,600. Of course, there has been but one thing to do in obedience to the emphatic directions of the Society at the Saratoga meeting: To borrow money at the banks and pay the missionaries' dues. We have borrowed, for this purpose, \$50,000 on the churches' credit; must very soon borrow \$10,000 more; and before the autumnal rains must several times repeat that process. We mention it, to keep up the habit of entire frankness with our constituency, and to make sure that such of the churches and friends as cannot as well or better remit at once will be prepared to fulfill their pledges as soon as may be after coming together in the fall. We trust that the debt incurred by their order will not be allowed so to drag along that the Executive Committee and officers shall be unable to act intelligently upon the applications for aid and other matters that come before the successive semi-monthly meetings, leaving the workers uncertain of their continuance in the service. A word to the wise—those as wise as are the great body of the friends of Home Missions—should be sufficient, on a point so plain as this.

POSTSCRIPT.—That same kind and generous New York business man has been in again and added \$2,100 to the \$1,400 reported in last month's postscript, making \$3,500 from him within a month or so. This pays the Society's appropriation to EIGHT selected missionaries, to be kept at their work at the front, for a year, by one man's noble offerings!

We repeat the closing question of last month: Is there not here a hint on which other liberal men might act with profit to themselves and the cause? Who is ready now?

ERRATUM.—By an oversight the reports on the Secretaries' papers, in the August number of *The Home Missionary*, were subscribed by only two names of each of the Committees. To the report on Secretary Clark's paper should have been added the names of WM. F. WHITTEMORE, FRANCIS C. SESSIONS and DAVID N. CAMP. To the report on Secretary Barrows's paper should have been added the names of GEORGE W. PHILLIPS, GEORGE R. MERRILL and AMOS C. BARSTOW.

ON the Sabbath during which Rev. F. S. Buckingham, of Bridgeport, Conn., presented the subject of Home Missions to his people, he doubled their regular contributions by a free distribution in the pews of the recent publications of the Society.

THIS FROM KANSAS.—The Young Ladies' Missionary Society of Lawrence, Kan., request that the money they place in the home missionary treasury this year be applied to the salary of the home missionary pastor at Jetmore, Kan., because he asked for "the hardest place on the frontier, where there were souls to be saved." He is caring for two churches, faithfully visiting families "in claims," holding services in the jail, and looking after out-stations.

THE post-office at Cresbard, Dak., was burned last week, and everything was consumed. Rev. E. H. Carleton, having learned, that through the kind thought of some friend, a book and magazine for him was destroyed, desires to express his thanks to this unknown friend. The cheering message comes to us by the same mail that a great spiritual blessing has recently come to his people in Myron. Everybody in the community save two has united with his church, and these two will join at the next communion.

FROM SUPERINTENDENT SIMMONS OF NORTH DAKOTA.—I expect to-day it will be decided that our college is to be located in Fargo. It has taken a great deal of hard work to bring the matter where it now is, but I trust we are to see grow up, on foundations now being laid, AN INSTITUTION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION of great value to the extension of Christ's kingdom in all this region. We walk by faith and not by sight in these things. I am more and more led to pray, "Lord, increase our faith!"

At the spring meeting of the Black Hills Association of Congregational churches and ministers, held at Buffalo Gap, Dak., June 22d and 23d, 1887, the following was heartily adopted:

Whereas, We have heard with profound interest and gratitude of the meeting of our Home Missionary Society at Saratoga, and are more than ever convinced of the commanding importance of the work of that Society,

Resolved, That we pledge anew to it our loyalty and co-operation,

and we will make strenuous efforts to secure a contribution from *every member* of our churches during the coming year; such offerings to be not less than fifty cents per member.—*George Belsey, Scribe.*

OUR circumstances render these gifts from eastern friends doubly precious. Our little church is surrounded by Germans. American settlers are selling out and leaving as fast as they can, but, through their children, the Germans draw nearer to us, and we reach them more easily. Their subscriptions to the pastor's salary are increasing; their children are becoming more active and more interested in our church matters, and in contributions to home and foreign missions. Indeed, our work could most appropriately come under the care of the American Board so rapid is the shifting from the native to the foreign element. We hope and pray for its success, not without evidences of some success already.—*Rev. F. Lawson, Durant, Iowa.*

REV. B. M. HUGHES, Shamokin, Pa., has recently canvassed his little flock with a subscription paper for the A. H. M. S. Of the \$106 secured, the majority contributed twenty-five and fifty cents each; twenty-five people contributed one dollar each; six people two dollars, and two people five dollars. Only one man, and he evidently of Welsh descent, contributed a sum larger than those mentioned. This effort on the part of one brother has not only placed over one hundred dollars in our treasury, but it has done more. It has secured the prayerful interest of each contributor, and stimulated all to seek information upon the work of a Society which has now become their agent for planting the gospel standard in every neglected place upon this continent.

REV. THOMAS MARSH, formerly of Fort Collins, Col., has moved to Wallace, Kan., and while tendering thanks to the kind friends who have been sending him their weekly or monthly papers and magazines, would be glad to receive them at his new address. Arriving at his new field he writes: "We are here, but scarce know which way to turn. This excessively hot weather is very debilitating to us who have just come down from the mountains. Day after day, for one week, we have been trying to get a house to live in. Four of us are stowed away in one small room, in which I am now writing, while sitting upon a trunk and using a chair for a table. This is a new town, but a little band of disciples here want a church and we hope to go right on, and with God's blessing, soon erect a church home. Last Sabbath morning, hot as it was, over 100 came to the Sunday-school, 150 attended the morning service, and 200 were present in the evening. Our Lord has already permitted me the joy of some results from the preaching of the Word here."

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.*

ADDRESS OF REV. C. E. AMERON, MASSACHUSETTS.

FRENCH-CANADIAN evangelization must become one of the absorbing schemes of the churches, if New England is to keep its place among the nations of the earth as a center of Christian and missionary influences.

As nearly as can be estimated there are about 1,000,000 French-speaking people in the United States. Of these, 300,000 are in New England and about 175,000 in Massachusetts. About 10,000 may be said to be Protestant, or so inclined, requiring the means of grace in a tongue they can understand, else they will go back to Romish errors, or, worse still, drift into infidelity. About 40,000 may be said to be out of Rome's reach, rapidly swelling the ranks of socialists and anarchists, and preparing for a second French Revolution, and the rest are under that system of religion which for over three centuries has oppressed them in Canada and proved itself absolutely inadequate to make of them a great and prosperous nation.

The rapid tide of immigration has materially changed the complexion of your Puritan States. That it is destined to continue, no man who studies the state of things in the Province of Quebec can for a moment doubt. Attempts at repatriation have failed, efforts to prevent immigration have proved futile. The Romish priests are therefore urging the French Catholics to buy up New England soil, to become citizens, but not with the view of assimilating with the American people, but in the expectation of changing New England into New France, and of perpetuating the customs, habits, manners, religion, and in fact the traditions of French Roman Catholic Canada. These aims they hope to reach by means of the French Catholic press, the establishment all over the land of separate French Catholic schools, which they shall ask the State to subsidize, and the establishment of a French Catholic college.

We, as French Protestants, deem it our duty to make known to the Christian public of this land some of the aims and plans of the Romish hierarchy. Knowing only too well what that system has done or failed to do for our countrymen, we believe that we are loyal American citizens, true French Canadian patriots, and faithful disciples of Christ, when we ask the Christians of New England and of the land to help us destroy this heresy of too long standing, that the Church of Rome is but one of the Christian denominations of the land working in harmony with the others for the upbuilding of the nation.

Sir, the Church of Rome, *de facto* is the implacable foe of the grand, free institutions which are to-day the glory of this great nation. Its

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spirit, its doctrines, political and religious, are diametrically opposed to the very Constitution of the United States.

REASONS FOR TAKING UP THIS WORK.

1. As French Canadians we have reason to put ourselves with Rome. For centuries she has had the fashioning of our nation. At the outset of the French Colony this church had large grants for the support of education and religion, and the most valuable portions of the country were given her. She should have made of my people one of the first nations on this continent in commercial, intellectual and moral greatness. See her lamentable failure. See Protestant New England opening her arms to thousands of French coming from Canada, that rich and beautiful country, with its magnificent rivers, its unequalled water-powers, and its inexhaustible mines and forests. Why the difference? Because you have been true to the great principles of God's Word and of the great reformers, whilst the Canadian has followed Rome's errors. Surely the backbone of New England is not so broken as to make it necessary, in an assembly of this character to spend time to prove that Romanism is not gospel truth in most of its teachings? Unless the Christian churches of our land are foresworn and its members traitors to their God and Savior Jesus Christ, they will help us to make the light shine through this thick cloud of error.

2. We affirm, in the second place, that what New England is to be and is to do must, in the nature of things, depend on what is done for the evangelization of the French and Irish Catholics. It were unsafe, it were unpatriotic for you to look upon this steady growth with indifference. You can't continue to be much longer the feeder for the great missionary enterprises at home and abroad unless there be an awakening.

We are often asked why so many Canadians come here and if this immigration has not reached its height. We answer that so long as the Church of Rome continues to oppress the people as she now does, the people must leave. And everything tends to prove that her requirements are more burdensome each year. She will continue to exact from the farmers her annual tithe of the twenty sixth bushel of grain, which means an annual income of \$4,000,000. She will not modify her compulsory system of pew rents which adds another \$4,000,000. She will continue to avail herself of the old French laws which give her a right to tax and assess the people, to erect her huge palaces and churches which you see side by side with the miserable huts of the poor. Those who have studied these questions assure us that like a huge sponge she sucks up \$40,000,000 annually from a people numbering about 2,500,000. The results are clear. The wealth is all in the hands of the clergy, and with it they control the legislatures, and the people must be poor and must emigrate by thousands to live.

Each year the number is increased by propagation at an extraordinary rate, families of ten and twelve children being the rule, while your New England homes are not overflowing with children. Your sons are going west to be replaced by those, who, inspired by their clergy, pledge themselves to remain true to their motto: "Our tongue, our nationality and our religion."

These are some of the stubborn facts which confront you intelligent Christians of New England. What are you going to do? Raise the anti-Chinese cry? No! you have too much religion. You are going to open your hearts and purses and help us to restore to the French the Word of God. And this you will do all the more readily in view of the immense benefits which you owe to that immortal Frenchman, John Calvin.

3. And yet another reason must be added to these. Let us not be so unwise as to imagine that the existing agencies, the public schools with no Bible, the American churches and the spirit of freedom which prevails, will suffice to solve this most serious problem, and convert to Christ this population. Have these agencies prevented thousands of your people from lapsing into carelessness and sin? Can it be imagined that the French will be saved by being left alone? No.

Well, many Christians have said, "Leave them in the Church of Rome." To this we retort, "You can't do that unless you make up your mind to help Rome to maintain herself and build herself." And how can the Romish hierarchy hold her own and grow on American soil? By removing that which checks its growth and threatens its existence. And what are these obstacles? Protestantism, called heresy; liberty of speech and conscience; the free public school system; the Constitution of this Republic. Are you prepared to sweep all these out of the way to accommodate Rome? I scarcely think so. And yet you know that because she wants to live and grow here, and can't side by side with your institutions, she is doing all she can to destroy or, at any rate neutralize what militates against her growth. And she is succeeding fairly well, especially in New York.

But let it be granted that she will fail in her endeavors to obtain anything like the power she covets; let it be granted that she will sooner or later succumb, will her collapse mean the strengthening of evangelical Protestantism? By no means. The French revolutionists swore an eternal hatred to Romish priests and massacred scores of them. But was that religion? Is there much religion in the socialist and anarchist of Chicago? Rome admits having lost millions of her people in the Republic? But where are they? You have helped to destroy the only phase of faith they knew, and shall you not replace it by something better? The French Canadians are fast drifting from Rome and ere long they will be at the head in the rank and file of the

strikers who will upset New England and cause it the loss of millions of dollars.

Now is the time to reach them; doors are open. But to do this immense work we have but five regular missionaries. We need ten times that number, and we need men peculiarly gifted, and we do not know where to get them. Not only this, but we have not the material out of which to make them. Where will we find our future Sunday-school teachers, deacons, missionaries and regular pastors? But one answer could suggest itself. You must create or prepare them. It was to meet this and kindred wants that the French Protestant College of Lowell was established. For two years it has given a Christian education to forty-six boys and young men who have been with us a part or the whole of the time. Last fall over fifty sought admission and we had to turn away nearly half that number for want of room and funds, and several of them were Catholics.

Men of New England, can it be true that in view of the facts just stated you will be indifferent to our appeal! We ask you to help us to rebuild the moral and intellectual wrecks Rome has made and is making; to help us to educate a people in whom the very taste and ambition for education is being destroyed. We ask you especially to give us such an equipment that we may give to the scores of young people who knock at our door a *Christian* education in view of their conversion to Christ. Many intelligent and educated young Frenchmen whom we could enlist in our work are now on the border line between Romanism and infidelity, just in that state of mind which fits them to accept the negations of the latter. Place them in the non-religious colleges of the land, where the Bible is an unknown book, and they are lost to the church and to God. But give each year to one hundred French young people, bright and intelligent, a true Christian education, as you used to give in the palmy days of New England, and you raise a class of strong, brave men who will soon leaven the whole French community.

We need at once \$15,000 to erect a building during the summer months, that our work may not be interrupted. Surely we will not be obliged to say to fifty or more young people who are already knocking at our door: "We can't receive you. Stay out in the cold. Run your chances, drift on the sea of indifference and irreligion, then go down the swift rapids of infidelity and immorality, swell the tide of the unchurched, of socialists and anarchists, and go devastate this fair heritage of New England." *Then* this Christian land will be compelled to give out its money to protect itself and rebuild the ruins of irreligion and lawlessness. With the stubborn facts of history before our mind's eye, with the bloody scenes of the French Revolution and the labor troubles of our own country before us, we cannot trifle with the future. Let us be up and doing.

THE SARATOGA MEETING.

HOW IT STRUCK ONE WESTERN MAN.

BY J. G. HASKELL.

TWENTY-FIVE or thirty years ago the following outline embraced the most important features of the work of the American Home Missionary Society.

1st. To provide gospel privileges for destitute localities on the frontier.

2d. To extend assistance to feeble churches in new settlements.

3d. To aid in the formation of new churches.

At present all these constitute but a single branch of the work of the Society, for there has been added, (*a*) work among the foreign population, and (*b*) special evangelical work in the large cities. Nor is this all, for those who formerly contributed to the single line of frontier work above outlined, are not only called upon for the original work and these added purposes above noted, but also to support four additional organizations to from time to time perform other branches of home mission work. These are the American Missionary Association, the New West Commission, the Sunday-school and Publication Society, and the Congregational Union.

It will be seen, therefore, that while there is no rivalry among the various interests above noted, there is opportunity for great diversity of opinion as to which is most important. Those of us who live in the West are sure that no interests can excel in importance those attached to the proper shaping of religious sentiment in the new and growing states, counties and cities at present being so rapidly populated west of the Mississippi River. Those nearer to other great interests sympathize with that which impresses them most.

This late anniversary of the American Home Missionary Society at Saratoga represented in greater or less degree all these lines of Christian effort.

1st. The work on the frontier, including not only the support of missionaries, but the erection of churches and parsonages, and the establishment of Sunday-schools.

2d. The work among the foreign population; notably the Bohemians, Poles, Scandinavians, Germans and French.

3d. The work of city evangelization.

4th. The work among the Freedmen.

5th. The work in Utah and elsewhere by the New West Commission.

Not all these were upon the platform, but all had friends pres-

ent who were pronounced and intelligent. When the superintendents of missions in the various states and territories, and the representatives of the Sunday-school and church building interests had the floor it looked as if our great frontier work was safe. But when the eloquent men who presented the city and foreign work claimed attention, it was clear that they made an impression, and bore away their share of earnest sympathy. Dr. Strong held up to view the *great dangers* in our large cities and Dr. Abbott the *great opportunities*. As if God in his providence had allowed to be imported to our shores, and massed together in our cities, a population for us to teach and care for. And then came Dr. Schaufler in behalf of the Bohemians and Poles, and Rev. Mr. Ameron, of Massachusetts, in behalf of the French, each eloquently setting forth his work, till it was quite clear that the audience had much to think of in addition to the old-fashioned—a generation ago—claims of the frontier. Then came the sharp, close questions of the members of the Executive Committee and representatives of Auxiliary societies of which the following are samples:

1st. How is it that churches which have been on the books of the Society for ten, fifteen and twenty years, and around which flourishing towns have grown, are yet not self-supporting?

2d. Are there not some churches which might support themselves if they would?

3d. Are there not some which never will be self-supporting and which are not in otherwise destitute localities, so that they might as well be cut off one time as another?

To me the lessons from all this were quite clear and hardly need stating, but since they can be stated briefly they may as well be—at least in part. The frontier no longer monopolizes the attention of the mass of eastern givers. Not that there is indifference or loss of interest, for they are proud of the great and growing West. But there is an advancing pressure for work in other directions. There is a feeling that while the western churches show gains in membership and contributions they do not keep pace in these respects with the growth of the country where the work is done. There is a feeling that a larger number of western churches ought to be helpers in the great work instead of being dependent. There was manifested a feeling that pastors do not urge their churches to independence as successfully as they might. The general tone of the meetings suggested wide outlooks, national views, progress, vigilance in administration, unity in all departments of work, compactness among friends, consecration to the task at hand.

The West is not to be neglected, neither is it to be coddled. Throughout the field of home mission effort in the West or East, in the South or in Utah, in the cities and with those among us from foreign

lands, each department and detail must stand on its right to live and be heard. If it has rights it must show what they are; if it has none it must go. Work that does not bear both business and spiritual tests must step aside for such as does bear such tests. The *whole* western side of Home Mission work was not presented, not because shut out, but because the West was not there and prepared to show cause.

The meeting next year will far exceed the late meeting both in magnitude and interest; and the great questions as to the best way to make and keep this continent thoroughly Christian will be considered. If the western home mission churches have a case to present they will be heard. I believe they are not fully understood, but ought to be.

It is quite clear, therefore, that our missionary work must not only be such as to commend itself to the wisest business judgment of the givers, but also it must be presented in such manner as that its magnitude and importance is not overshadowed by other necessities no matter how pressing. We all gladly acknowledge the value of other departments of Christian effort, but must not expect our own to be considered as fully as it deserves unless excellent in quality and fully understood.—*The Kansas Telephone.*

HOW RICH MAY A CHRISTIAN BECOME?

A CHRISTIAN lady recently died who is said to have left a property amounting to from fifteen to thirty millions of dollars. Being a single woman she had the use of it all for herself. Yet she was characterized by her benevolence, doing much good with her means while she lived, and at her death leaving much of her wealth for useful purposes.

But the question properly arises: How rich is it right for a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ to become? What amount of wealth is it consistent for him to accumulate? Doubtless it would be difficult to prescribe any definite limits. What might be right and proper for one person might not be so for another. A Christian in business may be allowed to accumulate and to retain so much as may be needful to carry on his business to the best advantage, always making it his supreme aim to acquire means for doing a greater amount of good. But beyond this, accumulation is questionable. It is questionable whether in these days it is right and proper for a Christian to accumulate millions of unused money. The demands for that money are great and urgent. The calls for it are many and loud. The treasury of the Lord is but scantily filled, whilst it should be full to overflowing. Millions are needed where but thousands and hundreds are supplied. During all the years that those millions, to which we have alluded, have been treasured up, they might have been going about doing good. The loss

that has thus been sustained can never be known in this world. Had they been cast into the treasury of the Lord how many missionaries, both home and foreign, might have been sent forth into the broad and needy fields of the world, and how many benevolent causes might have been aided? It becomes those Christians that have in their possession treasured wealth seriously to inquire whether the Lord has not present need of it.—*Massachusetts.*

SCHOOL FOR BOHEMIAN BIBLE READERS.

BY REV. H. A. SCHAUFFLER, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SLAVONIC DEPARTMENT.

WHY is the work among the Bohemians and Poles so much more difficult than that commenced at the same time by the American Home Missionary Society among the Germans and Scandinavians? Because the two former nationalities have been greatly injured, both socially and morally, by the influence of the Papacy, and because we had, at the commencement, absolutely nobody who could speak their language and do missionary work among them. We had to begin at the very foundation nearly five years ago. It was very manifest that we could never succeed in evangelizing our Slavic population without missionary workers raised up from amongst them, who could speak their language and work for them as no one else can. Without accomplishing this, we might as well give up the work. You will be glad to know that we are solving this problem successfully; and the object I have in writing to you now is, to bring to your notice what we are doing to fit young women for this work as Bible readers.

Allow me to give you the facts. In the fall of 1885 I felt so deeply the urgent need of missionary work for Bohemian and Polish women and children, which can be done best only by trained Christian women, that, though not knowing where to look for the means, which the American Home Missionary Society was not able to furnish, I invited Miss Clara Hobart, a public school teacher of great experience and success, to join this mission, learn the Bohemian language, and train young women of piety and intelligence, as Bible readers. In January, 1886, she accepted my invitation, but still I did not know where her support was to come from. Just then Mrs. Dr. McEwen, of New London, surprised and delighted me with an unsolicited gift of over three hundred dollars. This amount the American Home Missionary Society agreed to supplement, thus insuring Miss Hobart's salary for one year. She commenced work immediately and had at once a most excellent Bohemian young lady (a successful Sunday-school teacher in our Bohemian mission school) as a pupil. Since then a very promising Bohemian young lady from St. Paul and another from Bruenn,

Austria—converted in the “Home” which my wife and I started while missionaries there—have joined the Bible Readers’ School. We are greatly pleased with their spirit and their zeal in missionary work, and what was commenced as an experiment a year ago last January has already proved a most gratifying success. I have just invited two more promising pious Bohemian girls, whom I found on a farm in Wisconsin, to join the Bible Readers’ School next fall.

Another young lady, an American from Iowa City, who has for many years conducted a Sunday-school for Bohemian children in her own home, is about to join Miss Hobart; she will learn Bohemian and give herself entirely to the work. Another American lady, a school teacher and an admirable mission-school worker, is so deeply interested in the Bohemians around her home, in East Cleveland, that she refused an offer to devote herself entirely to English mission work elsewhere, and determined to learn Bohemian, though fully occupied as a public school teacher. Last spring she accepted the invitation of the A. H. M. S. to give up her public school work and devote herself entirely to mission work for Bohemians.

If we had the means and a suitable home, in which they could live while fitting for the work, other American ladies would doubtless be found to devote themselves to it. We need Americans, too, both because the supply of Bohemians and Poles is much too small at present, and because American workers will furnish the needed bond of union between American churches and the Bohemian work. What we aim at is to make good any existing deficiencies in the common school education of the young women, giving them a thorough, practical, and working knowledge of the Bible, and training them by practice to do Sunday-school and Bible readers’ missionary work. There are many places, chiefly in the West and Northwest, where just such workers are sorely needed to-day. For example, in Chicago, where there are 40,000 Bohemians and no Bohemian Bible reader; St. Paul, where Dr. Dana’s church has commenced a mission Sunday-school in the Bohemian district, in English; Iowa City and Omaha, where the Congregational churches have commenced similar missions, but have as yet no female worker that can speak Bohemian. In other places as St. Louis, Mo., and La Crosse, Wis., such work waits to be commenced.

In the mean time the large and constantly growing Bohemian and Polish population, brought up in the old country amidst the superstition and corruption of Rome, is becoming dissatisfied with, and is in many instances, rebelling against the tyranny of the Romish Church. Large masses are renouncing all faith in Christianity, and fall an easy prey to gross materialism and to the active propaganda of a blasphemous and God-defying atheism. From amongst these are recruited our socialists, anarchists, and criminals. Especially lamentable is the con-

dition of the children and youth, who grow up in homes and communities from which have vanished even the slender faith and the small religious restraints under whose influence their parents grew up. If we would save them, and with them our country, we must be up and doing.

Feeling this more deeply than words can express, I long to see the Bible Readers' School, so auspiciously commenced, put upon such a basis that it can furnish the workers so imperatively needed. It requires a house of its own, which we could call "The Home," in which the teacher or teachers and the pupils could live together, and which would be a center for the work. While a missionary in Bruenn, Austria, I established such a "Home," of which a German evangelist and his wife had charge. My experience there convinces me that a Christian family should have charge of this Home, securing for it that family life and those family influences which would otherwise be lacking. I have in view the right family for the place. Both the man and his wife were once school teachers, and are very intelligent, earnest and agreeable Christian people. They have three little girls, and I feel convinced that they would make a delightful home for the Bible readers. Here the young women would feel the power of Christian family life, and be trained to habits of helpfulness, industry and neatness to a degree that would otherwise be impossible; now they are scattered, boarding where they can find a place in Bohemian or other families.

The only obstacle in the way of starting this much needed Home at once is the lack of funds. We could either buy land and erect a house for about \$10,000, or rent one, by agreeing to take it for three years, for about \$450 a year. The matron above alluded to, and her husband, would charge about \$500 a year for their services. The expense of living would be divided equally between the members of the household. I need not add that every effort would be made to study economy in the conduct of such a Home.

When I see the heart-rending, spiritual destitution of the great Slavic population of our country, and remember that they are surrounded by Christian influences *which scarcely touch them*; when I remember that their destiny is bound up with ours as a nation, and that God has sent them to our shores in order that we may win them for Christ's kingdom; when I reflect on the immense resources in the hands of God's children in this country, and think of the millions we are spending for the education and the spiritual good of our own children, and think of the streams of blessing that might flow out from such an institution as the Bible Readers' School would be—I cannot doubt that God will touch the hearts of some of his faithful stewards, and open their eyes to see how great the privilege he confers on them of aiding in such a work, which is so fundamental, so necessary, and so far-reaching in its influence.

AN INEVITABLE CONFLICT.

IN this field there is "a conflict of Christianity with Heathenism." My first preaching avoided any special reference to the sins and vices of the place, because some of the church thought it wiser not to create opposition before we had a foot-hold. But, meeting continually a state of things vile beyond description, I felt it my duty to lift up my voice in earnest protest. The saloon men, etc., immediately cried out: "We help support that man, and he has no right to interfere with our business. We will not stand it!" I do not think I have acted unwisely. The conflict was inevitable. Look at the town or city Council, for example: One member runs a hotel and gambling-house; another runs a saloon, dance-house, comique theatre, etc.; the third is a mere tool in the hands of the former. The postmaster sells the *Police News*, etc., gambles for cigars, and teaches the boys to gamble for the same. The business of this place is all opposed, either directly or indirectly, to church work; for the gamblers and saloons predominate. They furnish very largely the patronage of the stores. Hence, the merchants are compromised by their relations to such people. There are a few real, thoroughly honest and promising Christians (this is not irony), but they lack what the Scotch call "backbone." These are their sentiments, frankly spoken: "We have not come into this country to do missionary work." "A minister ought to be satisfied if he gets his salary, without asking how it is raised." "A minister ought to preach from the pulpit, and not touch business matters." "A minister has no business to meddle with social evils. It is none of his business who drinks or gambles; he is to preach the gospel, and live peaceably with all men." I believe most thoroughly in dealing in a friendly way with all classes; but there is a time when a clearly defined position must be taken.—*A Home Missionary*.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

BY REV. J. T. FORD, SUPERINTENDENT.

1. THE region known as Southern California is made up of the seven southern counties of the State—San Diego, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Kern and San Luis Obispo. Its area is 57,800 square miles—a territory 10,000 square miles greater than the State of New York, and nearly as great as the six New England States taken together. Until within a few years, most of its valuable land was held by a few individuals in large stock ranges—Mexican grants—of many thousand acres each, and its population was consequently sparse.

2. About the year 1880, there began a forward movement in population and material prosperity. The population, which in 1880 numbered

only 79,151, by the school census of 1886 had increased to 151,721. The assessed valuation of Los Angeles County increased, during the same time, from eighteen millions to forty millions. Its aggregate of real estate sales increased from \$5,689,810 in 1882 to \$28,204,759 in 1886.

3. In the latter half of 1886 this forward movement received new momentum—so that the advance of the last twelve months is believed to be nearly equal to that of the six years before. The number of passenger trains between San Bernardino and Los Angeles has increased from four to ten per day, and the number of passengers in each train has grown in like proportion. Seven new railroads, or branches, or extensions, are now in process of construction. At least five more are considered certain to follow in the near future. On one of these roads twenty towns are planted within a distance of fifty miles, some of which have already sprung up to a vigorous growth. It is said that 65,000 excursionists were booked for Southern California in Eastern cities for the winter and spring of 1886-7. They came at the rate of thousands per week. If the record of Phillips's excursions furnishes a proper basis for a general estimate, one half of these came to stay. According to that record they brought, in 1886, twenty-five hundred to Southern California, and took back only twelve hundred. The estimated population of San Diego has increased from 5,000 to 15,000, within the year. Capital flows in abundantly for investment. Vast enterprises are conceived and executed—such as the building of palatial hotels, the excavating of harbors, and the reclaiming of desert wastes by the construction of great artificial lakes, with costly water-ways. The price of lands has, in many places, doubled, tripled, quadrupled during the year.

4. This movement is regarded by many conservative, practical men as based upon a wise forecast of the future of this region, and to continue for years to come. Such men predict that within a few years Los Angeles County alone will have a million of inhabitants. They base their predictions upon facts, or ideas, like the following: Ten acres here devoted to fruit-raising will afford as great an income as one hundred acres sown to grain, and so will support from the soil alone a population ten times denser than a grain-producing region. Besides those who come to cultivate the soil, many invalids will come to escape the rigor of Northern winters; many, tired of migrating between Florida and the North, will find here permanent homes, not only warmer in winter, but cooler in summer, than at the East; many rich men—some retiring from business—will make here an earthly paradise; others will come to find new fields for profitable investment. Their capital will develop resources of which we have not yet dreamed, and will be devoted to manufactures, thus providing support for a dense population. And that population *will come*; for, as an old Kansas farmer expressed it: "People are going to live where they can live warm."

5. All this means that Southern California must have earnest, abundant home missionary work, and must have it without delay. The crowd of immigrants must be met at the moment of their arrival by the gospel—welcomed, and won by it—and saved from the spiritual declension and moral corruption that so easily follow the transplanting of a people from the positive restraints of the public sentiment of their old homes. Moreover, they come into the midst of secular activities so intense, of a world movement so mighty, that eternal verities will be forgotten, and the spiritual lessons of the past crowded out, unless there be gospel influences no less positive; unless there be many voices to proclaim and make men to know the unsearchable riches of Christ. Nor is this all; the Church of Christ has to battle, on the Pacific coast, with the fearful consequences of its own past neglect. When, years ago, multitudes from the East came hither for gold, the Church followed them only feebly with its evangelistic work. Mining camps, without preaching and without the church, soon came to be without the Sabbath and without God. This ungodliness has come down to the present as the prevailing fashion of the region. Public sentiment is averse to Sabbath-keeping and church-going. In many places, the new settler comes into an atmosphere of spiritual stupefaction hard to resist. He yields to it, and is lost to the church. A newly married pair from the East came regularly to my church for a few Sabbaths after their arrival. Then they said to me; “Our neighbors laugh at us for coming to church. They say, ‘You’ll get over it before you’ve been here long,’ but we don’t mean to.” Nevertheless, they did get over it before long. This is only one case among a thousand of the same class. With the present rush to Southern California comes the grand opportunity to retrieve the error of the past. The new immigration is, in great measure, from Christian communities—from the New England zone. It must be saved for Christ by building churches and supporting a gospel ministry in the new settlements from their very start. We cannot afford to wait for the new communities to make gospel provision for themselves. Satan will make provision for them in advance, and it will be accepted. We have no time to lose. To stint our gifts for this work will be ruinous economy. There must be no home missionary debt to compel a halt in our operations. Let us save the new immigration, and we shall turn back the tide of ungodliness, regenerate public sentiment, and carry Southern California for Christ.

6. The work in Southern California is home mission work in a more intimate sense than that in many other fields. That region is becoming a winter home, a sanitarium, for many from the eastern and northern states. Almost every church upon our list will send some of its members to make there a temporary, or a more permanent, home. When we think of the home over beyond, we are glad that Jesus Christ has

said, "I go to prepare a place for you." It is our privilege to send Jesus Christ before us in the person and work of the Home Missionary to prepare a place for us and for our own in our Southern California home. We are false to ourselves if we fail to do it.

7. Home missionary investments in Southern California promise large profits and quick returns. The gathering of its population in densely settled communities furnishes the prospect to churches planted there of speedy self-support. The settlers are largely men of wealth; they are in good proportion members of churches; they come principally from the states where Congregational churches are numerous. It is believed that a generous outlay in that field will be found soon to replenish rather than to deplete the home missionary treasury. Two churches lately organized there have become self-supporting during the first year of their existence, neither of which could have been formed without the promise of home missionary aid. The average contributions of our Southern California churches the past year to the home missionary treasury have been more than two dollars per member—double the average per member of churches at the East.

8. We need for the work good men, much money, earnest prayers, power from on high. Good men—men in vigorous health, able to lay foundations, to gather their own congregations, and willing to sacrifice themselves for the Master in such work. Much money—money for new work in cities, which must be costly at the outset; in mining towns, where all iniquity flaunts itself without restraint, and the voice of the preacher is not heard; in four whole counties where we have as yet only three Congregational churches; in many new towns where church lots are offered us if we will plant churches and build houses of worship without delay, and where Satan's church—the saloon—will do its soul-destroying work unless we hasten. Earnest prayer—power from on high, that there may be added to the churches daily such as shall be saved.

A KANSAS PASTOR VISITS GEORGIA.

THERE seems to be a new field for Congregationalism in the South. Brother Shaw, of the Berean Church, Atlanta, has demonstrated this. His congregation and Sunday-school increases as he enlarges his church. His present building, unfinished because the funds are exhausted, is already full at some of his evening services. We have little idea of the hunger of these people for the gospel. The poor whites of the South have been practically left out of consideration, both by the churches North and the churches South, until recently, and the success of this venture at Atlanta opens to our view a wide field for work.

The success of Brother Shaw's work depends upon his support. The church building ought to be finished, which it is simply impossible

for these poor people to do. One thousand dollars will complete all the work as it has been projected. Five hundred dollars will go a great way.

After some acquaintance with city missionary work for three years and Home Missions for seven years, I must say I never yet saw so hopeful a field, nor man and work so well adapted to each other as Brother Shaw and his Berean people.

While planning and working for the colored people, let us not forget the poorer whites for whom Christ died, and for whom Christians have done so little.—*Rev. J. B. Richardson, Hiawatha, Kan.*

FRUIT.—II.

THE WORD HONORED.—For four weeks we have had a wonderful outpouring of the blessed Spirit of God. Many a day we have spent seven hours in the house of God. So deeply did the Spirit move that at times it was almost impossible to close the meeting. One of our after-meetings lasted until midnight! A large number appear to have started in the new life. Time will prove the depth of their present convictions. By their fruits we shall know them.—*Minnesota.*

TRAINED ON THE FIELD.—There are no limits to be set on God's special gifts to us. Three years ago there was a great cry for *more ministers*. I looked over my field here at "the front," and counted a number of young men with no aim in life above or beyond handling lumber and saw-logs. I prayed about it a while, and then began to preach about it. I said, "There are men here whom God wants for his service—to preach the gospel." They were at first surprised, then amused. They laughed at the idea, and exclaimed, "That can never be!" This only served to increase my faith in the power of God to accomplish his purpose with them, and my prayer for them became more intensely earnest.

After a series of meetings where the presence of the Holy Spirit was manifested in an unusual degree, a young lawyer came out for Christ, and became a new creature. Very soon he told me he felt impelled to give up the practice of law, and preach the gospel. I gave him Christian work for a while, right here, and finding him earnest and faithful and adapted to the work, secured for him, through our Superintendent, a larger field. Thus it came to pass that he spent a part of the year at work, and the other part at a theological seminary, until now he is an active and faithful minister of the blessed Word.

Three other young men are preparing to follow in his footsteps. One, a Scotchman, who has spent his whole life in lumber camps, has been a profane man and a drunkard. He seems now to be clean, body and soul, even to the giving up of tobacco in every form. The second

is a Scandinavian, and the third a German. I keep them all actively at work in house-to-house visitation, holding neighborhood meetings, and distributing Bibles and tracts. How do we know what hidden talent there may be upon our mission fields, waiting to be developed in the service of our Lord? It is only our lack of faith that ever limits God's spiritual gifts. Oh, for a deeper experience of God's grace and love!—*Michigan.*

FROM A NORWEGIAN STUDENT.

I HAVE been attending the lectures regularly at the Chicago Theological Seminary, and also preaching on the Sabbath, and engaging in other missionary work as opportunity has offered. One Friday I set out for my former congregations in Iowa, and remained with them two weeks. During this time I had two services on the Sabbath, evening service every day of the week, and house to house visitation during each day. In every house I read the Word of God, sang, and prayed. The state of religion among these people inspires me with the glad hope that many blood-bought souls will be garnered at the last Great Harvest. As I look back to the time when I first began Christian work among them, and compare it with the present, I exclaim with the apostle: "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" Spiritual life is awakened among them, and they have a tolerably correct understanding of independent church government.

While my dear Superintendent Montgomery was in Chicago, I did receive letters from many Christian friends in Wisconsin, in the hope that there also the Lord would open a door by which we might enter. This hope was not disappointed, and my soul has been filled with joy unspeakable, for I have never seen the power of the Holy Spirit so wonderfully manifest as during this journey. As I passed through the different counties, I preached once and twice daily, and visited from house to house. The people came eight and twelve miles to the meetings from the country all around, and listened with joy to the Word of God. The Spirit of the Lord was with us, and this much I know, that with not a few the Word of God will grow and bear fruit unto everlasting life.

Spiritual life among the four sects of Norwegian Lutherans in this country is crippled most deplorably. All spiritual life is being destroyed by teaching useless and speculative dogmas instead of the life in Christ. The state of things is so dark that Christian charity could not be at a lower ebb among any nominally Christian people. This being the case it is readily understood why we, the "Free-Church People" are watched with suspicion, and exposed to insinuating thrusts of doctrine. But these attacks will have no more effect on our cause than "a beating of the air," when as sons of peace we go out and pray for

our enemies and press them to our wounded hearts. Then the peace of heaven will flow down upon us, and our feet "will be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."

We need men in the Norwegian Church, who, consecrated to Christ and his cause, will kindle the torch of truth in this pitch-dark night of spiritual confusion. If this can be done, the Norwegian Church will rise in her power and stand as a city upon a hill. I seem to hear a heavenly echo in my soul that it *will* be done, and done through the missionary work already begun. Words fail to express my joy and gratitude to God for the American Home Missionary Society which in love has remembered my people. May God's blessing rest upon this Society!—*F. C. J.—Chicago, Ill.*

SELF-SUPPORT.

HERE endeth the dependence of this church upon the American Home Missionary Society! You have helped us four years—generously and willingly. You have helped us to our feet, and now we hope to fulfill your hopes and expectations by running worthily. The brethren say the A. H. M. S. has stood by us nobly; now we will stand by them, and give them the largest collection next year we have ever given.—*Rev. J. H. Williams, Kansas City, Mo.*

WE want to be put on your "Roll of Honor," and we think we deserve it. Our church closes its third year free from all debt, with pledges sufficient to secure ample support for the coming year without asking the Society for a dollar. The salary of the pastor has been raised to \$1,800, and the church has prospects of great usefulness for the year to come.—*Rev. G. M. Sanborne, Little Rock, Ark.*

It is my hope that the Society may not be called upon to aid this church again. We are struggling to take care of ourselves, and pay our own debts. We believe that the Lord will help those who try to help themselves. Last Sunday we had a precious day. Received into the church eleven new members, and expect to receive as many more at the next communion. We are rapidly getting into shape to do organized work here. We send you grateful acknowledgments for what you have done to keep this church from dying.—*Rev. J. S. Voorhees, Fresno, Cal.*

WHEN I sent for that "blank application," we thought we should need to use it. But when it came, I laid it before my church with the amount we had raised ourselves, and asked them whether we could not step out at a time like this, when Home Mission funds were so sorely needed elsewhere—step out, trusting in the Lord of hosts, from a dependent position to a position of self-support. They with one voice

responded, WE WILL TRY! God bless them richly and uphold them in it! We are going to "try." We will trust in the Lord, and throw our \$200 into your treasury. Will you at the Bible House plead with the Lord of the harvest for our success?—*Rev. Geo. H. Lee, Corvallis, Ore.*

In your published list of churches that have reached self-support the past year, no mention seems to be made of BAY SHORE, N. Y., date February 1st, 1887.—*Rev. J. W. Brooks, Brooklyn, N. Y.*

[This church asked the Society for \$400, from June, 1886, to June, 1887; but during the year it prospered more than had been counted on, and so, in February, when their pastor (Rev. Mr. Brooks) was called to another field, they decided that, with God's help, they would be self-sustaining. In April, Rev. C. W. King accepted a call to the pastorate, on a salary of \$1,200, and their present prosperity is on the increase. The last dollar of debt on the church was paid last December, and it is now on a good strong basis. The people, as well as these successful pastors, deserve great credit for their earnest efforts and hard work.]

HIS LAST CIGAR.—After service a young man who had become suddenly impressed with the blessedness of giving, came forward and asked if Puget Sound Academy was in need of any further help. I assured him that the work had only just commenced; that we *must have* another building before next fall in order to accommodate the young people who are asking for admission. "Then," said he, "I want to help a little. While listening to what New England people are willing to do, and the sacrifices they make to give, I have determined to give up the habit of *smoking*, and save the money used for that to do some good with. You may put me down for \$100 for the Academy, to be paid before next January." Should every professing Christian follow the example of this young man the work of the American Home Missionary Society would never be crippled for want of funds!—*Rev. C. C. Otis, Seattle, Wash. Ter.*

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The Church Builder, published in Kansas City, Mo., has started out to build a "New Olivet Congregational House of Worship," by devoting its subscriptions to that object. But it would seem that this valuable and most readable paper has been born into the kingdom at an opportune time and is building for the State of Missouri as well as for Olivet Church.

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

THAT MASSACHUSETTS WATCH seems to be fulfilling its mission. Through its instrumentality a devoted pastor and his wife in Dakota will, before another June meeting at Saratoga, be enabled to move from their damp, mouldy rooms under the church to a comfortable little parsonage above ground. In reply to recent inquiries as to the method of this transformation we would say, that all contributions sent to us for that Massachusetts "Parsonage Watch," are used for that special parsonage in Dakota. When the amount needed has been received the watch is presented to the missionary pastor for whom the parsonage has been built.

We have also on hand a CONNECTICUT WATCH, with the following request: "Let this watch be used to make a home for some faithful missionary pastor. If I had money to put into such a parsonage I would keep the watch, but it is a great pleasure to part with it, if it can be used in this way."

THE friends of Mrs. Drake, of Dakota, will be interested to learn of her safe arrival at her home on the frontier. A large company of children, accompanied by older members of the parish, gave her an enthusiastic welcome at the railroad station. Within twenty-four hours after her arrival this earnest worker was again in the home missionary harness attending to the various interests of their large field, over which, as "assistant pastor," she renders her husband constant and invaluable service.

BURDEN-BEARERS, THERE AND HERE.*

BY MRS. H. S. CASWELL.

AFTER an editorial experience of eighteen months, I have come to believe, that if each member of the Church of Christ were to take a turn at the editorial wheel of our home missionary machinery, there would not be known another backward movement in God's work through lack of men and means. For when you stand at this point, the whole wide field lies before you, and you are brought face to face with its actual condition. You cannot escape from the painful certainty that right here, within your reach, uncounted multitudes are going down with swift feet to eternal death.

With this weight upon the heart, you gladly come into communication with that devoted company, who, following their Master, have separated themselves from the world unto a baptism of self-sacrifice and suffering, that these lost may be saved, and that this grand, God-given inheritance—our country—may, by its own divine enlightenment,

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diffuse the true light to the ends of the earth. Through these 1,571 missionary pastors, you keep abreast of the work and, in a way, become identified with it. You enter with the laborer into that absolutely new field at the front; and with keen interest you seem to lend a hand at the upturning of the first, fresh sod. And when through his tireless effort, the reaping time is at hand, and a spiritual harvest is gathered, you are ready with a full heart to thank God and take courage. Indeed, unless you have a heart of stone, you find yourself many a morning on the mount with one dear Burden-Bearer, praising God for victory, and many a night in the valley of the shadows with another, who is trying to hold on to his trust in God in the darkness of apparent failure and discouragement. In this most helpful companionship, the shining words of Jesus, "He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it," mean more to you than they used to mean. You become conscious, through blessed messages which prove a daily tonic to your faith, that there is a depth of joy in divine service which is something more than happiness—it is *blessedness*. "This work," says one of the little company, "has its trials; but they are blessed trials. There can be no Christian manhood without trials."

Another tells you of persecution. He is a foreigner, and at work here among his own countrymen. "But these attacks," he exclaims, "will have no more effect on our cause than a beating of the air; for, as sons of peace, we will go out and pray for our enemies, and press them to our wounded hearts."

A missionary *wife* sends you greeting, and says: "The Lord is leading us so steadily, not by wonders or miracles, but to see our difficulties disappear one by one, while hope takes the place of discouragement, until it seems little less than the multiplying of the loaves and fishes before our eyes. The only *trouble* we have is, that we don't half trust him."

Now and then you get a glimpse of missionary experience behind the scenes. This from a young pastor: "When we came to this new field two years ago our worldly goods consisted of two trunks and eight dollars in cash. We borrowed a bedstead, and filled a tick with straw. We had two little cups and saucers, and one plate. Our house, with its unplastered walls was very open and rough. When the thermometer sank too low for comfort, we discussed the question whether we would better use our three sheets for their original purpose, or paste them over the cracks to keep out the wind. We decided to paste two of them over the cracks. One night the fire went out, and the thermometer went down to forty degrees below zero. We awoke to find our heads covered with frost. That morning, my dear young wife, a Boston girl, to whom privation was a new experience, took the saw and the nails, and helped me to repair the walls of our house.

Our pantry has often been very, very low. We have at times eaten the last mouthful of food in our possession; but the next has always been provided. One Saturday night, when we were out of flour, and I had but nine cents of money in the house, my wife said, 'With one cent more we could buy a loaf of bread.' The next morning I preached as usual, and while talking with the people after service a little fellow two years old ran away from his mother and dropped a penny into my hat. This meant to me God's gift of the needed loaf. At this time my wife and I often rode from twenty to forty miles in one day, over the prairie, working up this new field. Our evening meal was taken anywhere between nine and twelve o'clock at night. But this is only *one side*. Missionary life has its bright side and its many blessings. The heart-aches, the tears, the untold anxiety, shared with so many of God's seed-sowers, are all forgotten when we catch one glimpse of Him whom we love, and whom it is our delight to serve." Yes, friends, this is only one side, and a pretty dark side, and our brother's field was an exceptional one, even in a new country.

Now, concerning the Burden-Bearer at the front, by what law does an obligation rest upon *him* to go forth in the name of the Crucified One which does not with equal pressure rest upon *you* and upon *me*? Why are not you, why am not I, in his place to-day, in deadly conflict with the powers of evil, struggling to plant the banner of the Cross in a God-forsaken region, and standing manfully by it with painful hardship and heroic endurance until a permanent foothold can be obtained?

Why should *he* contend with unspeakable difficulties and dangers and opposition and persecution and defiance and chilling indifference to save our dear land for Christ?

Why should he and his wife and his little ones live in a house of sods or logs, or exceptionally ventilated boards, or make their home in a damp cellar under the church, or a treacherous tent on the prairie, with scant furnishings, few comforts and not one luxury?

And why should he risk his life by exposure to cold and hunger and miles of daily travel, often on foot, over a rough unsettled country, through debilitating heat, blistering cold and bewildering storms, while his brother and sister in the church drift aimlessly on in luxurious ease, with little thought and less care for the burning questions of the day concerning the kingdom of our Lord; and, instead of the glowing words of their first love—"Not I, but Christ"—saying but too plainly, by their self-indulgent lives, "Not Christ—but I."

One of these comfortable professors of the faith of the Cross, being hard pressed the other day, cried out, "But I must consider my health, my circumstances, my family, my prospects." Yes, and so he must, within certain limits; but our brother at the front had prospects and

family and health to consider, and *he* committed all these things, with himself, body and soul, into God's sure keeping, and begged the holy privilege of a position, however obscure or difficult, among the gospel seed-sowers.

Not every Christian soldier, however, is called to bear burdens at the front. A company, equally devoted, is stationed at *this* end of the line. God forgive us that its numbers are so small; and that the spiritual apathy of the many, lays such heavy burdens upon these faithful few! With sinking hearts they compare the munificence of our gifts to the world with the pitiful proportion cast into the treasury of the Lord. Yet with supreme faith in a divine Leader, they move steadily on, sustaining the brave workers at the front by their prayers, and inspiring them by their words of cheer, while doing their utmost to provide them with the necessary supplies, at what cost to many a faithful soul God only knows!

The story of one of these hidden ones has just come to me. Within ten years he has walked the city streets, with bare feet on the ice, for want of money to buy boots; he has denied himself necessary food that his wife and children might have his share of the meager supply. Yet, when this burden of extreme poverty is lifted, he hastens with a thankful heart to send out to that struggling home missionary church in Missouri a communion-service—and *a new one* at that. "These touches tell a story," says his friend, "which makes him seem like an angel compared with those, who, socially conspicuous, and spiritually dead, can be buried only by an Almighty hand."

And again the vital question confronts us: Why should the Burden-Bearer at *this* end of the line take upon himself a life of daily self-denial that he may use the "largest half" of his little all for the Lord's work? And by what law are you and I exempt from the same sacrifice?

[The closing words of this address, which furnish a significant illustration of the spirit of one "Burden-Bearer Here," have been already published, and may be obtained by application to the Society for Leaflet No. 40, "One Woman's View of Giving."]

A WORD FROM WISCONSIN.

I FEAR you will think from our long silence that we are all dead to the work, while the fact is, we have never before done as much work as in this past year, and never before raised as much money. Our treasurer reports \$1,368.95 as having passed through her hands to the various branches of home missionary work during the past eight months. The Lord has richly blessed us, and we go forward with renewed courage.—*Mrs. H. A. M.*

"O LOY AND GEE,"

OUR CHINESE MISSIONARIES.

O Loy has not been able to devote quite as much time to the evening school this winter as heretofore, though he has been in regular attendance. Since the close of our evening school for the summer vacation last year he has accepted no pay for his services, but has turned over all money sent to him for the benefit of the school—most of it to Gee, who has given his time and strength to the work. This was entirely voluntary, for both Gee and myself tried to persuade him to retain it.

We are deeply concerned over the condition of the Chinamen at Rock Springs. Gee has felt so anxious that he has been unable to get a proper amount of sleep, and his health is suffering in consequence. I understand there are now about seven hundred Chinese at that place. With the exception of a hundred or more professional gamblers, nearly all are employed in the coal mines, which are kept running day and night, doing from three to five days work per week. A large sum of money is paid these men each month, and Gee tells me that within a week after pay-day most of the money has passed from the hands of the miners into the pockets of the gamblers and keepers of opium jousts. And, as Gee says: "They are just so bad as can be, and no one to point the good way." Gee is at present in poor health. Should he regain his strength, I think it is quite likely that he may spend the summer vacation in mission work there.

We—Gee, O Loy and myself—have felt a great desire to assist your Society in paying that debt. Perhaps we may yet be able to do a little.—*Miss Annie E. Chapman, Salt Lake City, Utah.*

FROM A NEBRASKA LADY.

I WANT to tell you something about the home missionary church at Hay Springs, Neb. The pastor came here when he had to drive over one hundred miles from Valentine, the nearest railway station. Hay Springs was then a tent town. That was only two years ago. He built himself a sod-house, and began to hold services in a tent on the open prairie. After the tent had been blown down twice, they adjourned to a paint shop. September 8th, 1885, a church of nine members was formed. September 8th, 1886, a neat little church building was dedicated, practically free from debt, containing a \$150 organ, and other necessary furnishings. How is that for western push, assisted by eastern generosity?—for \$500 from the Church Building Society made the thing possible.

Beside the church that springs up in every town wherever there is a Christian family to give the thing a start, and a school-house to hold it in, there must be a Sunday-school; so God's people cannot be idle.

But there is another side. As soon as a town has the least start, the *saloon-tent* arrives, with its hoard of gamblers, bringing all sorts of crime in its train. These towns even yet are very much like "dime novel" towns, as one man expressed it. You can hear shooting almost any night, and many of the signs in the town are riddled with bullets, fired by the cow-boys.

And now a word about the settlers. There is the Bohemian settler, who lives in a half dug-out shanty, the like of which you never saw or imagined as a dwelling-place for a human being. There is also the restless mover, who is never contented in a settled, civilized community. The country here is getting too tame for him, and he is ever moving on beyond the railroads. But the majority of the people here come from Iowa or Southeastern Nebraska to seek their fortunes. Many of them are very poor. Why, I am looked upon as rich because I have enough to eat and wear! It would make your heart ache to see how many people there are here not half prepared for winter. A few words tell the whole story. A couple arrive in a new country, with their little ones and perhaps \$10 in money. They put up a sod-house, put a crop into the ground, dig a well, haul wood to town to buy their flour, live without meat, sugar, tea and clothes. Some one sells them a cow on trust, and they feed their team on prairie grass until the crops grow and furnish corn and hay. *They* have a good crop, and are all right. Sometimes the crop fails, and then follows the sad story of want and suffering so prevalent in a new country.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE late mails have been bringing the following question from our young people: "*Is there no longer a Young People's Department in The Home Missionary?*" A natural question, and we hasten to reply. In July, your corner, and in fact *all* the pages of the magazine, were claimed by the officers of the Society for the long, long report of the work of the year. In August you were crowded out again because of the many good things said at Saratoga, which the people who live in "Grown-up Land" wanted to read. We hope to go on our way through the remainder of the year without interruption.

LETTER No. 10.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS:—I believe I told you in the beginning of our correspondence that I make over 25,000 visits through these United States every month, besides a trip across the sea to Europe, Asia, Africa, China, Japan and Turkey, and always find myself quite at home with all true missionary people. During these visits I have noted with pleasure your efforts to answer my home missionary conundrums. You

will have no further questions about the Bohemians, because we have just published two very useful books upon this subject, which you can have by asking for "A Catechism, and Sunday-school Exercise, about the Bohemians." But do not throw aside your "thinking-caps," for I shall soon puzzle your young brains with a new list of questions about *other* home missionary matters. Only a few have been able to answer numbers 23, 24, 25 and 26; let this fact prove a source of comfort to the unsuccessful. The correct answers will be published next month; but for the benefit of those who "looked everywhere, and failed to find," let me give you a few bits of history.

More than 500 years ago, Bohemia had a king who was *blind*; his name was John. At this time Edward III. was King of England. His son, the Prince of Wales, was called the "Black Prince," because he wore a black armor. During a war between England and France, John, the blind king of Bohemia, took sides with France against England, and was killed by the "Black Prince," who then appropriated King John's crest, which was three ostrich feathers. From that time to this, the crest of the Prince of Wales has been three ostrich feathers. It seems strange, after all this, that the granddaughter of the blind king of Bohemia should have been prevailed upon to marry the son of the "Black Prince."

About 300 years later, after many terrible religious wars, Frederic and Elizabeth became King and Queen of Bohemia. Elizabeth was the daughter of James I. of England. This king and queen defended the Protestants, but were defeated, and had to fly for their lives. Sophia, the daughter of Queen Elizabeth, became afterward the mother of George I. of England. Queen Victoria is thus a lineal descendant of the Queen of Bohemia.

After the death of her husband, Queen Elizabeth found a refuge in Holland; but she had a hard time, and was frequently at a loss for the means of living.

Then came a century and a half of dreadful persecution; but the enemies of the truth could not kill the roots of the blessed gospel planted by John Huss and others. The suffering people used to hide their Bibles during the day-time in very curious places, and get together at night in the woods, or stables, or cellars, to read them.

My dear young people, if you and I and all our friends do not soon take some active measures to save our country, *we* shall be compelled to pass through similar experiences.—*Your friend, The Home Missionary.*

To a boy or girl who wants to help. Collect all the books which can be spared for a Sunday-school out West. Put them in a box and direct it to *The Home Missionary*, Bible House, New York City, with a letter telling us where the books come from.

QUESTIONS.

21. What is the name of that good Christian Bohemian who preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people in 1403?
22. Who will tell us something about him?
23. How long were the followers of this good man persecuted on account of their religious belief?
24. What king released them from this persecution?
25. What is the crest of the Prince of Wales? and where did England get that crest?
26. What connection has Queen Victoria with the Bohemians?
27. How many BOHEMIANS and POLES are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries are preaching it to them under Superintendent Schaufler's care?
28. How many GERMANS are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries are preaching it to them under Superintendent Albrecht's care?
29. How many SCANDINAVIANS are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries are preaching it to them under Superintendent Montgomery's care?
30. Why are there so many people in this country who never hear the gospel preached?

 JOHN HUSS.

JOHN HUSS was a Bohemian, born about 1369. His surname was derived from the place of his birth, Hussinetz, near Bavaria. He graduated from the University of Prague in 1393, afterward taught and lectured on philosophy and theology, and in 1402 was installed preacher in the Bethany chapel, which he had established ten years earlier. Huss became confessor to the queen, and the head of a party for reform in doctrine in the Romish Church. His preaching against the vices of the clergy aroused great opposition. He became rector of the university, and, on account of his trouble with the archbishop, there came to be warfare between the university and the cathedral. The pope supported the latter, and the archbishop caused two hundred of the works of Wyckliffe to be burned. Against this Huss protested, was accused of heresy and summoned to Rome. Advocates were sent to plead his cause but were not heard. He was condemned as a heretic and ordered to leave Prague, which he did. An outbreak followed; the friends of Huss were victorious; he returned to his chapel and preached more boldly than before against the corruptions of the church. Great strife followed. On account of his thus preaching and asserting the right of conscience he was again summoned to Rome, but

paid no attention to the order. Huss was once more condemned, and at the request of the king left Prague and went to his native town, but continued to preach in the cities, and after a time removed to the Castle of Cracowitz. In 1414 he was summoned before a council at Constance. Here he was met by a friendly greeting from the pope, and for some time was free to preach. On November 28th he was re-arrested, was imprisoned and treated with great injustice by his enemies. June 5th, 1415, he had his first hearing, which was renewed on the 7th, when various charges of heresy were made against him. He was commanded to retract these, but declined to do so. June 24th his books were burned, and on July 6th he received his sentence. He was taken out of the city, to a field, to be burned at the stake. After the fire was kindled he began to sing the "*Kyrie Edeison*," and continued singing until suffocated by the smoke and flame. His ashes were gathered and thrown into the Rhine, after which all traces of the fire were taken away so that no one knows the exact spot where he died. During his life he wrote one hundred and thirty-six different treatises.—*Jessie H. L.—Michigan.*

CAN YOU MAKE IT OUT ?

WHEN I was a child, we used to learn the Bible lessons by heart—verse after verse—whole chapters. And the good of it is, that when you learn things in that way, you remember them ; what you learn when young seems to *stick* by and is not forgotten. And they made us learn the order of the books of the Bible, so that when a book was referred to, we did not have to shuffle the leaves backward and forward, till we happened to hit upon it. We learned also the order in which they ought to be, because Job is one of the oldest books and Ezra and Nehemiah are two of the latest. And the prophets, those shorter books, were written in the times of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

Some Sunday, when you do not know just what to do, see if you can learn the names of the books in their order. Also perhaps by the dates, you will like to find out the order in which they ought to come. There are the long books, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel ; and the shorter ones, which they call the minor prophets. (If you don't know what minor means, look in the dictionary.)

Those men used to see visions. They would, in a sort of dream, see things which were to come in some future time, and some of the visions are very striking. There is one where the prophet seemed to see what is very familiar to us, and it is exactly as one might describe it, who stood at a distance and just beheld it ; and it is something which helps on Home Missions. The prophet knew about Home Missions for he preached to his own people, though he told them also about other nations. It looks

as if he saw in his vision, as we see things in our dreams, these things that make it easier to go from place to place, and to send what is needed for the work. I do not say positively that this was what was meant, because he was talking of another people. But it looks wonderfully like it. Can you from this, make out what is meant?—*Your friend, Esther.*

THE WORK AT HAND.—IV.

A Story for Girls.

BY MRS. LOUISA P. HOPKINS.

“Do the duty that lies nearest thee; the next will already have become plainer.”

THE BEGINNING OF A HOME MISSIONARY CHURCH.—The morning broke and scattered its inspiring light over the gray sea. As beautiful a light was shining in the hearts of the two girls who were planning a work for this neglected fishing village.

With a neat dress and other garments for Eliza Jane, and hats, jackets and trousers for their excellencies, the twin Things, Lucia and Anna bent their steps, at nine o'clock that morning, toward the house of the fisherman, Ezekiel Thing. As they drew near the little village they saw a crowd of children, bare-legged and hatless, playing in the mud or in the boats hauled up above the retreating tide. Larger boys were digging clams out on the black bottom of the flats and bringing them to the rocks where the girls were shelling them into pans by the heaps where they were dumped. There was much swearing among the almost naked swarm, and a very evident air of coarse vulgarity, which showed the low and rough surroundings to have become a part of their very natures. On seeing the visitors approach, Eliza Jane came forward a little, and the others stood up in an expectant attitude, but with some defiance of manner as she called out, “What yer got for me?”

“Come here,” said Lucia, “and you shall know;” but by this time the others had begun to laugh at her and push her rudely forward, and she refused to draw nearer. Then Anna and Lucia walked down into the midst of them and said, “We are going to have a nice company down here every Sunday morning and we came to invite you all to come. You shall see what pretty clean clothes we will bring you to wear to it. Now we want you to tell us of a room where we can have the company. Is there a house or a shop that nobody lives in here?”

“There’s one; Daddy Thurlow’s old shoe shop,” said one of the older boys, as he stood on the gunwale of a muddy boat with his sturdy form well-braced and his shaggy head lifted in a more manly fashion than belonged to his companions.

“Let’s go and see it!” said Lucia.

Now appeared a curious and unprecedented spectacle in this region;

twenty or thirty boys and girls led along the edge of the dirty street, on the river-margin, by two delicate girls absorbed in a pure purpose of love for them and their unblest homes! After a walk of a few rods they reached a small building of two rooms, one of which had three windows somewhat broken and partly boarded up. All was dust and desolation inside as they peered in. "Where is Mr. Thurlow?" said Anna. "Yer mean Daddy Thurlow, don't yer?" said one of the boys, "He lives in that house."

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WHITMAN COLLEGE.

THIS *young, remote and comparatively unknown college*, like many an older and stronger one, possesses a priceless history, including its heroic origin, its distinctive reason for being, and its hard struggle for continued existence and growth. It is an outcome of the action of the A. B. C. F. M. in sending to the Indians of the Upper Columbia basin, in 1836-38, the missionaries Whitman, Eells, Walker and Spaulding, and their equally faithful wives. It bears the name of one of them—the Christian martyr and patriot, Dr. Marcus Whitman—and was founded by another and still surviving member of that self-denying band—Rev. Dr. Cushing Eells. With such an origin, and with the motto, *Pro Christo et Patria*, springing up naturally out of its history, and with all Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon for its field of operations, its trustees and friends feel that a great duty would be left undone did they not appeal for aid to the Christian public in sympathy with the patriotic work of Dr. Whitman and the Christian deeds of the American Board and its missionaries.

In the editorial comments of *The Advance* of May 5th, 1887, are the following stirring words in the same direction:

"If our American colleges are indeed our American Westminster Abbey, wherein are enshrined in enduring and ever grateful memorial the names of so many of the noblest of American public benefactors, nothing could be more befitting than that Dr. Marcus Whitman, the original pathfinder of the Northern Rocky Mountain range, and through whose personal influence it was that that vast region of our real Northwest was saved to the Union, should have his memory perpetuated in the leading Christian college of that region, and also that it should be located near the old Whitman Mission grounds, where Dr. Whitman

and thirteen others were massacred by the Indians in 1847. If the value of his service, not only to the cause of Christian missions, but to the nation itself, were fully appreciated, it would seem an easy matter to gather funds nobly to endow this Whitman College.

“Mr. Gladstone, in a speech last week, alluding to his own great interest in American history, declared that the birth of the American State was of more interest than any other it was possible to study. ‘Whenever a youth, desirous of studying political history, consults me,’ he said, ‘respecting a course of study in political history, I always refer him to the early history of America.’ But the ‘early history of America’ has been, in its most essential respects, repeating itself in each new State, as the course of empire takes its way westward across the continent. And of all the great and resplendent lessons in political and social science which from first to last—from Harvard to Whitman—this history brings into view, none is more worthy of note than the vital and absolutely essential relation which the system of the Christian common school, culminating in the Christian college, bears to the life and safety and freedom and perpetuated prosperity of the State. In the same breath with the shout of Christian patriotism, Long live the State! must go up the cry, Long live the Christian college!”

President Anderson, of Whitman College, is expected east in September, and will set forth in his own way the claims of this most worthy and promising institution. We earnestly hope that the benevolent Christian public will give him a ready hearing and a generous response.

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,710 09
Connecticut, Harwinton.....	10 00
Massachusetts, Boston.....	1 00
Bridgewater, East.....	5 00
Brookfield, West.....	5 00
Enfield.....	20 00
Spencer.....	12 50
New York, Brooklyn.....	2 00
Warsaw.....	18 03
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	\$1,782 22

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$314 50
Connecticut, Norwich.....	50 00
Salsbury.....	32 23
District of Columbia, Washington, including April contribution, \$25.....	50 00
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	\$446 73

Woman's Fund for Foreign Work..... \$5,679 16

MISSIONARY BOXES.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.

2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.

3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.

4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise, as "fast freight," by railroad, taking *two* receipts from the Company.

5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of *freight* (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.

6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for *freight*, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in THE HOME MISSIONARY.

7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.

8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding *the name of the place from which it comes*.

9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a *list of contents* to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the *size* of each adult, and the *age and sex* of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.

10. *These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society.* It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

APPOINTMENTS IN JULY, 1887.

Not in commission last year.

Alden, Frederick, Vernon, Los Angeles, Cal.
 Blakeslee, Allen D., Wayzata, Minn.
 Buell, Lewin F., East Pharsalia, N. Y.
 Butler, Elias N., Blackmar and out-stations, Mich.
 Child, E. A., Red Jacket, Mich.
 Daley, Charles M., Willow Lake, East and West Spirit Lake, Dak.
 Drew, James B., St. Paul, Minn.
 Du Bois, Daniel G., New Rockford and out-stations, Dak.
 Foster, Festus, Kiowa, Kan.
 Hodder, A. W. H., Henrietta, N. Y.
 Lee, G. S., Osceola, N. Y.
 Morton, G., Harrisville, N. Y.
 Parsons, Robert, Rockwood, Mich.
 Peck, B. D., Madison, N. Y.
 Powelson, Alfred P., Tacoma, Wash. Ter.
 Sloate, Miss Hattie B., Teacher, Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Sutherland, John M., Bronson and Gilead, Mich.
 Tuttle, Henry W., West Greece, N. Y.
 Wheelock, Rufus A., Sherman, Tex.
 Woodhul, George H., Raymondville, N. Y.
 Zumberlake, Miss Kate, Teacher, Vinita, Ind. Ter.

Re-commissioned.

Ainslie, James S., Ogdensburg, N. Y.
 Bacon, Miles E., Arena, Logan, Cramer and Hodgman's stations, Dak.
 Baldwin, David J., Pierce, Neb.
 Barber, Leman N., Paradise, Magolia and Cherokee, Cal.
 Barker, Peleg, Royal Oak, Mich.
 Barnes, Orlando C., Parishville, N. Y.
 Bartlett, Dana W., St. Louis, Mo.
 Belsey, George, Lead City and Terraville, Dak.
 Billings, Charles S., Evangelist, Neb.
 Cadwalader, John, West Bangor, Penn.
 Cash, Elijah, Edgemont and Eagle Rock, Cal.
 Childs, Truman D., Fowler City, Montezuma and Crooked Creek, Kan.
 Clark, James B., Butte City, Mon.
 Coate, Henry, Morenci and Canandaigua, Mich.
 Corwin, Charles L., Auburn, Cal.
 Dean, Amos N., Cambridge, Neb.
 De Geer, W. W., Rockford, Mich.
 Doyle, Amos A., Sherman, Sumner and Newton Schoolhouse, Kan.
 Dyer, Miss Louisa M., Teacher, Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Eastman, Adelbert L., Provo and Lehi, Utah.

Eastman, Warren F., Rushville, Neb.
 Fisher, Samuel V. S., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Fletcher, Rufus W., Hart, Mich.
 Gilchrist, Howard H., Little River, Kan.
 Griffin, Miss Sally E., Teacher, Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Griffiths, Henry, Gloversville and Park, Neb.
 Hamlen, Chauncey L., Colliwood, O.
 Hancock, Joseph J., East Randolph, N. Y.
 Hetzler, Henry, Long Lake, Dak.
 Hoffman, Elisha A., Belden and out-station, O.
 Holt, Joseph W., Rosedale, White Settlement, Hay Lake, Grier's and Christie's Schoolhouse, Mich.
 Houston, Warren H., Macon, Alpine, Harmony and Hadley, Neb.
 Howard, John F., Chenango Forks, N. Y.
 Hughes, Benj. M., Shamokin, Penn.
 Hullinger, Frank W., Teacher, Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Jones, James V., Osage, Peterton and Reading, Kan.
 Keeler, John W., Columbus, N. Y.
 Kelley, Francis D., Helena, Mon.
 Killip, Robert, Crested Butte, Colo.
 King, John W., Eaton, Colo.
 McArthur, William W., Mentor and Maple Bay, Minn.
 McIntosh, David C., Breckenridge and Utica, Mo.
 McKee, James H., Little Valley, N. Y.
 Milligan, John A., Omaha, Neb.
 Morris, George, Port Costa and Crockett, Cal.
 Moses, Leonard H., Mapleton and Sterling, Minn.
 Music, Miss Emma G., Teacher, Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Newberry, Charles E., Stellacom and out-stations, Wash. Ter.
 Palmer, A. Burton, San Juan, Cal.
 Parker, Joseph H., Wichita, Kan.
 Pasco, Martin K., Little Falls, Minn.
 Phillips, Charles H., Cumings, Buxton and Upson, Kan.
 Platt, Luther H., Dover and Wakarusa Valley, Kan.
 Porter, T. Arthur, Farwell, Mich.
 Powell, Gregory J., Chadron and Flag Butte, Neb.
 Raukin, Adam L., South Vallejo, Cal.
 Redeff, Richard, Sherman, Cleon, Marilla and Wexford, Mich.
 Resner, Andrew, Herndon and Ludell, Kan.
 Richardson, Albert M., Tonganoxie and Kanwaka, Kan.
 Rogers, Enoch E., Paynesville and Calhoun Lake, Minn.
 Salazar, J. Pablo, San Rafael, Grants and Gallito, New Mex.

Schram, George A., Breckenridge, Minn.
 Scurr, William, Minden and White Rock, Mich.
 Shaver, Fred A., Hermosa, Dak.
 Sherwood, Nathan M., Jersey City, N. J.
 Smith, David O., Campbell, Neb.
 Strong, Jacob H., Clayton and Pacheco, Cal.
 Thalberg, H. L., Huron, Dak.
 Thome, James A., Ogalalla and Grant, Neb.
 Travers, Robert M., Ravenna, Neb.
 Tuck, Mark W., Wolverine and Rondo, Mich.

Van Antwerp, John, Alma, Mich.
 Van Auken, Chauncey F., Evangelist, Mich.
 Vetter, John, Eldon and out-stations, Mo.
 Weidman, Peter, Spring Creek, Nelson and vicinity, Neb.
 Wherland, James D., Riverdale, Mo.
 Wirt, David, Sykeston, Ontario and Towner, Dak.
 Wood, Abel S., Philadelphia, N. Y.
 Wood, Melvin C., Harrison, Mich.
 Worden, S. A., Oriskany Falls, N. Y.

RECEIPTS IN JULY, 1887.

MAINE—\$127.00.

Farmington, "A Widow's Investment,"
 by Rev. C. H. Pope..... \$50 00
 Portland, by G. F. Thurston..... 55 60
 Saco, First, by J. W. Littlefield..... 22 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$69.40.

Concord, First, by J. C. Thorne..... \$8 09
 Gilmanton, A. M. Eastman..... 1 40
 Manchester, C. B. Southworth..... 25 00
 Pelham, Mrs. E. W. Tyler, for Woman's
 Foreign fund..... 5 00
 Mrs. E. W. Tyler..... 10 00
 Rochester, Friends..... 20 00

VERMONT—\$358.79; of which Legacy,
 \$200.00.

Vermont Domestic Miss. Soc., by J. C.
 Emery, Treas..... \$25 00
 Barton Landing and Brownington, by
 J. D. R. Collins..... 9 94
 Burlington, Third Ch., by G. G. Benedict
 Castleton, mon. con., by Rev. G. P. By-
 ington..... 106 01
 Middlebury, Legacy of Mrs. M. M. Bar-
 rows, by H. R. Barrows, Ex'r, to
 const. Mrs. S. D. Lyman, Dea. L. C.
 Barrows, F. L. Barrows and C. B.
 Barton L. Ms..... 4 24
 200 00
 Proctor, Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. E. R.
 Mead..... 5 30
 Waterbury, by Rev. C. M. Sheldon..... 8 30

MASSACHUSETTS—\$2,550.69; of which
 Legacies, \$1,284.32.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B.
 Palmer, Treas., of which \$500 from A.
 E. Hildreth estate, annuity..... \$617 50
 Amesbury, by E. A. Goodwin..... 5 49
 Amherst, by Miss Bessie Fletcher..... 5 00
 By W. Hamlin..... 5 00
 Auburndale, Mrs. J. O. Means..... 10 00
 Bedford, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. W.
 G. Webber..... 25 00
 Boston, Maverick Ch. Branch Sunday-
 school, for Bohemian work, by Rev.
 E. B. Palmer..... 1 00
 Dighton, Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. W. B.
 Greene..... 17 50
 East Bridgewater, Ladies' Union Soc.,
 by P. M. Keith..... 3 60
 East Graubville, Y. P. S. C. E., by W.
 Griswold..... 3 57
 Enfield, Sunday-school classes of Mrs.
 J. E. and Mrs. I. S. Woods, for Children's
 Bohemian fund..... 20 00
 Goshen, by A. Hawks..... 10 09
 Greenfield, Legacy of Mrs. Eliza S.
 Grinnell, by James S. Grinnell..... 500 00
 Greenwich, H. M. Woods..... 5 00
 Hyde Park, by J. Elery Piper, special,
 by Rev. E. B. Palmer..... 19 25
 Longmeadow, T. P. Carleton..... 2 00
 North Acton, Sunday-school, by O. W.
 Dutton..... 12 00
 North Brookfield, Mrs. M. T. Reed..... 5 00
 Northfield, Mrs. A. M. D. Alexander, to
 const. Miss Mary T. Dutton a L. M.... 50 00

Oxford, oy O. F. Joslin..... \$30 00
 Revere, A Friend, by J. B. C..... 1 00
 Sheffield, by H. Dutcher..... 7 50
 Southboro, L. C. Newton..... 1 00
 Southbridge, Mrs. S. R. Douty..... 40
 Spencer, Cong. Sunday-school class No.
 26, by Mrs. S. A. Temple, for Children's
 Bohemian fund, by Rev. E. B.
 Palmer..... 12 50
 Springfield, from Estate of Francis A.
 Brewer, by Mary Adams Brewer, Ex. 400 00
 Stockbridge, A Friend..... 5 00
 Tewksbury, by E. Foster..... 44 00
 Uxbridge, Legacy of Mrs. A. H. Tucker,
 by J. Tatt, Ex..... 384 32
 Wakefield, by G. R. Morrison..... 67 35
 West Brookfield, Young People's Mis-
 sion Circle, for Children's Bohemian
 fund, by Rev. E. B. Palmer..... 5 00
 Worcester, Salem St. Cong. Ch., of
 which \$50 for contingent fund, to
 const. Rev. Isaac J. Lansing, Mrs.
 Ezra Sawyer, Moses Church and Chas.
 D. Parker L. Ms., by E. Tucker, Jr... 230 80

RHODE ISLAND—\$362.27; of which Leg-
 acy, \$50.87.

Central Falls, A Friend..... 25 00
 Newport, Remainder of Legacy of Mary
 A. Roberts, by Francis B. Peckham.. 50 87
 Pawtucket, by E. R. Bullock..... 267 52
 Saylesville, M. S. Harris..... 5 00
 Tiverton, Sunday-school, by A. E.
 Brown..... 13 83

CONNECTICUT—\$3,239.59; of which Leg-
 acies, \$2,050.00.

Miss. Soc. of Conn., by Rev. W. H.
 Moore, Sec..... 46 43
 Bristol, by H. Beckwith..... 75 00
 Canton Center, by W. G. Hallock..... 41 00
 Darien, W. M. Nash..... 1 00
 Fair Haven, by W. Hemingway..... 69 04
 Farmington, by F. C. Jones..... 73 15
 Hartford, Miss E. R. Hyde..... 2 00
 Harwinton, "Try in Earnest Club," by
 A. Gibbs, for Children's Bohemian
 fund..... 10 00
 Madison, on account of Legacy of G.
 M. Dowd, by W. S. Hull, Ex..... 50 60
 New Haven, Ch. of the Redeemer, bal.
 of colt., by J. B. Baldwin..... 83 25
 Miss K. A. Marvin..... 2 50
 "Our Country"..... 2 00
 Norwalk, First, by E. C. Bissell..... 80 00
 Norwich, Legacy of Mrs. H. B. Norton,
 by Miss E. F. Norton..... 1,000 00
 Broadway Ch., Dea. B. W. Tompkins,
 to const. Henry B. Norton, Amos
 W. Prentice and William P. Greene
 L. Ms., by S. B. Bishop, Treas..... 150 00
 A Friend, to const. Miss E. S. Gilman
 a L. M..... 50 00
 Putnam, Second, by H. N. Fenn..... 17 39
 Salisbury, by Rev. J. C. Goddard..... 125 26
 Ladies' H. M. Soc., for Woman's Dept.
 Saugatuck, by H. C. Woodworth..... 30 03
 Somers, by L. W. Percival..... 2 5

South Britain, by H. P. Downes.....	\$15 00
Southington, by I. F. Pratt.....	100 00
South Windsor, First, by C. J. Rockwell	21 78
Stafford Springs, by F. H. Spelman....	20 41
Washington, by T. N. Galpin.....	109 75
West Norfolk, A Friend.....	2 00
Westport, Legacy of Mrs. Eliza L. Wakeman, by L. P. Wakeman, Ex... 1,	000 00
Woodstock, First, in part to const. a L. M., by H. T. Child.....	27 85
NEW YORK —\$3,286.70; of which Legacy, \$280.42.	
Received by Rev. C. C. Creegan: Owego.....	\$21 00
[Erroneously acknowledged in July.]	
Received by Mrs. L. H. Cobb, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union, Fairport, Ladies' Aux., by J. E. Howard, to const. a L. M.....	50 00
Angola, by W. Woods.....	5 78
Brooklyn Union Ch., by E. E. Stewart.....	5 00
South Ch., by J. Crowell.....	125 00
Berrien Faith Sunday-school, by Rev. J. C. Young, special.....	10 00
Rev. S. W. Powell, for Bohemian work.....	2 00
Buffalo, by Rev. A. L. Smailey.....	5 00
Danaville, Dr. J. H. Jackson, by Mrs. C. A. Richardson.....	5 00
East Rockaway, by Rev. C. H. Bente....	17 59
Friendship, by Rev. M. Gaffney.....	6 50
Gloversville, Ch., \$200; Mrs. W. M. Place, \$100, by J. O. Karker.....	300 00
Greenbush, by Rev. D. C. McNair.....	11 00
Hopkinton, First, to const. Miss Grace Brush a L. M., by Rev. H. A. Ottman	83 00
Ithaca, by Rev. C. C. Creegan.....	56 47
Lockport, Cong. Sunday-school, by W. W. Trevor.....	75 00
Maine Village, by Rev. C. H. Kilmer....	17 40
Mt. Vernon, Mrs. M. C. Kellogg.....	30 00
New York City, Broadway Tabernacle Ch., L. C. Warner, \$300; C. N. Bliss, \$100; A. T. Hull, \$20.....	420 00
I. E. Smith, \$1,400; S. T. Gordon, \$250; W. H. Lum, \$12.50; Dea. J. G. Minor, \$10.....	1,672 50
North Evans, by Rev. A. Bigelow.....	24 88
North Java, by Rev. J. H. Mallows.....	5 00
Paris, by Rev. W. E. Mather.....	34 13
Parkville, by Rev. E. Beecher, D.D.....	5 00
Perry Center, Young People, by Mrs. J. W. Grush.....	3 00
Sinclairville, Cong. Sunday-school, by Rev. J. E. Tinker.....	10 00
Spencerport, Mrs. C. D. Dill.....	5 00
Warsaw, special, by W. A. Walker.....	18 03
Wellsville, Legacy of Mary S. White, by O. Harris Att'y for Ex's.....	280 42
West Brook, Plymouth Ch., by W. L. McClenon.....	4 00
NEW JERSEY —\$152.95.	
Chatham, by Rev. R. S. Stone.....	5 00
Jersey City, by Rev. N. M. Sherwood....	7 95
New Jersey, A Friend.....	100 00
Plainfield, Mission Band of Willing Workers, by J. H. Lapsley.....	40 00
PENNSYLVANIA —\$41.43.	
Alden, by Rev. D. I. Jones.....	3 00
Bangor, by Rev. J. Williams.....	5 00
Drifton, by Rev. J. F. Humphrey.....	5 00
Sunday-school class, by Mrs. J. F. Humphrey.....	1 20
Mt. Carmel, by Rev. D. D. Davies.....	12 00
Pittston, by Rev. H. J. Whitby.....	10 00
Pittston and Exeter, by Rev. S. B. Cooper.....	3 23
West Bangor, by Rev. J. Cadwalader..	2 00
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA —\$150.00.	
Washington, Ralph Dunning, by C. A. Boardman.....	125 00
Ladies' H. M. Soc. of First Ch., for Woman's fund for Missionary salaries.....	25 00

MARYLAND —\$6.00.	
Frostburg, by Rev. W. C. Jones.....	\$6 00
VIRGINIA —\$25.00.	
Buckner's Station, G. Clendon.....	25 00
NORTH CAROLINA —\$1.00.	
Wilmington, Miss A. E. Farrington....	1 00
ARKANSAS —\$5.00.	
Siloam Springs, by Rev. V. E. Loba....	5 00
FLORIDA —\$38.59.	
Interlachen, by Rev. J. McKean.....	5 00
Jacksonville, by Rev. S. F. Gale.....	28 50
Orange City, by Rev. S. V. McDuffee....	5 00
INDIAN TERRITORY —\$530.38.	
Caddo, Proceeds of sale of Ch. property, less amount of Loan paid Am. Cong. Union.....	521 38
Doaksville, by Rev. A. Gross.....	3 00
McAllister, by Rev. G. H. Brown.....	6 00
OHIO —\$282.90.	
Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser:	
Ashtabula, First.....	\$14 24
Canter.....	8 87
Grafton, by Rev. E. A. Hoffman.....	6 86
	29 97
Received by S. P. Churchill, Treas. Cleveland Bohemian Board, June:	
Cleveland, First.....	\$18 16
First, Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 25
Jennings Avenue Ch.....	16 00
Special.....	10 00
Painesville, Lake Erie Seminary Miss. Soc.....	20 90
Ohio W. H. M. U., special....	98 39
	166 61
Cleveland, by Rev. E. C. Scoville.....	3 50
Cortland and Hartford, by Rev. G. C. Jewell.....	13 44
Etnaville, by Rev. W. Lewis.....	12 00
Hamper, by Rev. H. A. N. Richards..	10 00
Painesville, First, by G. H. Higgins....	26 69
Randolph, W. J. Dickinson.....	10 00
Rollersville, \$2; West Millgrove, \$2.78, by Rev. J. C. Thompson.....	4 78
Troy, First, by J. W. Fox, Jr.....	6 00
INDIANA —\$36.52.	
Indianapolis, Female Cent Soc. of the Mayflower Cong. Ch., by Mrs. E. D. Grover.....	16 12
Kokomo, \$6; Liber, \$8.50; Westchester, \$3.40, by Rev. J. R. Preston.....	17 90
Macksville, by Rev. J. Hayes.....	2 50
MISSOURI —\$395.34.	
Brookfield, by A. M. Eastman.....	19 80
Cameron, by Rev. G. T. Holcombe..	15 88
Kansas City, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. H. C. Scotford.....	25 00
Kidder, by Rev. J. M. Bowers.....	15 30
La Grange, by Rev. J. Reuth.....	5 00
Lenhart, by Rev. C. M. Schwarzaer....	2 50
Republic, Birthday offerings from Sunday-school, by T. N. Merrill.....	3 86
St. Louis, Pilgrim Ch., by G. L. Day....	300 00
By Rev. F. C. Woodard.....	7 06
Neosho, Ladies, by Mrs. H. A. Brown, Treas. W. H. M. Soc.....	1 00
MICHIGAN —\$1,034.67; of which Legacy, \$500.00.	
Received by Rev. L. Warren:	
Solon.....	\$7 35
Tawas City.....	2 90
Union City, Dea. I. W. Clark..	100 00
Vermontville.....	5 00
Wheatland, Sunday-school....	6 75
	122 00
Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabbil, Treas. Woman's Home Miss. Union of Mich.:	

Addison.....	\$5 00
Allendale.....	10 00
Almont.....	5 00
Detroit, Ladies' Union, First Ch.	50 00
Greenville.....	17 58
Hudson.....	7 00
Laingsburg.....	11 85
Morenci.....	8 00
Olivet, Ladies' Aid Soc.....	20 00
Stauton.....	15 67
Vicksburg.....	15 00
Received by Rev. C. F. Van Anken: Churches and Individuals.....	\$164 50
Bangor, by Rev. A. B. Cochran.....	73 40
Benzonia, \$21.74; Homestead, \$4.52, by Rev. O. B. Waters.....	2 50
Canandaigua, \$9; Morenci, \$5, by Rev. H. Coate.....	26 26
Coldwater, Legacy of George H. Barber, by E. C. Barber and C. D. Wicker, Adm. Fulton, \$10; Maple Rapids, \$5, by Rev. W. H. Shannon.....	14 00
Galesburg, A Friend.....	500 00
Ithaca, Rev. A. H. Norris.....	15 00
\$4.35; Lexington, \$7; Michigan Center, \$3.87, by Rev. E. P. Stone.....	76 79
Mabistee, by Rev. C. G. Lundquist.....	10 00
Minden and White Rock, by Rev. W. Scurr.....	15 22
Ovid, by Rev. E. Hill.....	3 00
Vanderbilt and Berryville, by Rev. J. W. Kanagy.....	2 00
IOWA—\$281.07; of which Legacy, \$341.57.	2 50
Clinton, by Rev. G. E. Cristofferson.....	7 50
Des Moines, on account of Legacy of Mrs. Harriet L. Rollins, by S. A. Merrill, Adm.....	4 50
Plymouth Ch., by S. A. Merrill.....	241 57
La Motte, Mrs. E. A. Young and Mrs. A. McDole.....	30 00
MINNESOTA—\$702.50.	5 00
Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:	
Faribault.....	\$87 65
Lake City.....	21 57
Minneapolis, Plymouth Ch.....	60 00
Northfield, Friends.....	100 00
Zumbrota.....	9 77
	228 99
Received by Mrs. J. N. Cross, Treas. Minn. Woman's H. M. Soc.:	
Alexandria, Woman's H. M. Soc., add'l.....	50
Excelsior.....	11 30
Hancock.....	5 00
Hutchinson, by Mrs. Rideout.....	1 00
Minneapolis, Plymouth W. H. M. S., to const. Mrs. Elizabeth Gale a L. M.....	80 00
Plymouth, Y. H. M. S.....	18 50
Second, Ch. W. M. S.....	20 00
Open Door.....	11 42
New Richland.....	3 00
Springfield.....	1 35
	\$152 07
Ada, by Rev. S. Stone.....	381 06
Appleton, \$6.50; Graceville, \$5.10, by Rev. J. T. Marvin.....	7 00
Duluth, Pilgrim Ch., by Rev. E. M. Noyes.....	12 60
Hawley, by Rev. O. M. Smith.....	107 52
Minneapolis, by Rev. G. H. Cate.....	5 00
Montevideo, by Rev. R. P. Herrick.....	8 03
Rushford, by Rev. W. W. Snell.....	30 17
St. Cloud, First, by W. T. Clark.....	8 31
St. Paul, by Rev. J. H. Chandler.....	5 21
Plymouth Ch., by W. Burrows.....	44 50
Sherburne and Triumph, by Rev. E. Carter.....	38 00
Wadena and Verndale, by Rev. C. B. Fellows.....	4 50
Worthington, by Rev. D. Henderson.....	30 60
	20 00

KANSAS—\$323.86.	
Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.:	
Boston Mills, J. H. Hubbard.....	\$20 00
Fort Scott, First.....	11 00
Woman's Kan. H. M. Soc.....	50 00
	\$51 00
Arvonia, by W. J. Jeremy.....	5 70
Council Grove, by Rev. L. Armsby.....	3 00
Dial, \$3.51; Bloomfield, \$2.21, by Rev. F. G. McHenry.....	5 72
Douglass, by Rev. G. Marsh.....	13 75
Dover and Wakarusa, by Rev. L. H. Platt.....	7 00
Ellis, by Rev. C. E. Williams.....	10 00
Emporia, First, by J. F. Drake.....	128 61
Fowler City, Montezuma and Crooked Creek, by Rev. T. D. Childs.....	6 50
Linwood and Lenape, by Rev. J. W. Spring.....	2 50
Little River, by Rev. H. H. Gilchrist.....	3 75
McPherson, by Rev. H. D. Herr.....	8 07
North Topeka, by Rev. J. F. Bacon.....	33 70
Plum Creek, by Mrs. H. Cashman.....	1 56
Wakefield, by Rev. R. Kerr.....	8 00
Wellsville, by M. S. Parker.....	5 00
NEBRASKA—\$503.93.	
Received by Rev. J. L. Maile:	
Ashland, by F. H. Chickering.....	\$11 30
Columbus, by C. G. Hickok.....	1 00
Omaha, First, add'l, by J. E. Wilbur.....	194 00
First, by W. Fleming.....	25 00
St. Mary's Avenue, by E. A. Mills.....	6 00
Cherry Hill Ch., by Mrs. Maynard.....	1 50
Osceola, by J. M. Bonner.....	1 50
Received by Mrs. D. B. Perry:	
Lincoln.....	15 00
Monroe.....	2 00
Syracuse.....	10 00
	267 30
Received by Rev. C. S. Billings: Churches and Individuals.....	148 65
Campbell, by Rev. D. O. Smith.....	2 87
Crete, by Rev. J. Schaefer.....	5 44
Culbertson and Osborne, by Rev. J. Arnold.....	3 00
Glencoe, \$3.20; Dodge, \$1.90, by Rev. W. D. J. Stevenson.....	10 10
Greenwood, by Rev. H. A. French.....	20 00
Lakeside, by Rev. J. P. Sparrow.....	10 00
McCook, by Rev. W. Saess.....	7 55
Naponee, by Rev. W. Woolman.....	3 17
New Hope and Friedens, by Rev. G. Scheuerle.....	3 00
Princeton, by M. Peter.....	2 10
Scribner, by Rev. M. B. Harrison.....	12 00
Wahoo, by Rev. A. A. Cressman.....	3 75
Wymore, by Rev. J. V. Dimon.....	5 00
NORTH DAKOTA—\$122.76; of which Legacy, \$100.00.	
Cooperstown, \$4.67; Woman's Miss. Soc., \$3, by Rev. G. B. Frost.....	\$12 67
Dwight, Estate of Mrs. L. H. Porter, by Rev. S. F. Porter.....	100 00
Grand Forks, by Rev. A. L. Gillette.....	9 09
Sanborn, Mrs. J. W. Donaldson.....	1 00
SOUTH DAKOTA—\$68.79.	
Armour, by Rev. W. H. Thrall.....	\$2 57
Dover, by Rev. J. H. Gurney.....	4 81
Highmore, by Rev. R. C. Walton.....	5 29
Mitchell, by Rev. C. W. Wurrshmidt.....	5 25
Plankinton, by Rev. I. A. Shanton.....	6 00
Ree Heights, by Rev. G. J. Batey.....	5 41
Springfield, \$4.83; Running Water, 70 cts., by Rev. C. Secombe.....	5 58
Webster, by Rev. W. G. Dickinson.....	7 00
Willow Lake, by Rev. C. M. Daley.....	8 38
Yankton, W. H. M. S., \$16; Myron, W. H. M. S., \$25, by Mrs. C. G. Black.....	18 50

COLORADO—\$24.16.	
Longmont, First, by E. White.....	\$14 16
Maitou Springs, by Rev. E. J. Riggs...	10 00
WYOMING—\$4.00.	
Big Horn, Becton and Sheridan, by Rev. S. J. Jennings.....	\$4 00
UTAH—\$5.70.	
Park City, by Rev. I. R. Prior.....	\$2 70
Salt Lake City, Plymouth Sunday-school, by Miss A. Baker.....	3 00
CALIFORNIA—\$287.75.	
Berkeley, by Rev. W. F. Bickford.....	\$5 00
Fresno and Tulare, by Rev. J. C. Nagel.....	10 75
Mojave, by Rev. E. B. Howell.....	11 85
Oakland, a member of Plymouth Ave. Ch.....	200 00
Oceanside, by Rev. H. M. Daniels.....	3 00
San Bernardino, by Rev. J. D. Foster..	1 90
San Jose, by Rev. C. W. Hill.....	25 00
San Juan, by Rev. A. B. Palmer.....	12 50
Sierra Madre, by Rev. L. H. Frary.....	15 25
Sierra Valley, by Rev. E. S. Fairbrook..	2 50
OREGON—\$118.30.	
Astoria, by Rev. G. C. Hall.....	\$5 50
Corvallis, by Rev. G. H. Lee.....	5 00
East Portland, by Rev. D. Staver.....	21 35
Portland, Rev. G. H. Atchison, D.D.....	83 95
Mrs. M. A. Smith.....	2 50
WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$112.83.	
Endicott, \$10.75; Lexington, \$2.50, by Rev. N. F. Cobleigh.....	\$13 25
Ritzville, by Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D.D..	7 50
Ritzville and Endicott, by Rev. F. H. Fruits.....	2 50
Seattle, S. B. Vrooman.....	35 00
Sprague, by Rev. F. McConaughy.....	5 00
Tacoma, by Rev. B. Johanson.....	9 50
Whatcom, by Rev. J. Wolfe.....	7 25
	15,216 95
HOME MISSIONARY.....	32 77
	\$15,249 72

Donations of Clothing, etc.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Ladies of the Church of the Pilgrims, by Mrs. L. W. Allen, cash and clothing.....	\$786 00
Little Compton, R. I., Ladies' Sociable of United Ch., by Rev. W. D. Hart, barrel and freight.....	58 25
Middlefield, Ct., A Friend, bundle.	
New Haven, Ct., "Morris Cove Mission Circle," by Mrs. J. H. Morris, box and freight.....	33 38
Newport, R. I., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of United Ch., by Mary A. Pritchard, box and freight.....	136 21
New York City, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Broadway Tabernacle, one baby organ.	
William Abbott, bundle.	
Norwood, N. Y., Ladies' Soc., by Miss Mary F. Hale, box and freight.....	36 50
Scotland, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Rev. G. A. Bryan, barrel and freight..	31 02
Washington, D. C., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Lillian C. Whittlesey, barrel.....	105 00
Williamstown, Mass., Rev. J. Denison, bundle.	

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, in July, REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

Alford, by Rev. J. Jay Dana.....	\$6 30
Andover, Free Christian Ch., to const. Minnie C. Cole and Carrie A. Palmer L. Ms.....	84 10
In memoriam.....	30 00

Arlington, Orthodox, by Robt. A. Ware..	\$50 00
Bank Balance, Interest on.....	77 76
Bernardston, A thank offering, from Mr. J. F. C.....	3 00
By Henry Slate.....	11 50
Boston, C. & Co., for Mrs. M. E. Drake, Iroquois, Dak.....	15 00
Miss Carter.....	1 00
Dorchester, Second, by Miss E. Tolman	126 63
Dorchester, Village, by A. C. Hawes...	17 50
For Bohemian Fund.....	17 50
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Miss J. K. Wight, to const. Miss Mary Tucker a L. M.....	41 00
East, Maverick Ch., branch Sewing-school, for Bohemian work.....	1 00
Roxbury, Eliot, Mrs. Dr. Rufus Anderson, by A. McLean.....	5 00
West, Mrs. E. A. Kingsbury, by J. H. Guild.....	5 00
So. Evan, by J. H. Guild.....	52 42
South, Phillips, by C. J. Lincoln.....	100 00
Brighton, Cheerful Workers, for Mrs. M. E. Drake, Iroquois, Dak.....	20 00
Brookline, Harvard, by H. B. Eager.....	68 45
Cambridge, A. E. Hildreth Est., Annuity for A. H. M. S.....	500 00
Teacher.....	20 00
Centerville, Rev. Wm. Leonard.....	10 00
Chatham, by G. S. Atwood.....	7 25
Chelsea, A Friend, A., for Rev. Chas. L. McKesson, Parsons, Kan.....	5 00
B., for Rev. Chas. L. McKesson, Parsons, Kan.....	20 00
Central, by Azel Ames.....	10 40
Concord, Trin., by Thomas Todd.....	2 00
Boston, cont. for Rev. E. H. Stickney, Harvard, Dak.....	5 00
Dana, by Rev. J. G. Willis.....	1 50
Dedham, First, by C. Guild.....	177 36
England, Miss S. L. Ropes, by J. S. Ropes	10 00
Falmouth, First, by Rev. H. K. Craig....	11 66
Fitchburg, C. C., by Wm. K. Bailey.....	50 00
Gloucester, Evan., by Joseph O. Proctor.	50 00
Hampden Benev. Assoc., by Chas. Marsh, Tr.:.....	
Chicopee, Third.....	\$24 09
Holyoke, Second, to const. Mrs. Mary L. Chapin, Mrs. Ellen S. Clark and Mrs. S. W. Newton L. Ms. of the A. H. M. S.....	194 33
Huntington, Second.....	13 15
Longmeadow, East.....	58 00
Monson.....	30 83
Palmer, Second.....	59 00
Springfield, South.....	140 46
West, First.....	41 00
Park St.....	523 32
	1,074 88
Hardwick, Calvinistic, by Rev. C. M. Pierce	10 00
Haverhill, Center, by Ezra Kelly, to const. Harry E. Bean a L. M.....	100 00
West, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by H. S. Webster.....	17 50
Haydenville, by C. D. Waite.....	15 00
Heath, by Rev. B. B. Cutler.....	5 00
Hinsdale, by C. J. Kittredge.....	8 36
Hubbardston, by Alden Pollard.....	40 59
Hyde Park, by J. Ellery Piper, special, for No. Cheyenne, Dak., Mission Chapel...	19 25
Jessup, Fund, income of.....	150 00
Lawrence, South, by Dea. J. Y. Buzzell..	7 09
Lexington, Hancock, by Dea. Walter Baker.....	26 00
Medway, Village, by Rev. R. K. Harlow..	50 52
Milbury, First, by L. L. Whitney.....	41 30
Milton, First Evan., Two friends, by Rev. A. K. Teele.....	10 00
New Bedford, Trin., by R. G. Tobey.....	179 13
Newbury, First, mon. con. coll., by Rev. F. W. Sanborn.....	11 54
Newburyport, Belleville, add'l, by Rev. D. T. Fiske, D.D.....	5 00
Fourth, by Chas. A. Bliss.....	13 46
North, by J. B. Creasey.....	30 76
Newton, Eliot, by D. E. Snow.....	75 00

Mission Circle, by Mrs. E. C. Davis, for Children's Bohemian fund.....	\$10 00
Center, by Chas. H. Bennett.....	149 93
North Adams, First, by Wm. F. West....	64 44
Northampton, Edwards, Benev. Soc., by S. D. Drury.....	148 07
North Brookfield, First, by A. G. Stone..	100 00
Orleans, by Dea. J. Higgins.....	25 00
Pittsfield, First, by Frank W. Dutton....	125 00
Quincy, Point, by Geo. A. Sidelinger.....	5 20
Randolph, First, by Rev. J. C. Labaree...	229 24
Rockport, by Z. A. Appleton.....	17 57
Mrs. Eliza Whipple, by Rev. R. B. Howard.....	3 00
Shrewsbury, by L. N. Smith, to const. Rev. F. H. Allen a L. M.....	57 52
South Hadley, First, by L. M. Gaylord....	27 00
Spencer, Class 26 in S.S., by Mrs. S. A. Temple, for Rev. H. A. Schauflier's Bohemian work.....	12 50
Springfield, Thank-offering, First-fruits. Sterling, by Rev. John E. Dodge.....	22 00
Uxbridge, Evan., by W. W. Thayer.....	36 02
40 00	
Watertown, Phillips, by J. Q. A. Pierce...	134 08
Wellfleet, First, by Simeon Atwood & Co. West Brookfield, by C. T. Huntington....	21 30
26 65	
Young People's Mission Circle, for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	5 00
Westhampton, by A. D. Montague.....	26 00
Westport, Pacific Union S.S., by J. C. Macomber.....	2 68
Weymouth, South, Second, by Rev. H. C. Alvord.....	49 00
Whitin, J. C. fund, Income of.....	120 00
Whitman, A friend, to const. Jason Hersey a L. M. of A. H. M. S.....	50 00
Winchester, add'l, by Eugene Tappan....	20 00
Worcester, Piedmont, by Wm. Woodward.....	40 00
Plymouth, by Jonas White, to const. Rev. Chas. Wadsworth a L. M.....	140 00
	\$5,210 91
Home Missionary.....	3 00
	\$5,213 91

Errata—June No., page 79, column 1: for "Mills" read Mills. Against Springfield, South, for "\$157.40" read \$157.46.

Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss. Soc., in July.

Leominster, Ladies, by Gertrude H. Felton, 1 barrel.....	\$74 11
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Thomaston, by P. Darrow.....	\$26 60
Vernon, Rockville, First, by E. C. Chapman, \$150 of which from Dea. J. N. Stickney, to const. John K. Creveley, David I. Carson and Daniel F. Andrews, all of Rockville, Ct., L. Ms.....	243 43
Second, George Maxwell.....	100 00
Waterbury, Second, by B. G. Bryan.....	140 00
Windsor Locks, by J. H. Hayden.....	111 91
Wolcott, by S. L. Hotchkiss.....	8 00
Woman's Cong. H. M. Union of Connecticut, by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss.....	10 00
	\$1,950 26

Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society, in June and July, AARON B. MEAD, Treas.

Algonquin.....	\$2 00
Ashkum, Sen. and Junior Miss. Soc's....	1 90
Avon.....	11 27
Centralia, special.....	8 05
Chebanse.....	6 86
Chesterfield, special.....	37 06
Chicago, First.....	100 00
Plymouth.....	108 00
New England.....	41 64
Lincoln Park, Woman's Miss. Soc.....	45 85
South, W. H. Miss. Union.....	35 00
Lake View, special.....	10 75
Immanuel.....	5 00
Creston.....	12 00
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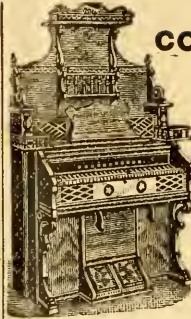
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It will be no holiday pastime for the friends of Home Missions to make good a whole summer's deficiencies, while supplying at the rate of \$1,000 a day the needful for carrying on the work that *must* be done. Our brethren in the ministry and the churches will easily see that they cannot too soon set on foot their measures for meeting this just claim. The borrowing process cannot honestly be carried on indefinitely; the missionaries cannot and must not wait long for what they have so nobly earned; the credit of the churches with business men must not be dishonored. There is but one way out; and that is, for the friends of the cause to make immediate and liberal provision for the payment of the debt incurred by their order, and for carrying on the work now in hand.

Special thanks are due to those who have cheerfully responded to our recent calls, as will be seen by a glance at the acknowledgments of receipts on the last pages of this issue. A good number of churches and individuals have given generously; several executors have hastened the payment of legacies; and the ever-ready old Massachusetts Auxiliary has come to the rescue with more than \$9,000. We are sure that many more, knowing the Society's need, will come to its aid as cheerfully and promptly. It is the Master's work, and they who love Him will count it a privilege to lend a hand in pushing it forward.

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While we ask that godly women will go forward with unabated zeal in these important branches of work, we beg to lay before them the urgent need of MONEY IN THE TREASURY with which to pay the faithful Home Missionary watchman his due. Do we need to tell wide-awake women, who have wise ways of their own, *how* they may help to lift this burden? A suggestion or two, however, may not come amiss.

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A MISSIONARY in Dakota found a family in which the mother and children had gone without butter nearly all summer, that it might be sold and thus money obtained to buy the husband and father a Bible to use in the Sunday-school of which he is the superintendent.

SUPR. DOE says of that little company in Indian Territory mentioned in the April *Home Missionary*. "It is really wonderful what that

little band is doing in their poverty. If our larger churches should become filled with the same spirit, you would need several assistants to handle the money."

THE wheat fields of summer did not approach the reapers, asking to be gathered, but the reapers went out and cut the harvest where it stood. The world will not come to the church to be saved; the church must go to it. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

A HOME MISSIONARY PASTOR in Kansas—whose people, living in the midst of the "burnt district" (burned by hot winds), have, by a great effort, put up a church building—writes: "Our funds are completely exhausted, and we are without seats, organ, or bell."

Another little home missionary church in Kansas is looking hopefully to the east for a "much-needed communion service."

THE GOSPEL ENGINE.—I used to work on the railroad, but ten years ago I got off my engine and went to preaching as an evangelist. I love this kind of work—"running extras"—for we make better time. The gospel engine beats them all for "pulling passengers." Do pray for us out here that we may all come into the Grand Central Depot above, bringing a long train, every coach crowded with souls won for Christ.—*A Home Missionary in Dakota.*

PAST REPAIR.—The last time I used my buggy, I had the pleasure of walking a part of the way home, and finally arrived at my own door with two wheels and a badly broken spring. The whole thing has been patched and repatched until my best friends say it is a useless expense to make any further repairs. With a small salary and a field peculiarly remote from all conveniences, things do look a little dark: yet I know that even here we are not forgotten.—*Dakota.*

[Here is a chance to plant good seed in Dakota by furnishing this home missionary with a "gospel buggy."]

NOTES.—Have just visited WORCESTER ACADEMY, Indian Territory. Find it in a flourishing condition, five teachers, a matron, and 120 pupils. The school is open to all classes, but is made up chiefly of Cherokee Indians. Some of them are very bright.—Looked in at ROGERS ACADEMY, ARKANSAS. It is said to be more prosperous than ever, having 238 pupils. The tuition has to be made very light, as the people in that section are both ignorant and poor.—Called at KIDDER INSTITUTE, MISSOURI. One hundred pupils; no endowment; but good work done. Such a school is of great value, and a great help to the denomination that sustains it.—*Traveler.*

GOOD INVESTMENTS.

BY REV. GEO. C. ADAMS.

MANY are looking for opportunities to invest money where it will bring the largest returns. Rates per cent have been diminishing until where we used to get eight and ten, we have to be contented with four or five. It is an interesting fact that returns on money invested in God's work are just as large as they ever were. Some who are afraid missionary money is being wasted, are refreshed occasionally by facts which show the results of its use. Very few investments of home missionary money have paid so well as those made in Missouri. . . . The A. H. M. S. appropriates \$16,500 to Missouri this year. The total reported benevolent contributions for the last year were \$40,046, or two and one-half times that amount. From the way the Society looks upon us, it is quite evident that they expect the day is not far distant when Missouri will be classed among the self-supporting states. During the last five years Kansas has increased in reported benevolence over \$5,000; Iowa over \$10,000; Nebraska over \$12,000, and Missouri almost \$16,000. It will be seen from these statements that, if we have only about twenty self-sustaining churches in the state, these are mostly very thoroughly self-sustaining. It is hard to find a state or territory where the investment of home missionary funds has brought forth such good and lasting results as here. For a few years yet we shall have to ask for more of such investments. We have a large number of churches in just that condition where a helping hand over a hard place means assured success and permanent strength. We have a band of faithful ministers; we are troubled with dead-beats, just as all new states are, and not much more than some of the eastern states. We have shared in the mistakes, as to men and methods, of the more northern states; but with them we have learned a better way. Better men, better methods, more consecration, more money, more faith. With these equipments we hope still to make a great return on all the funds and prayers invested — *The Advance*.

MISSOURI.

BY REV. F. B. DOE, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT.

MISSOURI was admitted to the Union in 1821, as a slave state, with an area of 67,000 square miles. In geographical position, in water-courses, in mineral resources, in soil and climate, she is unsurpassed; yet the growth for fifty years was slow. Under better auspices, the progress has been more marked the last twenty years. With the new civilization come intelligence and thrift.

Eastern Christians gave early attention to the religious welfare of the people. In 1812, the Massachusetts and Connecticut Missionary Societies sent Rev. John L. Schermerhorn and Rev. Samuel J. Mills to explore the territory. They labored a year, and sent encouraging reports East, of the future promise of this new region. In 1814, Mr. Mills was again sent out for twelve months, accompanied by Daniel Smith, a recent graduate of Andover Seminary. They reported: "The Missouri Territory is fast rising into importance. In St. Louis and its neighborhood, the call is extremely urgent for a clergyman." St. Louis then—1814—had two thousand souls, one-third of whom were Americans. There were other settlements in the lead mines and along the water-courses eager for Christian privileges. The reports of these brethren greatly interested New England Congregationalists, and awakened a missionary spirit.

Accordingly, Connecticut missionaries continued to traverse the wilds of Missouri under great disadvantages, and sometimes at the hazard of life. They started Sunday-schools, distributed Bibles and tracts, organized churches, visited the sick, buried the dead, and did all in their power to benefit the people of that new country. The first man to reside in Missouri as permanent missionary, was Rev. Salmon Giddings. He was ordained in Connecticut, December 20th, 1815, an evangelist, as the record reads, "with a view of going as a missionary to St. Louis and vicinity, in the Missouri Territory, west of the River Mississippi." Mr. Giddings proved a successful missionary till 1826, when he was settled as pastor of the First Presbyterian church in St. Louis, which he had previously formed. Rev. Timothy Flint also traveled along the Missouri River for a hundred miles as an itinerant missionary. He wrote to the *Panoplist*: "No missionary station in the United States can surpass this in interest. At no very distant day, it will, in human view, be central to the civilized population of North America." Rev. John Matthews and Rev. Edward Hollister were also commissioned by the Connecticut Society to labor in Missouri. Such was the interest shown by New England Congregationalists in doing pioneer missionary work, laying foundations on which others built.

In 1826, the American Home Missionary Society was formed, and in due time assumed the responsibility of this work. In 1850, the Society had thirty-three missionaries in the state, supported largely by New England contributions. Money was solicited and freely given by eastern Congregationalists to aid in building the first Presbyterian house of worship in St. Louis.

Not till 1841 was there a Congregational church formed in Missouri. This was in the valley of Arcadia, in the iron region. In 1838, Col. Cyrus Russell, with wife and nine children, from Somers, Conn., settled there. The following year came Augustus Pease and family, from the

same place. In 1840, Nathan Trumbull and family, from Monson, Mass., joined them. The ensuing year a church was formed, called "The Congregational Church of Arcadia"—the first of our order ever known in Missouri. It was a good little flock, but with unfriendly surroundings. For nine years out of the twelve of their existence, they depended on itinerant ministers for their preaching, but held regular services. The isolation of the church, and being in a slave state, made it quite impossible to secure a Congregational pastor from the East, so a Presbyterian minister was secured a part of the time, and then permanently; and the heroic little church died an involuntary death, and was buried in a neighboring Presbytery, where it remaineth to this present.

On the 14th of March, 1852, "The First Trinitarian Congregational Church of St. Louis" was constituted, with seventy-seven members, self-supporting from the first, and the first permanent church in the state, of our order. It was a spontaneous movement of laymen. In due time, Rev. Truman M. Post accepted the pastorate. An interesting revival followed, which added over thirty to the membership. This church had marked vicissitudes, various places of worship, hostile surroundings for some years, but kept patiently and steadily at its mission, and is now reaping the rewards. Not till seven years later was another church formed. This was the one beacon-light on the outposts of Pilgrim civilization. Not till 1865 did our New England institutions find much favor in this old slave state. In 1879, we counted seventy-one churches, with 3,371 members, and \$12,000 benevolent contributions. In 1886, we reported seventy-nine churches, 6,406 members, and \$40,000 benevolent contributions. Not a few of the churches gathered during the first decade after the war, with great expectations, have died. Still, the progress on the whole is substantial and gratifying. We now have twelve churches in St. Louis, with 2,500 members, and ten houses of worship. We also have five churches in Springfield, and four in Kansas City. So we may claim to have fairly won our way into Missouri at last, though at the cost of a long and severe struggle. In 1865, a General Association was formed, and early and vigorous efforts were made to provide facilities for Christian education in the state under the general auspices of these churches. As one result, **DRURY COLLEGE** stands out to view, luminous, the one commanding object of interest, with a growing constituency and an ever-widening field of influence. **KIDDER INSTITUTE**, in another part of the state, is in the same line, and has a work peculiarly its own in academic instruction. What has already been done is the best argument and incentive for greater things in the future. Missouri is now a free and prosperous state. We have an evident mission, as a denomination, in helping to make it as the "Garden of the Lord."

“A T E V E N I N G T I M E .”

BY REV. ZACHARY EDDY, D.D.

*“Strike when thou wilt the hour of rest,
But let my last days be my best.”*

My term of service as a missionary of the American Home Missionary Society is ended. I came to Atlanta, October 29th, 1884. During this period of two and a half years—say about two years of personal service—what has been accomplished? Nothing to boast of, but something which calls for thanksgiving. Soon after I commenced my labors, the little church then called the Piedmont Church, was reorganized under the name of the CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER. While we kept in view the church order established by the apostles, we copied very closely, in all details, after the Pilgrim Church, of St. Louis, which we regarded as a model church, especially for the West and South. We were the more inclined to do this, because we regarded that church as our mother church. But for the liberality of the lamented Dr. Goodell and the leading members of his flock, the “Church of the Redeemer” would never have come into existence. Beginning with about forty resident members, the majority of them young and poor in this world’s goods, we purchased an eligible central lot, and, in due time, erected the most beautiful chapel in the South. Liberally helped by northern friends, through the American Congregational Union, we dedicated the chapel, virtually free of debt, on Easter Sunday, 1886. Our church property, entirely unincumbered, is worth at least \$20,000 secured against alienation by the usual mortgage to the A. C. U.

Since I began my work in Atlanta, we have received ninety-five into the communion of the church; forty-two on confession of faith. Among those who have joined by letter, are seventeen Presbyterians, two Reformed (Dutch), thirteen Methodists, one Lutheran, one Christian; the rest, Congregationalists. We have lost four by death, and twenty by removal. Thus our losses have been heavy; but now we seem to have entered on a period of solid, permanent growth, many of our people having homes of their own, and the financial strength of the congregation being considerably increased. The morning congregations now fill the chapel; and we foresee the day when it will be necessary to build a commodious church edifice, for which the beautiful lot adjoining the chapel is waiting. The Sunday-school is in a healthy condition, and the prayer-meetings are well attended.

We have revealed to the southern people the real nature of the Congregational church order. They no longer confound us with Unitarians, Universalists, and other so-called “liberal” sects; but begin to understand that, while we are thoroughly evangelic, we are catholic in spirit and policy. Already a wide-spread interest touching our

church order is spreading through the state. Our northern friends must not be surprised if, during the next year, a considerable number of Congregational churches, composed mainly of southern Christians, should seek for the fellowship of our denomination. We are now regarded by all the evangelical churches of Atlanta as thoroughly identified with them in the work of city evangelization. We are no longer looked upon as "strangers and foreigners," but as "fellow-citizens." I must say, for myself, that during the half-century of my ministry, I have never received more kindly treatment than from the ministers of Atlanta. In my afflictions they have proved themselves true and generous friends.

The time is come when I must leave this lovely city and my own lovely "Church of the Redeemer." My impaired health demands a season of absolute rest. My heart has been too deeply wounded, and is too slow in healing, to bear any longer the burden of pastoral responsibility. After another Sabbath—a Communion Sabbath—I purpose to return to Detroit, and seek repose in the society of my children and children's children. Something I may be able to do for the Kingdom hereafter, but my pastoral life is ended. Would to God I had been more efficient in my long service! God forgive my shortcomings! Thanks to His name that I have been permitted, for more than half a century, to declare, though in weakness, the unsearchable riches of Christ!

AN ADDRESS.*

BY REV. GEO. M. SANBORNE, OF ARKANSAS.

FELLOW-WORKERS FOR THE MASTER.—I represent before you this afternoon, the least known and perhaps the most ridiculed state in the Union. Many think our people in Arkansas are semi-barbarians, their favorite implements the revolver and bowie-knife; that all arts are "lost arts" down there because never found, and the only appreciated music is *The Arkansas Traveler*; that the state is, in short, a Cave of Adullam without a David. Such ideas are wildly erroneous; nowhere can there be found a more honest, progressive people, a finer climate, more fertile soil, or a greater variety of products. The natural resources of Arkansas are not excelled by any sister state. With 26,000 square miles of timber lands above ground, a soil capable of producing an unsurpassed variety of crops, and a multitude of rapidly developing mines of various kinds underground, Arkansas is to stand in the forefront among the wealthy states. Let me mention some of the notable facts about Arkansas usually unknown. First, it is the only state the pronunciation of

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whose name has been legally fixed by special act of its legislature. Again we have two Saratogas ; Eureka Springs, up among the hills where refuge is found from the heat of the Sunny South, and where "the healing streams do flow"; and Hot Springs, the far-famed Southwestern Sanitarium—the American Bethesda.

Arkansas has more miles of navigable rivers than any other state, and to show you that the "schoolmaster is abroad" with us, let me tell you that we spend a larger proportion of our state revenue for the support of our public schools than does Massachusetts or any other state in the Union. Arkansas is a *strong temperance state*. Of her seventy-eight counties, over half are "dry"; by a triple method,—local option, power of county judge to refuse license, and the famous "Three mile Law,"—allowing women a practical ballot for or against the rum traffic,—we are rapidly driving King Alcohol on a double quick retreat beyond our borders. Last year fewer United States liquor licenses were issued for Arkansas—population considered—than for Maine, Iowa, or Kansas.

Across our state the tide of immigration is rolling. The new-comers are nearly all Americans. Few from the uneasy multitude crowding Castle Garden come to us. They are mostly from the North and East. I shake hands daily in Little Rock with some of your old neighbors. Calais, Maine, and Sitka, Alaska, are represented in my congregation ; men frozen out of Kansas, Illinois and New England come to us to get warm and make money. They invest capital, engage in business, and, when acclimated, make first-rate Arkansians. How are these northerners received, do you ask ? Not as warmly as twenty-five years ago, but the greeting is a great deal more fraternal. There is a new South, which, rising baptized by the blood of a hundred battle-fields, with the smoke of cannonades still clinging to her garments, extends a hand to her former foe in clasp of perpetual peace and good-will. Slavery is dead, and southern men heartily say amen to the fact of emancipation ; forty years ago, in my state a negro was in the eyes of the law real estate ; men who once upheld that law are glad it is no more, and that the black man is free. The South stands to-day at the parting of two ways ; she is breaking away from old forms of thought allied with slavery ; defeated in war she may conquer in peace. She is not content with the past, and knowing her golden age is before, she faces it. The southern Rip Van Winkle has awakened from a long nap, younger and stronger.

The proverbial southern sluggishness, if ever true, is a thing of the past. There is a stir of industrial activity all over the South, and in the work of developing its resources northern capital and enterprise is largely employed, always welcomed by representative southern people.

There is now a wonderful religious opportunity for us as a denomination. The old churches do not fully meet the needs of this changing community ; sectional feeling is stronger in them than in business or pro-

fessional circles, and more than any other one thing they aid in perpetuating sectional distrust. Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians keep sectional feeling alive by their very names and national connections. There are two so called Northern Methodist churches and two Southern Methodist churches in Little Rock, and alliance with either is an avowal of sectionalism. The New South has little respect for Mason and Dixon's line, and does not believe that sectionalism should be known in religious organizations. Here is our opportunity. The Congregational church is not sectional, it is progressive; knowing no North nor South, it believes in progress and growth; between it and the New South there is a strong affinity. Teaching applied Christianity; able to draw within its fold those of every name and faith and make them feel at home, our denomination is in hearty accord with the wide-awake spirit prevailing in the southern States. Our greatest hindrance is the lack of knowledge about our history, polity and doctrines. Talking one day with a Christian business man in Texas, he said: "I don't exactly know what the Congregational church is. Do you believe anything as the Mormons do?" A lady of Little Rock, calling on my wife lately, asked me some questions about the history of Congregationalism. In answering, I mentioned the Pilgrim Fathers. Her face brightened, and she said, "Oh, you are a branch of the Methodist church then, the Pilgrims were all Methodists, I believe." A friend recently visiting Hot Springs, asked a policeman one day where the Congregational church was to be found. "What do you mean?" was the response. "All the churches have congregations here." When understood, our church is liked in the South. "Yours is the denomination for the South, for it has States Rights in religion," was the indorsement of it once given to me by a keen-witted southern man. Our pastor at Eureka Springs, Ark., was the chaplain of the first regiment of Confederate Volunteers organized in New Orleans, and filled important charges in the Southern Methodist church. He is one of the most loyal Congregationalists I ever knew, for he believes it is the denomination best fitted by its genius and history for his loved Southland. Months ago, a minister from Mississippi with whom I had correspondence for some time came to me and desired admission to my church and to the Congregational ministry. A native of the South he had known nothing of our denomination until he found an account of it in a Cyclopaedia. He said that for thirteen years he had chafed in his ecclesiastical harness and often desired to organize an independent church on what he believed was a Biblical basis. To his surprise when he read of the Congregational church he found it was the ideal church for which he had yearned. He is now under this Society's commission, doing good work in Missouri.

We have now in Arkansas eight churches and two thriving academies. One of the academies is under the charge of Prof. J. W. Scroggs,

at Rogers, the other is located at Siloam Springs and is presided over by Prof. and Mrs. M. H. Copeland. The outlook for Rogers Academy is especially encouraging, 284 pupils being enrolled at its last term. The Arkansas Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers, which has just been organized, will greatly help and solidify our work. You have noticed that a mother prefers to talk of her own children; let me tell you about my work at Little Rock. The city is beautifully and centrally located; its population has swelled from 13,000 in 1880 to 30,000. Twenty years ago Milton Badger, one of the secretaries of this Society wrote to a man who is now my senior deacon, a letter which I have in my pocket, promising to send a minister to organize a Congregational church in Little Rock. No such church was founded, although a number of futile attempts were made, until three years ago, when the field was occupied by a missionary of this Society. At that time Superintendent Doe said in his annual report to this meeting, speaking of Little Rock: "There is no more difficult or important field prospectively in my district. I shall hold on there if possible." We have now passed the "if possible" stage of our work. Beginning May 1st, 1884, with sixteen members, not a dollar in the treasury, no church home, no wealthy members, we have now over one hundred members, property valued at \$10,000, and not one dollar of indebtedness. We are carrying on practically four Sunday-schools, and have assumed self-support, paying the pastor a salary of \$1,800. Mr. Doe says to you in his report this year that Little Rock furnishes the "most signal example of rapid progress" in his field. There is no reason why the work at Little Rock should not be duplicated in other leading towns in Arkansas. Half a dozen cities rapidly growing, should be entered at once. The door of emergency and opportunity is open now. The iron is hot, let us strike.

A few words in closing about our needs in carrying on our work. We need the continued blessing and presence of our divine Master. We need money. The appropriations of this Society and other Congregational societies have been very small for Arkansas. We do not blame you for it. The needs and opportunities of the field have not been known. Not until to-day has Arkansas ever had a representative to plead for her at one of your inspiring anniversary meetings. We need men. Not men who are chronic failures in ministerial work, but men of spiritual energy and consecrated common sense; men with the spirit of Xavier or of the Iowa Band; men who have light for the intellect, and dew for the heart. Last, not least, we need your hearty confidence and sympathy. Some of you have doubted our mission at the South; it has been said to me: "We are not wanted at the South, in Arkansas. Why force an entrance at such expense?" Let me answer. When did Congregationalism ever wait to be invited? When did it wait to hear man's voice saying, "Come ye," when God's voice said, "Go ye?" The Macedonian cry was an un-

voiced appeal. If not wanted, ye are needed; that fact should be invitation enough for Christians. The Congregational church was planted in the South before it was in New England. Jamestown was settled before Plymouth.

Some of you risked life to give the negro his freedom. Are we less loyal who seek to aid on the thought and spiritual emancipation of the New South? Triumphs for Christ in the South deserve as sincere doxologies of thanksgiving as do victories for Immanuel in the far West. In your gifts and prayers, fathers and brethren, I beg you to remember that this Society, in whose interests we meet to-day, should know no North nor South, no East nor West in its work. for it is in aim as in name the AMERICAN Home Missionary Society. Help us to pass through the gateway of present opportunity which God has flung open for us, and soon Arkansas will be annexed to Pilgrimage, fully under the dominion of the Lord Christ's regnant will.

AN OPPORTUNITY.

BY REV. GEO. E. ALBRECHT.

[THE following appeal from our late Superintendent Albrecht is heartily indorsed by Rev. C. O. Brown, pastor First Church, Dubuque, Ia.; Rev. T. O. Douglass, Sec'y Iowa H. M. Soc'y; Rev. A. L. Frisbie, pastor Plymouth Church, Des Moines, Ia., and Rev. J. C. Holbrook, first pastor of the American Congregational Church in Dubuque, Ia. We refer our readers to an article in the June *Home Missionary*, entitled, "Faithful over a Few Things," giving a graphic account of the struggles of this little church and the almost unequaled Christian heroism of its faithful pastor, from which we reprint one paragraph. "Through all these years (of painful toil) our brother has declined to accept home missionary aid, always saying that there were more needy ones than he to whom this aid could go; yet his church has never been able to give him more than \$300 salary, while he, personally, has earned the rest of his daily bread in other ways. Now he looks back over nearly twenty years of such work, and sees; not the angel form of his darling child; not the hours of menial service in the sick room; not the days of toil in carpentering and painting and blasting and hewing rocks; not the dark clouds that encompassed him during all these years; but A CHURCH respected by every one in the city; two hundred and fifty children and young people in Sunday-school, seventy-five to one hundred in the preaching services, the blessing of God resting upon his work so that there is no more room in the present building to contain it, and he says: 'If only we had the money we have saved the Home Missionary Society in the last eleven years to use for our church building!' Surely, Christian heroism is found not merely on the foreign field; many a hero fights a harder battle in our home work, in the very heart of our civilized land, than our beloved brethren across the waters. Whether this self-sacrificing sowing and toiling through these nineteen years shall spring up into a blessed fruitage of a larger and more influential work than ever before is for our churches to say, in giving or in withholding from our missionary societies the means for aiding such work."]

"As we therefore have opportunity let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." This is a scriptural command, an undisputed passage, believed by all who believe in the Bible, therefore a first-class basis for an appeal to Congregationalists of all schools and shades of interpretation. They all are desirous of obeying the Scriptures, therefore desirous to "do good" as they "have opportunity." Now here is an "an opportunity," and a rare one.

The German Congregational Church of Dubuque, Ia., has been brought providentially to the time where it must "lengthen its cords," where it must erect a new house of worship. They are "of the household of faith," they are needing our help, therefore they ought to be helped.

Dubuque is an influential city in Iowa and in the West. Always a city of importance, new railroads have made it a center for commerce and trade. Its rapid growth is assured. It has now, unfortunately for our project, a real estate "boom." About one-third of the population, numbering in all nearly 30,000, is German. Our German church, organized in 1867, has always held an important and respected position among the German, as well as among the native American citizens. Through more than nineteen years it has stood for truth, purity and temperance, although often ridiculed and persecuted. Heroically they have done their work, declining aid from the Home Missionary Society in order that other needy churches farther west might be aided. With such a spirit, it is no wonder that the work has grown. Twenty-two additions by profession during the last year to a membership of forty-three, an increase of nearly fifty per cent, speaks well for the spiritual work of the church. The Sunday-school, numbering 260, and a full house almost every Sabbath morning, while it is almost as difficult to reach the door of the church as it is to reach many a church steeple, proves plainly that it has a strong hold in the community. That they must have a new building, larger, more commodious, better situated in order to do the work which God is laying upon them, admits of no doubt. Not only the work of the future cannot be done in their present quarters, but much of the self-sacrifice of the past will be lost, if for some reason the plan of erecting a new and suitable building should fail. The sum of \$7,000 will scarcely suffice to cover the cost of the lot and the building. The church-members themselves are mostly poor, but they have already pledged such sums as will require genuine sacrifice for them to pay. The English-speaking church, seeing the need and the worth of this cause, are helping liberally; but they have been well taxed lately by improvements of their own house of worship. The German citizens will be called on for aid, and many of them will respond gladly; but too much cannot be expected from people who have no particular interest in the cause of Christ and in a church opposing some of their

chief practices. So, while the church and the citizens are expected to do their full share, we feel that the work cannot succeed without liberal help from the friends of our cause in Iowa and all through the land. Therefore, we appeal to all Congregationalists to use this "opportunity," set before us in the providence of God, to "do good" unto one of our "household of faith," whose past record shows that this help will be most worthily bestowed, and that it will be turned to excellent account in the Master's cause. This church, in this important city, with such elements of population as it has, and with its noble past record, must not be forsaken now in the hour of its need and opportunity. Their cause is our cause; their opportunity our opportunity. Let all gifts, large or small, be sent to Dr. L. H. Cobb, Secretary of the A. C. U., Bible House, New York, stating that they are for the German Church, in Dubuque, Ia., and thus the church will be enabled to do the work for which God has placed it in that city.

FRUIT. III.

DWELLERS ON THE HILLS.—You will be glad to hear we are just enjoying a revival of spiritual interest on this field. Some are under conviction, and have asked prayers in our meetings, while the members of the church are much moved, and have come together in the houses for prayer meetings. Last night at one of these meetings on one of the hills seven miles out from home, sixteen were present; of these, two unsaved asked an interest in prayer that God would give them a saving knowledge of the truth. Others were much impressed. The meeting was one of great spiritual power. My own heart was much refreshed, for this interest has shown itself quite suddenly. On a neighboring hill there are also signs of an awakening. Remember these dwellers on the hills. Many of them came here thirty years ago, and until Dr. Atkinson came among them casually about six years ago, were entirely destitute of religious instruction, and among these older settlers there remain many who are quite indifferent. But we have gathered a little fruit, and now there are signs of more. We expect an addition of two at the Home Church and four at the Hill Church at our next communion. I beg an interest in your prayers that the blessing already manifested may grow into a great revival.—*Rev. John M. Pamment, Washougal, Wash. Ter.*

HARDER BLOWS—I do not take much stock in the old adage that misery loves company, yet it did my heart good to read the "Notes from the Front," in the April *Home Missionary*, and I want to tell you so. That brother in Colorado expressed my feelings so completely that

I felt drawn towards him, and moved to ask God's blessing on him and his work. The wakeful nights, the heart-aches, the tears, the untold anxiety, are not all confined to *one* in this great conflict; if it were, the heart would break.

We are planning to build a parsonage and two churches on my field this season, and by the help of God we expect to be successful. The first settler came into this region eight years ago. I am the only gospel worker in this vicinity. I came one year ago. Some of the people were averse to having any minister come here; others looked upon the thing as an experiment of which I would soon sicken. Not one dreamed that we would ever find ourselves planning for a house of worship! But the Master's cause is gaining ground here, and as I write these words I cannot keep back the tears of joy, while my heart is filled with praise to God.

I am on the road a great deal of the time, and have more calls than I can possibly attend to. I feel that this work out here in Northern Michigan belongs to God, and that he will take care of it; and so in reference to the entire country; if we do our duty, he will do his part. More and stronger faith, harder blows for Christ and his cause and the right, are what we want. Pray for us—everybody.—*A Missionary in Northern Michigan.*

BY THE WAYSIDE.—Last Monday morning, while passing along on the street near my church, a man asked me to step into his store, and hear some good news. He told me that while at meeting the evening before he had surrendered himself to God, and would with his help from this time on live a Christian life. One year ago this very man kept a saloon, which was a terrible evil and temptation in the pathway of the young men in this part of our city. Oh, how I rejoiced with him, and for him! My heart was filled with praise.

As I went again upon the street, I met a young man who has led a sad life of sin, and who "never had any use for preachers," but would always speak all manner of evil against them falsely. To my surprise, he greeted me kindly. I told him the good news I had just learned of his neighbor, and plead with him to give his heart to the Lord Jesus Christ. He seemed touched, and asked me would I come into his store a few moments. When alone, he opened his heart and told me all his trouble. He had once been a Christian, but had got out of the narrow way, and had been traveling long, weary years in the broad way, without once entering a church door. He has promised to attend service next Sabbath, and bring his family.

A few of my young men are laboring in a protracted meeting at the Exposition Mills with fair success. One evening they had four conversions. These young men work hard all day in the factories and shops, and then go out and work for Jesus, walking five miles to the meeting.

I met them last night after eleven o'clock just coming home, wearied enough in body, but full of joy in the Master's service. I had been to see the engineer of one of our railroads, who came for me to go and see his fireman, who was lying sick, with no hope in Christ. I found the young man in deep trouble. Sitting down by his bedside, I led him to look away from his trouble and sickness, while I pointed him to the Lord Jesus Christ. He accepted the conditions of salvation, and I left him sweetly trusting.

This morning I preached the funeral sermon of a sweet little babe. Only three weeks ago the father of this child told me he was "too mean to be a church member." He seems broken-hearted now, and this may be the means through which our Heavenly Father will lead him back to himself.—*Rev. W. Shaw, Atlanta, Ga.*

THE "BALD KNOBBERS."

We have been having most troublesome times in our county of late. The members of the secret organization known as "Bald Knobbers" have been busy trying to enforce the law! With this end in view they have met from time to time in the woods after dark to decide upon future action. They have been known to go to homes at the dead of night, and take from their beds those who by act or testimony had opposed them in any way. This had been done so often that the settlers living south of us a few miles were in constant dread of these devils in human shape. The organization was secret and bound together under a fearful obligation or oath. Many who were members had joined without thought as to its ultimate aim. Others were members for self protection. Their work culminated a short time ago in a terrible murder. A number of the band met one dark night and after a full discussion of the matter, decided they would visit a family who had lately moved into our county from the north, whose outspoken condemnation of their course aroused their spite. About eighteen of the band made the raid. Surrounding the house in which the family resided, they entered from both sides, shooting down two of the young men, also striking the old gray-headed father with an ax and leaving him for dead. This last act roused the people to action. Twenty four of those thought to have been engaged in the murder were promptly arrested. These are held for the action of a special Grand Jury.

The jury are now in session. I was told this afternoon that they had already found 300 indictments, eighteen of these for murder in the first degree. This will now, we hope, put a stop to this dreadful work and counteract to some extent the influence they have had for evil.

Many young men who were in the organization, and were present on

the night of the murder, were led ignorantly to the crime for which they are now held. Among those under arrest is a preacher of — Church; several of them are church-members. The whole matter has caused quite a sensation. This trouble proves to us that this people need the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ preached to them. It is the only true remedy for ignorance and sin here in the country, as also in Chicago and other large cities of our land. May fellow-Christians of our churches feel their obligations to those who are at work on such fields. It is our glorious privilege to preach Christ to such, and if we live up to our calling in Christ, we *must* preach or send by our means a substitute. How can this better be done than by giving the needed means to the American Home Missionary Society, which will commission willing and earnest workers for such fields.—*J. D. Wherland, Ozark, Mo.*

EXPERIENCE INTERPRETING SCRIPTURE.

“The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee.”—2 Timothy, 4; 13.

MORE than thirty years ago, when in New York on my way to spend the winter attending lectures in Philadelphia, I staid with a cousin who was fitting for college to be a minister. Our talk was on Scripture, and I asked him to explain the meaning of the above passage. He could not and I remarked to him on the uselessness of this text in the Bible, not being quite able to reconcile it with the passage, “All Scripture . . . is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” After my visit I went to Philadelphia, the weather being delightfully warm. A day or two later there was a sudden change to cold, with high winds. Then I found out the meaning of the passage, for *my cloak was left at New York*. Shivering with chills, I wrote for the cloak. Thus exactly repeating St. Paul’s expression, and confessing that I had learned a lesson well. Now, after three decades, it is as fresh as ever, viz.: not to neglect the health of the body.

“By my God have I leaped over a wall.”—Psalms 18; 29.

This is a text that before 1873 seemed to me rather out of place in the Word of God. I do not think so now, as I cannot leap over a wall. While running down stairs in ’73, I caught my left boot-heel on the edge of a stone step, in the act of extending the limb, while my body was suspended in the air during the short interval of flight from one step to another. Instantly the *patella* was torn in twain across the middle. From that time to this, and so long as I live, I can never leap over a bar, much less a wall. This sudden and total disability has shed a wonderful light for me on the passage quoted above. Every time I walk about I have to keep the injured limb in mind, just as a mother does her babe

in her arms. I admire more and more the wonderful wisdom of God, who framed David's body so he could leap over a wall. How blessings brighten as they flee! Having lost the proper antagonism of my muscles, so that I cannot leap, or run fast enough to leap, having a limb which is not under the voluntary system of nerves, which is liable at any time to give out and break the other *patella*, as the history of such cases shows, having, when tired, an unnatural coldness of the limb, though the thermometer may be at 100 degrees, being liable to severe cramps from walking distances which before would not have troubled me at all (since this loss of power the limb does its work at the expenditure of unusual nerve force),—having now such constant reminders of my disability, I look with great interest when I see one climb a roof, jump a ditch, or leap a wall. I thank God for the lesson I have learned of his goodness in the formation of our bodies, and hope I shall never cavil at any passage of his Word, lest worse evils come upon me.—E. C.

COUNTER-ATTRACTIONS.

FROM SOUTH DAKOTA.—Many thanks for the kind interest taken in our effort here to stem the tide of intemperance.—The miners are delighted at the prospect of a reading-room and library. One man hearing of our project, immediately started an opposition room, offering as bait, progressive euchre, with other games, and dancing. It has fallen to the ground, the men refusing to have anything to do with it, but patiently awaiting the means and books for our own room. We have succeeded in renting a building until lately devoted to the *saloon* business, but closed on account of the temperance labors of our Finnish brethren. We are glad to get this place, as it seems like meeting the enemy on his own ground. We have been very busy fitting it up, cleaning—oh, how it needed it!—painting, papering, etc. There is a point it would be well for any brother to dwell upon, if contemplating missionary work on the frontier. He must be ready to put his hand to anything out here; painting, paper-hanging, carpentering, etc. Well, considering the work has been done by amateurs, we are very comfortably fixed. It has been amusing at times while engaged in fixing the place up, to see the door open and a man slink in, for our saloon at one time was largely patronized by the sly class, thinking the saloon still lived, only to shuffle out on finding the minister and a band of Good Templars present. The young men who will patronize this reading-room are miners, it is true; but in their ranks it would not be a difficult matter to find a score of graduates from some of our best colleges. They are men who want to live abreast of the times. It may be said, "Such men, if you have them, should provide their own intellectual food," to which we answer, "Give

them time." These men are in danger. Like the mariner of old they are being destroyed by the spell of the sirens. We want to strike a richer note that shall break the spell and prove a counter-attraction. We want to give them a place to which they can come and feel at home. When they get to value it they will keep it going.—*Rev. G. Belsey, Lead City, Dak.*

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL OF THE CENTRAL CHURCH, BROOKLYN, N. Y., have sent a generous contribution of valuable books to each of the home missionary reading-rooms, which in every case has called forth most grateful acknowledgment. From Portland, Oregon, we learn that these books were most gratefully received, and that the people are making the best use of them. They have organized an association, adopted a constitution, and elected a Board of Directors, so that the library will be under the best of management. It is in an excellent location in a growing community, with a great many young people. Any books and magazines sent to Rev. Daniel Staver, East Portland, Oregon, for this library, will be gratefully received.

FROM ARKANSAS.—We were hardly prepared for the bountiful gifts from our Brooklyn friends. Through the *March Home Missionary*, in its "Letter to the Young People," I was permitted to introduce our students to the kind donors in the midst of their lovely Christmas work for others. How every eye glistened as the touching story was read! Then an enthusiastic vote of thanks was offered to the Brooklyn Central Church Sunday-school for their most valuable contribution to the library of Siloam Springs Academy. I am especially grateful for this beautiful lesson of "forgetting number one in caring for number two." If our dear wealthy people in the East could see this field as we see it, the opening for doing Christ's work, the need of Christian workers and schools for training them, I know their hearts would be moved and there would be no lack of funds for "laying foundations."—*Mrs. M. H. Copeland, Siloam Springs.*

FROM COLORADO.—A few days ago a letter came announcing fifty-nine volumes on the way for our circulating library. In the prayer-meeting that evening there were shining faces after it was announced that an eastern friend had remembered us in this way. And a vote of thanks was promptly proposed and as promptly carried. So you will, please, in the name of our church thank the giver of those precious books. At present there seems to be considerable interest here in religious matters. May it continue to increase! The Home Missionary Society has many friends in this little western town. We expect to dedicate our new church in a few weeks. In my next report I hope to be able to say, "We dedicated a house in Julesburg, for the glory of God and the good of humanity." I pray that the Society and all its fingers may be alive to the needs of the hour.—*Rev. W. H. Bonnell, Julesburg.*

FROM TEXAS.—Through the liberality of friends in Congregational and temperance ranks, a number of papers, tracts and small books, in good condition have been received at my reading-room. I am very grateful to these friends. That a temperance and religious reading-room has long been needed here, there is no doubt; but the people have been too much afraid of the “rum power” to move in the matter. The parents have failed to realize its vital importance to the young. The times have been especially hard with us of late, but we have been enabled to sow liberally the seeds of religion and temperance, sowing early and late, and beside all waters, praying God to give the increase. We have not only established the reading-room, but in that same room we hold a Sunday-school and praise service every Sabbath. This reading-room is situated on one of the principal thoroughfares of the town, and in the midst of business houses, lumber yards, and flouring mills, half a mile distant from any church, and draws in many from the street corners and highways who rarely enter a church or Sunday-school. We should be grateful for further contributions to this room of interesting and standard works, by good authors, which will attract and elevate these young people.—*Rev. C. B. Martin, Weatherford.*

FROM NORTH DAKOTA.—Our reading-room in Dakota has opened a new channel into which the stream may run that hitherto has flown only toward the saloons. The young man in charge of it this year is a brand plucked from the burning, a Boston boy, who was both drinking and gambling when we found him. He is now a Christian. He and a companion of his, also from New England, have been radically changed, for which change the reading-room is I think in great measure responsible. Last year it was next door to a saloon. Now it has the very room occupied last year by the saloon. We made more of the reading-room last year than of the library. This year and hereafter the library will take the precedence.

A WARNING.—I have been in Dakota six years, where I have been trying to combine farming and preaching. I want to warn all who are called to preach the gospel to turn and flee away from any inducements held out to them to become entangled with the affairs of this life. I had some money ahead six years ago, and yielded to the temptation to put it into government lands and farming. It has thrown me into financial embarrassment that has been my daily torment and that has crippled me in mind and body. I have learned a lesson, and from this time on I will know nothing among my people save “Jesus Christ and him crucified.”—*A Pastor.*

THE FIRST CHURCH IN THE STATE.

A RED-LETTER day was the twenty-first day of November, 1886, and long will it be remembered by us. On that day we dedicated one of the neatest church buildings in the state of LOUISIANA. How many states can boast that their first church was dedicated without debt and without one cent of help from "the Church-Building Society." Now I'm going to tell you how it was done here. We did our best to build the church, but being small in numbers, and very poor, we found ourselves heavily in debt, and the day of dedication close at hand. Col. Shankland, of Iowa, comforted us by saying, "If we can only get a good day next Sunday at the dedication, I think we'll come out all right." Late Saturday night, having looked over the accounts with the church treasurer, I came home with a heavy heart, for the financial cloud hung over us black and threatening. Before retiring, I told the Lord my fears and anxieties, and was enabled to cast the burden upon him. It rained some during the night, but He who rules the winds and the clouds ordered that the day of our dedication should be all that we could desire as to weather. At half past ten o'clock we found ourselves listening to a grand discourse from Prof. Knapp, who emphasized his sermon by saying, "Put me down for fifty dollars to help pay for this church." Surely the war of sect is coming to an end, for Prof. Knapp is a good Methodist brother. That act worked like a charm, and immediately Rev. Mr. Scofield, "General Missionary" for Texas and Louisiana, was upon his feet urging all to give to the same object, until we were all filled with enthusiasm. Deacon Cary proposed that we raise the balance needed right there among ourselves. Then there was a race between the "Iowa colony" and the natives of Louisiana, to see who could bring in the biggest sum. The natives came out ahead. Mr. Herbert, a native, and a Romanist, living eighteen miles away, who had contributed twice before, said, with love beaming in his eyes, "Father Jones, put me down for twenty dollars more." The interest was now at boiling heat, and Brother Scofield asked, "Who will give ten dollars?" Mr. Cahn, a Hebrew from New Orleans, said, "Dr. Jones, put me down for ten dollars." We could not agree about the divinity of Christ, but in this matter of paying the church debt there was neither Jew nor Gentile. When Brother Scofield asked, "Who will give five dollars apiece?" the hands went up so fast that he had to cry out, "Hold on, there! Brother Jones is getting so excited that he can't write half your names. Come forward." And they did come until the last bill was provided for. This is from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

As with the little band who came up out of the captivity with Zerubabel, this struggling "Iowa colony" away down in Louisiana had the heart to work; and hence, with the blessing of God upon our efforts, *the first white Congregational church of Louisiana.*

And now we remember with gratitude the Pilgrim Church, St. Louis, who sent us a beautiful communion set and fifty dollars in money; Mrs. Otis, of Des Moines, Iowa, who sent us sixty dollars, which she collected among her own friends; the New Orleans friends for lamps, locks, and a Bible; Hon. J. B. Grinnell, of Iowa, for a fine bell. Our superintendent, Rev. Dr. Doe, said, "May this bell proclaim the gospel here for many years!" For other generous contributions we must thank the Sunday-school and church of Pierce City, Mo.; D. E. Sweet and L. S. Cuttings, of Minnesota, and Mr. C. T. Granger, of Iowa, and Prof. R. D. Jones. We have been greatly encouraged and strengthened by the aid and sympathy of our good superintendent, Rev. F. B. Doe. His wise counsel has been invaluable to us while organizing our church and struggling to build a temple unto the Lord God. It is now done, and we praise God from full hearts. May the Holy One visit his temple, and save souls.

We need more Congregational churches at the South; but they cannot be built without aid from the Congregational Union. We beg that while the heart of this Society is in sympathy with, and its eyes are wide open to the wants of the bleak and frosty Northwest, a bit of that same sympathy from the heart and a glance from those wide-open eyes may be extended to the many openings among the flowers and perpetual springs of the "sunny South."—*Rev. J. A. Jones, Jennings, La.*

A "HOME-MADE" NEWSPAPER.

The Church News, edited and published and printed by Rev. C. A. Mack, "in the interest of his little home missionary church at Glen Ullin, Dak., in particular, and the Kingdom of Christ in general," is placing useful information in the hands of his people, and arousing their enthusiasm in all church work. This bright little paper, shedding blessed rays of light at the front, has our best wishes. We share with our readers a few pioneer glimpses in the following extracts:

"Some of our zealous and ready members gathered at the church last Thursday, and gave the windows and floor a thorough cleaning."

"With pleasure we note a gain in promptness of attendance upon church services."

"Our merchants have declared their intention to sell no goods on Sunday. Good! Now let all order-loving people sustain them, and we shall have moved one step nearer civilization. Sabbath desecration is barbarous, and tends to barbarism."

"A fair number were in attendance at the first Sunday morning prayer-meeting."

"The Sunday-school has a few books as the beginning of a library. We all hope that the library will grow, and shall be glad of any help in the line of books suitable for a Sunday-school. Mrs. W. W. Clark has handed in one book."

"The 'Children of the Kingdom' is the pastor's class of catechumens."

“The ‘Daniel’s Band’ has not yet met this season. That work will be resumed after the ‘Children of the Kingdom’ are through with their term of twelve or fifteen lessons.”

“If we may not aspire to be the coming Church paper of North Dakota, we can at least rattle around in that niche until it is better filled.”

“EDITORIAL.—It must be admitted that all, whether church-members or only attendants upon the meetings, or neither, are interested in the support of the church. It would be a public calamity to have no Christian church in Glen Ullin. Public morals are better, property is worth more, life and property are more secure, because of the presence here of Christian churches. It is evident, therefore, that every resident of the town and vicinity, yes, every non-resident owner of property here, is under obligation to the church from a worldly standpoint; and business sagacity will lead each resident and each owner of property here to aid in maintaining a Christian church. There is no need, therefore, of any apology in offering to any person among us an opportunity to subscribe to the support of the church. It is further evident that there is a close connection between liberality in giving to church-support, and a healthy piety—a high tone of spirituality. Genuine Christianity devises liberal things. A Christian cannot grow in grace as he ought and be neglectful of his duty in giving. We ought, therefore, to cultivate the grace of giving. It does not become a person or a church to receive more aid than is needed. A healthy self-respect demands self-support to the limit of ability. Duty to ourselves, duty to other needy churches, and duty to the regions yet without a Christian church, demands that we help ourselves to the full extent of our ability, and approach self-support as rapidly as possible. Only as each one conscientiously gives all that he ought shall the church prosper, or shall we do our duty to others, or fulfill our obligation to Him who gave up all for us.”

A CONFESSION.—A pastor sat before the editorial desk, and, with Christian candor, said: “I confess I have never taken much stock in your stories about Home Missionaries *and their wives*, who actually help with their own hands in building churches and parsonages. But I’ve just come from Atlanta, Ga., where I found a genuine Home Missionary, with plane and saw and hammer well in hand, trying to enlarge his little church building to accommodate the crowds who failed to get into the meetings for want of room. When I left, he was painting the house, while his wife set the window-glass! This man preaches the pure gospel to crowds of ‘poor whites’ down there. He and his wife and children live among them, sharing with them food, clothing, and their small salary. Many of these have been brought to Christ already, and I have come here to say that such a man ought to have clothing sent him to use among those poor people, and money to finish a place of worship for them, and Christian literature to help feed their hungry souls!”

WOMAN’S DEPARTMENT.

RESIGNATION OF MRS. SHELTON.

At a stated meeting of the Executive Committee, on Wednesday, September 7th, a communication having been received from Mrs. H. M. Shelton, tendering the resignation of her office, it was unanimously

Resolved, That, in view of the low state of the treasury and of circumstances that make practicable a temporary retrenchment in the expenses of the Woman's Department of this Society, the resignation of Mrs. H. M. SHELTON, as Secretary of that Department, to take effect September 30th, be accepted.

Resolved, That this Committee express its grateful recognition of the untiring zeal and fidelity with which, for more than four years and a half, Mrs. SHELTON has fulfilled the duties of her office; of the marked progress which the Department has made under her care; of the bright prospects for future enlargement which cheer her as she lays down the work.

The Committee warmly reciprocate all that Mrs. SHELTON has said of "the invariable courtesy and kindness" that have made this association in Christian labor so pleasant from its beginning to its end. Her uniformly genial and cordial spirit will not soon pass from our memory, and cannot fail to win for her a warm place in the esteem of those with whom she may hereafter labor for the advancement of the cause of our Divine Redeemer—a work to which, in this country and on heathen ground, her active life has been so successfully devoted.

With all best wishes for her continued happiness and usefulness through years to come, the Committee cordially commend Mrs. SHELTON to the confidence and esteem of all Christian people, and to the eternal favor of our common Lord.

For the present, and until circumstances warrant the appointment of a successor of Mrs. SHELTON, communications concerning the Woman's Department may be addressed to the officers of the Society.

SIX POINTS

CONCERNING THE DAKOTA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

FIRST.—The scope of our work includes all the interests represented by our National Societies except the work in foreign lands, which is carried on by the A. B. C. F. M.

SECOND.—It includes many lines of Christian work in which *women* are especially active, and in which it seems to be her mount of opportunity to do vastly more than she is now doing to fill "basket and store" for the toilers in the field.

THIRD.—The churches of Dakota are feeble, and none know the struggles of the brave pioneers better than those who are in very new settlements. But as a habit of thought and of giving toward Christian interests on the part of the child is invaluable, so every dollar given by a feeble church is educating that church in a love that seeketh not its own, and which will result in that enlargement of heart which shall

make of this great and rich state one given to benevolence and deeds of love for the Master.

FOURTH.—The benefits of organization and united action have again and again been made evident by experience. And the parent National Societies express the wish that the woman's auxiliaries of every state shall send all funds to their state treasurer. The treasurer of our Territorial Union is Mrs. C. G. Black, Plankinton, Dak.

FIFTH.—Sewing societies, Aid societies, etc., can easily become auxiliaries of our Home Missionary Union; and mission bands for children are invaluable auxiliaries to our work.

SIXTH.—The president and secretary, acting as committee for "Plan of Work," recommend the system of WEEKLY CENT PLEDGES as one which promotes systematic, thoughtful and efficient giving. Blank pledges and other helps will be sent to the officers of any church or auxiliary on application to the vice-president of their association, who will be glad to aid in organizing new auxiliaries.

Let each association vice-president do what she can to bring the association collections up to the amount designated, each minister be induced to wake up the people by missionary sermons, and some live woman be appointed in each church to take pledges and make monthly or quarterly collections, and the result cannot be other than surprising and satisfactory.

Mrs. T. M. Hills, President.

Mrs. W. H. Thrall, Secretary.

MRS. JONES'S PICTURE.

BY MRS. WILLIAM KINCAID.

MRS. JONES, of Jonesville, did not quite like the state of things in their church. She was full of missionary zeal. Indeed, had you known her name before she became Mrs. Jones, you would have acknowledged her direct descent from missionary stock. What troubled Mrs. Jones? The women in the thriving Jonesville church, the only one in the pretty farming village, were well organized in missionary work. They had their pleasant monthly meetings, home and foreign, both well sustained, but the brethren and the children seemed, somehow, left out.

Here was a problem for this busy woman. All one drowsy summer day, while the children were at school, as she swept her rooms and churned her cream, she thought about it. She decided that the first step was a picture for the bare spot back of the superintendent's desk, in the Sunday-school room. It was a pleasant room, where the prayer-meetings and socials of the church were held; and it was strange no one had noticed how bare that place on the wall was. Mrs. Jones was

a prompt woman. She wrote to a friend in the city, and he painted it for her. It was not a landscape or a portrait; but on its blue ground, with its pretty oak frame, were these hieroglyphics, all in gold:

A. B. C. F. M.
A. H. M. S.
A. M. A.
A. C. U.
A. C. & Ed. Soc.
C. S. S. & Pub. Soc.
N. W. Ed. Com.

Next Sabbath it was put up. Were any of the church-members of Jonesville puzzled over it? Try it, as Mrs. Jones did, and see.

“And these words shall be upon thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up, and thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thine house and upon thy gates.”

The superintendent had in these letters a constant text. He was a good Congregationalist. These letters represented to him the work which his denomination was doing for the spread of the gospel over the face of the earth. He wished the children to understand them. He conferred with Mrs. Jones. The next teacher's meeting saw him ready with his plan. Thus far the Sunday-school had used their weekly collections for their own needs. They had gotten very little, for they had needed very little. Now the superintendent suggested that they might spare their collection once a month for the sake of the world. On this Sabbath, too, he gave fifteen minutes to the cause. How much can be accomplished in fifteen minutes! He drilled the children on the strange letters over and over again, until even the little tots of the infant class knew them by heart. Mrs. Jones always had the brightest news from the front in the work of all these Societies to suggest to the young men and women, who vied with each other in preparing these fifteen-minute programmes. What is the result? Missionary Sunday has come to be a great day in that church. The children like it; the young people plan for it with recitation, incident and song (all in fifteen minutes); the older people stay that Sunday, and the collection astonishes everybody. Said a friend to Mrs. Jones the other day, “Do you see how this new interest in saving the world is changing our young people?” And Mrs. Jones said softly, “Yes. There will be some missionaries here pretty soon, and many more who pray and give.”

When prayer-meeting night came, the letters were again discussed. They were in too conspicuous a place to be ignored.

"Let us," said the pastor to Mrs. Jones, "study the work of one Society every month." They did this for a year, and had a full-fledged missionary concert before they knew it. At the end of the year they were ready to call it by its right name, to appoint a gentleman and lady to arrange for every month, and to print a programme for the year. Now that the Societies, each in its own field, were understood, with Mrs. Jones's picture always before them for reference, they took a wider outlook, and discussed (for this was in 1887) such subjects as these: "Bishop Harrington, the Martyr of Uganda"; "Work among the Mormons"; "The China Inland Mission"; "The Indians of North America"; "History of the Madura Mission"; "Strategic Points in the Far West"; "The Story of the Sandwich Islands"; "The New South"; "Christianity in Fiji." Some excellent suggestions, too, were put upon the back of the printed programmes. "The concert to be held on the first prayer-meeting evening of each month." "The committee appointed to provide a programme for their respective evenings, engage as far as possible the younger members of the church in the exercises." "The programme to be placed beforehand in the hands of the pastor, who shall preside." "Brief, specific prayers to be a prominent feature of each evening." "A collection for missions will be taken at the close of each concert."

What would Mrs. Jones's plans, well carried out, do for our churches? With God's blessing, they would set the church on fire to save the world, even as the little brush heaps here and there, kindled by baby hands, will grow under a fanning breeze into the great conflagration.

A VOICE FROM FLORIDA.

As we are all learners one of another, and even the lowliest may bring the germ of a thought, we will tell how we have raised a small sum of money for the A. H. M. S. Although a home missionary church, we had a branch of the W. B. M. of eleven members organized very soon after we were gathered into a society. The second year doubled our membership. As some of our members felt that we ought to do more for Home Missions than simply through our annual contribution, it was proposed last April that a "*birthday box*" for Home Missions be prepared, and each member whose birthday came in the month of the meeting was to deposit an offering besides the monthly amount to the W. M. S.; so a box was made ready for those offerings. On opening this month we find five dollars as the result; another year we hope for still better results, although we are preparing to build a

church, and only by self-denial and sacrifice can this be done. But if "God and one make a majority," his blessing can so multiply our gifts that we shall be successful.—*Secretary.*

A SIGNIFICANT LETTER.

MY DEAR FRIEND.—I have been hoping that you would come in some Friday afternoon and visit my "Spanish Industrial." At no previous time of the Spanish work has the outlook been so encouraging as now. The Industrial has grown from twenty to sixty members, and I am now planning to begin another in Brooklyn early in the autumn. A Sunday-school has already grown out of our Industrial which promises to increase in numbers faster than teachers can be found for the classes, or than I can provide the seats for them.

We have had fourteen conversions during the year, and I now look forward to each Friday's meeting with delight rather than dread; for now we have those who have found Christ to be precious, and who so surround and aid us that we now each week expect new and precious experiences in seeing some coming from darkness to light.

An old lady of sixty-three and a "*Romanista*" who is very regular in her attendance remarked as she came in last week: "I was very ill three days and feared I could never be in this happy meeting again, but I found great comfort and peace in lifting my heart to God in prayer, and feared not to die without a priest near me, *having learned here that there is only one mediator, even Christ Jesus.*"

An intelligent Christian Cuban who was for some years a teacher in Mexico happened in three weeks since at one of our meetings. I asked him to give a short talk to the women, and he took for his subject the Bible. All listened attentively to what he said. Several *Romanistas* were present, one of whom became quite excited, and interrupted him, when he spoke of the Bible being kept from the people by the priests, with the exclamation, "They have a right to keep it sacred." A brisk discussion followed in which it was plainly seen that the speaker had the interest and sympathy of all. As they passed out that day one by one, I knew by the tearful eyes and trembling tones that many had on that day come to a decision for Christ. Since then there has been much eager questioning about the things of the Bible, and attentive interest that is delightful to see. That meeting was a test for many of the timid, fearful ones, for they plainly saw, "He that is not with me is against me."

The week following, another unexpected visitor was in, who early in life was one of the chancel boys of a Roman Catholic church, but who two years ago in one of the Cooper Institute meetings in this city found Christ. In a very earnest way he urged his countrywomen to study God's precious Word and obey it rather than the traditions of men, and

after reminding them of the privilege they had in meeting as they did each Friday for instruction in sewing and instruction in spiritual things urged all present who had not found Christ, to seek him. Soon after he left, one of the sweet singers, a city missionary, came, and as she sang "The Master is calling thee to-day," the hearts of several were thrilled, and one afterward remarked, "My heart could not resist those sweet tones *so full of tears*. I do wish to follow Christ, the Master."

Dear Mrs. Schaufler favored us with a visit one day. Her presence was a benediction, and after she left, we sang "*Al Cielo voy*," "To Heaven I go," and one exclaimed, "I wish to go that I may there meet that beautiful lady!"

Do you remember, a year ago, when speaking of this work, I said, "I can see hardly one step ahead," that you remarked, "It is His work and he can in ways of his own prosper it, even if you do not see." He has done so. The room, the assistant, the means for the past year were all provided. And now, although my treasury is empty, I am able to go on trustfully and confidently because of the past experience.

The Sunday-school, which began only one month ago with three little gypsy Spanish waifs who have only a box for me to sit upon when I call upon them—has now some very intelligent young men and women in a Bible class, and thirty others, of ages from ten to sixteen, have promised to come as soon as a teacher can be found for them. In this Sunday-school work I have an earnest helper in a converted Cuban, a teacher from Mexico, who has charge of the Bible class, and also the aid of a Spanish girl of twenty, who is a lovely Christian.

So you see, dear friend, I have reason to thank God and take courage, for I believe that earnest Christian helpers among the Spanish themselves are being raised up to push on His own work.—*Miss C. M. Strong, 127 E. 10th St., New York City.*

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE,

LETTER No. 11.

A BOHEMIAN PICNIC.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS:—I think you all like picnics. I notice the little eyes usually shine when you meet a company of children with well-filled baskets, bound for the grove, river or lake, to have a good time. Then you will like to hear about the picnic for the Bethlehem Bohemian Mission Sunday-school of Cleveland, Ohio. Thursday, July 28th. was the day fixed upon, and we went to Rocky River, over four hundred of us. I think the Bohemians enjoy picnics better even than

the Americans do. The fathers get a day off and leave the mills, the mothers shut up the houses, and the whole family, baby and all, go. The saloon-keeper's family, the grocer's family, the day-laborer's family, and, too, the rich and cultured from beautiful homes, who come as teachers Sabbath after Sabbath, are all there. We are taught to regard the Bethlehem picnic as a time for large missionary work. To many of the fathers and mothers it is the best chance of the year to hear about gospel truth, and see what Christian love is. Bethlehem means to them all that they know of God's truth and love. We had tickets for our picnic, for which the children paid ten cents, and grown folks twenty-five; and it made some of the small boys look very proud to bring a round silver dollar with which to buy tickets for the family. Up on the bluff at Rocky River we had a large grove with swings and hammocks, Lake Erie's blue waters lying out broad and clean and sparkling before us, the old oaks everywhere standing around us, and the fresh breeze playing through them. Below there were pavilions, and lemonade, and the beach. There were boats for rowing on the lake and very pretty river, and there was wading for the little folks and a whole out-of-doors world with all its room and the sky for a roof.

One boy, twenty-one years old, just wanted to lie under the trees and in the hammock and take it all in. With one iron foot and a very crooked back, he walks very lame everywhere except on the King's Highway. His father is a Bohemian carpet-weaver who drinks, and the home is a very poor one. Tom trundles along a cart with heavy rolls of carpeting often when he looks tired and sick. But a year and a half ago he gave his whole heart to the Lord Jesus. Last winter for weeks he was very sick, full of hard pain, and lying on a hard bed. But when asked how he was he would say, "I am happy." He likes to read, but they all make fun of him at home when he tries, and he has no time, besides. He loves the country and kind friends would send him there, only when his father is cross Tom can quiet him, so the mother is afraid to have him away. Do you wonder he was happy at the picnic?

Of course the small boys who could climb trees and swim like ducks, were happy, and they could be easily tempted with biscuit, meat, cake, blackberries and bright red plums. Then when they were eating, you could work a word in edgewise about their learning all they could in school, and minding their fathers and mothers at home, and never doubling up their fists, and speaking angry words to other children. You could talk to them about letting beer and tobacco alone and growing to be pure-hearted and clean-mouthed boys ready to serve the dear Lord. It was pleasant to see the fathers who spoke with an oath, after you talked about swearing, check it next time. The mothers were happy when you noticed their babies, and were ready to hear about be-

coming children of the Father in heaven. Mr. Schaufler, our Superintendent, had Bohemian papers and leaflets that he gave out, so the groups under the trees had something better to read than the story of the latest murder, in the penny press.

There were two young men at our picnic who have just come over from Bohemia. They are gentlemen and scholars, and are going to work for their people here, studying a year in Oberlin first. Mr. Schaufler's heart was made glad by meeting one young woman who said, "I know I am a sinner. I know Christ has forgiven my sins. I want to work for my people."

At four o'clock the happy groups gathered in the pavilion and had a good sing; singing "Beautiful Zion," "Jesus, Saviour, pilot me," "Close to Thee," and other hymns. By half-past seven we were back in the city, many in the tucked-up little homes, but I think with a warm spot in their hearts, and some good words that had been spoken by superintendent or teacher, resting in their minds. It was a great thing for them to have an outing in the fresh air, but a greater to hear of the One who is "chief among ten thousand," God over all, and yet "tempted in all points like as we are." Dear children, these people need your money and prayers, that they may learn many more things about the way of salvation, and fully enter in.—*From one who was there.*

DOESN'T WANT TO READ.

[CHILDREN, here is a letter from a man who doesn't want to read any more. What does he need? Write and tell me.—EDITOR.]

your Postal Red would like to know how I became A subscriber to the home missionary allso how you got my name and Adress I took it out of the Office once never meant to again but as we fetch each others Mail others whould fetch all adressed to Me I never Read but Part of the first Nombor—I was A Early Setter in Neb Know all I want to About Indians Dont want no Missionary work to inform me if I go to teach Indians I want to Do it with A rifle in My hand just as much respect for Mormans as indians you say if I Dont Prefer to subscribe A nother year to let you know I say I nver Did subscribe nor never Shall unless I see things Diferant to what I Do now.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

23. How long were the followers of John Huss persecuted on account of their religious belief?

A. One hundred and sixty years.—*H. M. C.—New York.*

24. What king released them from this persecution?

A. King Joseph II.—*W. G. B.—Pa.*

25. What is the crest of the Prince of Wales? and how did England get that crest?

A. Three ostrich feathers. The "Black Prince," who was the son of Edward III. of England, killed John, the blind King of Bohemia, and took his crest, which was three ostrich feathers. This has been the crest of the Prince of Wales ever since.—*W. S.—Mass.*

26. What connection has Queen Victoria with the Bohemians?

A. She is a lineal descendant of Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia.—*W. G. B.—Pa.*

27. How many BOHEMIANS and POLES are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries are preaching it to them under Superintendent Schaufler's care?

28. How many GERMANS are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries are preaching it to them under Superintendent Albrecht's care?

29. How many SCANDINAVIANS are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries are preaching it to them under Superintendent Montgomery's care?

30. Why are there so many people in this country who never hear the gospel preached?

A BOY'S LETTER FROM DAKOTA.

DEAR HOME MISSIONARY.—I hear that you want a letter from some Dakota boy or girl, so I thought I would tell you how our Sunday-school was started. It began at my house four years ago, and met there every Sunday for five months. Then we had to plaster, and couldn't have it there any longer. So then they met at a house a mile south of here. I forgot to say that there were fourteen scholars in all. In the winter we had to adjourn till the next spring. In about a year a school-house was built, and we were not sorry, I can tell you! When my folks came here about six years ago, there wasn't a church in sight, or a building, or hardly *anything*, except a sod shanty. Now and then we would see a team, and everybody would have to run to see who it was, and where it was going, and find out all about it, and a little more, if they could.

When we got the Sunday-school into the new school-house, we boys used to pick up coal on the railroad track to keep the house warm. Now we go to a regular church, and have a good fire to get warm by. Our Sunday-school is very large now, and is under the care of Rev. A. J. Drake and his wife, and I enjoy it very much. I belong to the Young Helpers' Society, a kind of Christian Association. Mrs. Drake

is the president. I live five and a half miles from Iroquois and three miles from Esmond. They are trying to build a Congregational church at Esmond now. Please excuse all my mistakes, as there are a great many.—*J. Harris II.—14 years old.*

THE WORK AT HAND.—V.

A Story for Girls.

BY MRS. LOUISA P. HOPKINS.

“Do the duty that lies nearest thee; the next will already have become plainer.”

THE BEGINNING OF A HOME MISSIONARY CHURCH.—Before they had time to knock, however, a woman opened the door. “What’s the matter? Anybody hurt?” she said. “No,” said Anna; “but we want to see Mr. Thurlow, who owns that little shop.” “Daddy, here, come to the door.” Soon the old man came, in his shirt-sleeves and hat, with his pipe in his mouth. It was afterward seen that all the men kept their hats on in the house as systematically as the boys went bare-headed out of doors. “What d’yer want o’ me, miss?” said Daddy. “We are going to have a Sunday-school down here, sir,” said Lucia, “and we are looking for a house to have it in. The boys said that this shop belonged to you, and we came to see if you would let it to us.”

“Well, well, there’s some good ’uns left in the town yet! I don’t believe you can get anybody down here to go to a Sunday-school though, nor even to look at one. These young ’uns is an awful bad set; but if yer can, yer welcome to my shop, though it needs a tremendous dredgin’ out. But I’ll help yer, and the old woman here, she’ll bale it out and scour it up, and it may be decent after a while. When yer goin’ to begin?”

“We shall have the Sunday-school next Sunday,” said Lucia, with her unflagging zeal pushing her to immediate accomplishment. “Can we go in and look at the room now?”

“Well, yes. I like to see yer decided; now’s as good a time as any to start. I’ll open it for yer.”

The shop was soon thrown open. The children had many of them dispersed, and the rest stood gaping in at the open door. A glance at the room showed the girls that it would be just the right place, and they at once accepted the old man’s offer to help them clean it. “We will be here,” said Anna, “to-morrow afternoon; and if you can get the worst of the dirt out before then, we will wash the windows and paper the room, and get seats and an organ for it, so as to be ready by Sunday to fill it with children.”

“Well, well,” said the old man, “good luck to yer and a prosperous v’yage! I never see gals so sot on anything but what they brought it

round. I'll have it all right, decks cleared and baggage stowed, by to-morrow."

"Thank you, sir," said the girls, warmly. "We did not expect to find any one so ready to help us, and so kind. It makes it quite easy for us."

"That's nothin'," said the old man. "I like to see anybody ready to take hold."

So, after a word of good-by to him, they walked back alone; for every child had now disappeared, while the old man and woman stood at the corner to watch them as they passed down the deserted street and drew near to the house before which the prince's-feather waved, and from the dim panes of whose windows peered George Washington and John Quincy Adams. Truly, a new thing was about to happen in the fishing village! For, while many a gay party every year rode through it to the beach, who could remember when one of the fair company had deigned to stop at its humble doors or speak to one of the rude and half-clad children that lolled or squatted along its muddy margin?

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,782 22
Massachusetts, Boston.....	17 50
Brookfield, West.....	5 00
Chelsea.....	1 00
M. H. M. Soc.....	10 00
Newton.....	10 00
Newton Center.....	20 00
Northfield.....	25 00
Spencer.....	12 50
Wisconsin, La Crosse.....	20 00
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	\$1,903 22

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$446 73
Colorado, Colorado Springs.....	25 00
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	\$471 73
Woman's Fund for Foreign Work.....	\$5,681 66

MISSIONARY BOXES.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.

2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.

3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.

4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise, as "fast freight," by railroad, taking *two* receipts from the Company.

5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of freight (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.

6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for freight, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in THE HOME MISSIONARY.

7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.

8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding the name of the place from which it comes.

9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a list of contents to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the size of each adult, and the age and sex of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.

10. These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society. It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

WOMAN'S STATE H. M. ORGANIZATIONS.

New Hampshire Female Cent Institution, org. 1805, Miss Annie A. McFarland, Concord, Sec.	Wisconsin, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1833, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead, Sec.
Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. 1872, Mrs. H. L. Chase, Minneapolis, Sec.	North Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Nov., 1883, Miss S. E. Judd, Fargo, Sec.
Nebraska Woman's Home Miss. Association, org. Oct., 1874, Mrs. E. H. Baker, Sutton, Sec.	South Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Sept., 1884, Mrs. W. H. Thrall, Armour, Sec.
Maine, Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, org. June, 1880, Mrs. Levi L. Paine, Bangor, Sec.	Connecticut, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Jan., 1885, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Hartford, Sec.
Michigan, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1881, Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lansing, Sec.	Missouri, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1885, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3100 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Sec.
Kansas, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1881, Mrs. Addison Blanchard, Topeka, Sec.	Illinois, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1885, Mrs. C. H. Tantor, Chicago, Sec.
Ohio, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1882, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin, Sec.	Iowa, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. June, 1886, Miss Ella Marsh, Grinnell, Sec.
New York, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. C. Creegan, Syracuse, Sec.	

APPOINTMENTS IN AUGUST, 1887.

Not in commission last year.

Allen, Abram B., Hannibal, Mo.
 Barnes, Miss Cora, McAllister, Ind. Ter.
 Cooper, John H., Addison, Mich.
 Countermine, John D., Albany, N. Y.
 Derrick, Columbus, Hillsboro and out-station, Or.
 Gibbons, W. C., Leadville, Colo.
 Gordan, Robert, Ransom and Prattville, Mich.
 Jones, William, Cusler City, Dak.
 Latham, Ernest R., Croton, Mich.
 Liggett, Miss Sallie A., Rogers, Ark.
 Mason, John R., Maybee and Raisinville, Mich.
 Morse, William B., West Kittitass and South Mountain, Wash. Ter.
 Todd, David E., Apopka, Clarkonia and Merrimack, Fla.
 Washburn, William S., Bon Homme, So. Dak.
 Weeks, Frank M., Bonne Terre, Mo.
 Williams, Miss R., Rogers, Ark.
 Wood, Charles F., Forest Grove, Or.
 Wright, Malan H., Port Sanilac and Carsonville, Mich.

Re-commissioned.

Allen, William C., East Tawas and Tawas City, Mich.
 Anderson, John S., Tacoma, W. Wash. Ter.
 Avery, Holly H., Alma, Kan.

Baker, Henry R., Janesville and New Richland, Minn.
 Balch, Frederic H., Hood River and East Hood River, Or.
 Beecher, Edward, D.D., Parkville, N. Y.
 Blomfield, Frank, West Branch, Mich.
 Bowman, David E., Eureka, Cal.
 Brown, Henry C., North Springfield, Mo.
 Colwell, Henry J., Grand Meadow, Minn.
 Cooper, James, Severy, Western Park and out-station, Kan.
 Cooper, Samuel B., West Pittston and Exeter, Pa.
 Crane, Henry C., Omaha, Neb.
 Dunham, Dwight, Howard, Rock Creek, Mound Branch, Game Creek and Fairview, Kan.
 Eaton, Danforth L., Freeport, Mich.
 Ellis, Walter M., Mayville and vicinity, No. Dak.
 Embleton, John S., Geuda Springs, Kan.
 Emerson, Fred. C., Lake Benton and Tyler, Minn.
 Fowler, William C., Livingston, Mon.
 Frame, Ezra E., Buffalo Gap, So. Dak.
 George, Norton R., Hill City, Edmond, Gettysburg and Lone Tree, Kan.
 Graf, John F., Springfield, Mo.
 Holcomb, Gilbert T., Evangelist in, Mo.
 Howell, James, Bala and vicinity, Kan.
 Jones, John A., New York Landing, Nortonville and Summerville, Cal.
 Kellogg, Joseph F., Tyrone, Mich.

Lippard, James H., Cheney, Kan.
 Liston, Robert T., Beuson, Ariz.
 McCracken, William, Sharpsburg, Penn.
 McKesson, Charles L., Parsons and Saïem Station, Kan.
 Markham, Reuben F., Kirwin, Liberty and Gray school-house, Kan.
 Marvin, John T., Appleton and Silver Grove, Minn.
 Minnis, Thomas W., Wichita, Kan.
 Myers, Hiram, Maize and Colwich, Kan.
 Palmer, Oscar A., Dowus, Kan.
 Pierce, Daniel H., Vienna and out-stations, Mich.
 Pinch, Pearse, Newton, Kan.
 Peregrine, Philip K., Custer and Salem, Minn.
 Quafic, Robert, Gen. Miss. and Evangelist in Ohio.
 Scroggs, Miss Ella W., Rogers, Ark.
 Scroggs, Joseph W., Rogers, Ark.
 Singer, Edwin J., Ritzville and Pasco Junction, E. Wash. Ter.

Skinner, Edward, Blue Rapids and Marshall Co., Kan.
 Smith, James M., Hancock and Lake Emily, Minn.
 Smith, L. Adams, Cella and vicinity, Kan.
 Tade, Ewig O., Coney Island, N. Y.
 Taylor, David F., Bidwell, Cedarville and Lake City, Cal.
 Thayer, Henry E., Denver, Colo.
 Todd, John W., Barnevill, Minn.
 Fomlin, David R., Gen. Miss. and Evangelist in Ohio.
 Trimble, George W., Tipton and Alida, Cal.
 Waterman, Alfred T., Ouekama, Mich.
 Webb, Miss Mary G., Rogers, Ark.
 Webster, Asher C., Orion and out-stations, Mich.
 Wikoff, Harry H., Sonoma and out-station, Cal.
 Wilcox, Warren P., Ada and East Paris, Mich.
 Williams, Clinton E., Ellis, Kan.
 Wright, Reuben B., South Pueblo and Bessemer, Colo.

RECEIPTS IN AUGUST, 1887.

MAINE—\$101.99.

Freeport, First, by C. W. Longren..... \$18 64
 Gorham, by Rev. J. Ridou..... 33 79
 Hampden, First Cong. Sunday-school, by Rev. S. D. Towne..... 10 00
 Limerick, by Rev. T. S. Perry..... 12 06
 Wells, B. Maxwell..... 27 50

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$237.40.

Received by Hon. L. D. Stevens,
 Treas. N. H. M. Soc.:
 Henniker..... \$83 40
 Milton..... 15 09
 Pelham..... 50 00
 Penacook, Mrs. A. W. Fiske.. 7 00
 Claremont, Mrs. Washburn's Sunday-school class..... 6 00
 Gorham, Rev. G. F. Wright..... 1 00
 Lyme, by Rev. E. B. Butler..... 49 00
 Manchester, A Friend..... 35 00

VERMONT—\$185.32.

Chelsea, by Mrs. W. P. Townsend..... 8 23
 Manchester, Ch. \$61.34; S. G. Cone, \$30. 91 34
 North Springfield, A Friend..... 1 00
 St. Johnsbury, North Ch., by W. C. Tyler..... 51 00
 South Hero, by T. J. Harris..... 8 25
 Wallingford, Two Friends..... 2 50
 Westminster West, by H. H. Thompson. 3 00
 White River Junction, Mrs. C. H. Latham..... 20 00

MASSACHUSETTS—\$10,119.20; of which Legacy, \$460.58.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas., \$9,045; of which from First Cong. Sunday-school, East Hampton, Mass., \$45; Special for Indian Missions, \$4.99; for Bohemian fund, \$10..... 9,059 99
 Agawam, A Lady..... 2 00
 Becket, W. F. A. Sill, to const. two L. Ms..... 100 00
 Fall River, The Donor..... 10 00
 Fitchburg, Mrs. John Lowe, by Rev. J. Wood..... 6 00
 Longmeadow, T. P. Carleton..... 2 00
 Ludlow, Ladies of the Union Ch., by Mrs. J. E. Stevens..... 25 00
 Newburyport, Remainder of Legacy of Mrs. Susan B. Adams, by L. Dame, Ex..... 460 58
 Newton Center, The Maria Furber Miss.

Soc. of the Cong. Ch., for Children's Bohemian fund, by Miss Clara Hobart.. 20 00
 North Abington, Rev. C. Jones..... 1 00
 Pittsfield, Mrs. P. Allen..... 50 00
 Miss E. Campbell..... 25 00
 Mrs. Mary S. B. Todd..... 10 00
 South Egremont, by A. M. Smith..... 17 11
 South Whitinsville, add'l, by E. Whiton. 209 16
 Wellesley Hills, "D"..... 100 00
 Williamstown, First, by C. S. Cole..... 21 36

RHODE ISLAND—\$70.00.

Barrington, L. B. Kendall, to const. Rev. J. W. Colwell a L. M..... 50 00
 Newport, Mrs. E. D. W. Thayer..... 15 00
 Pawtucket, A Thank-offering, by Rev. A. McGregor..... 5 00

CONNECTICUT—\$5,228.76; of which Legacies, \$2,300.00.

Miss. Soc. Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec..... 12 38
 Received by F. T. Jarman:
 New Haven, Lyman Osborn.. \$500 00
 North Haven, E. Dickerman.. 2 00
 Bethel, A Friend..... 5 00
 Brantford, H. G. Harrison..... 10 00
 Chester, "I. O."..... 5 00
 Colchester, Miss Ehza M. Day, dec., by E. P. Hicks..... 100 00
 Columbia, by S. F. West..... 17 00
 Connecticut, A Friend..... 50 00
 East Woodstock, by J. M. Paine..... 27 00
 Greenwich, From the estate of Miss Rachel K. Mead, by the Misses Hannah and Almira Mead..... 1,000 00
 Hartford, Roland Mather, Esq..... 500 00
 A Friend..... 100 00
 Litchfield, A Friend..... 5 00
 New Haven, Dwight Ch., Mrs. Nelson Hall..... 50 00
 New London, From the Trust Estate of Henry P. Haven..... 500 00
 Northfield, Legacy of Samuel H. Guernsey, by F. H. Catlin, Ex..... 800 00
 Norfolk, by J. N. Cowles..... 200 00
 Northford, by E. Smith..... 40 00
 Norwich, E. A. Huntington..... 5 00
 Ridgefield, by A. L. Padlock..... 19 08
 Rockville, Second, by E. C. Chapman.. 100 00
 Somers, Legacy of Sanford M. Billings, by W. H. Billings, Ex..... 1,000 00
 South Windsor, F. L. Olcott, In memorandum..... 5 00

Stratford, Ch., of which \$23 mon. con. and from Oroucque mon. con., \$7.50, by Mrs. S. A. Talbot, to const. E. C. Wood a L. M.	\$67 30
Terryville, Elizur Fenn.....	3 60
Whitewater, A Thank-offering, by J. M. Payne.....	42 00
Winthrop, Two Sisters.....	10 00
Woolbridge, Home Miss. Soc., by W. M. Beecher.....	54 00
NEW YORK—\$2,577.60.	
Ashville, by E. L. Kelso.....	12 60
Batavia, A Friend.....	10 00
Brooklyn, "H. S. W." \$10; A Friend, \$2.....	12 00
Candor, by E. A. Booth.....	50 00
Chenango, A Friend.....	12 00
Eldred, by Rev. H. P. Hamilton.....	1 25
Elizabethtown, A Friend.....	5 00
Frewsburg, Cong. Sunday-school, Home Mission class, Mrs. E. Durand, by Miss H. N. Hazeltine.....	5 00
Hopkinton, A Friend of Missions.....	50 00
Madison, by Rev. B. D. Peck.....	4 25
New York City, Isaac E. Smith, \$2,100; A Friend, \$200; S. F. Gordon, \$50.....	2,350 00
Ogdensburg, by Rev. J. S. Ainslie.....	11 50
Parishville, by Rev. O. C. Barnes.....	4 00
Smyrna, First, by M. C. Dixon.....	50 00
NEW JERSEY—\$6.60.	
Manchester, by Rev. E. P. Allen.....	5 00
Newark, B. F. Roby, by Rev. G. A. Hood.....	1 00
PENNSYLVANIA—\$120.00.	
Beaver Meadows, by Rev. E. T. Griffith.....	5 00
Philadelphia, Frank M. Miller.....	100 00
Plymouth, by Rev. A. H. Howell.....	10 00
Wilkesbarre, by Rev. F. Gwynne.....	5 00
GEORGIA—\$2.00.	
Savannah, Pilgrim Ch. of Woodville, by Dea. J. Loyd.....	2 00
ARKANSAS—\$4.50.	
Eureka, by Rev. R. H. Read.....	4 50
INDIAN TERRITORY—\$5.00.	
Lehigh and McAllister, by Rev. W. H. Hicks.....	5 00
ARIZONA—\$12.50.	
Benson, by Rev. R. T. Liston.....	12 50
TENNESSEE—\$9.40.	
Soddy, by Rev. L. Morgan.....	9 40
OHIO—\$591.59; of which Legacy, \$50.00.	
Received by Rev. J. G. Frazer:	
Bristolville, Two ladies of Cong. Ch.....	\$1 00
Sunday-school, by B. J. Chapin, for Debt.....	9 00
Chardon, Ch., by Rev. T. D. Phillips, of which, from Rev. A. F. Reed, Plainville, Conn., \$10.....	22 01
Toledo, Central Ch., by E. Manning.....	9 60
Received by S. P. Churchill, Treas. Cleveland Bohemian Board, July:	41 61
Atwater.....	\$4 52
Cleveland, First.....	5 00
Jennings Avenue Ch.....	52 50
Hudson.....	2 00
Madison, Mrs. H. B. Fraser.....	200 00
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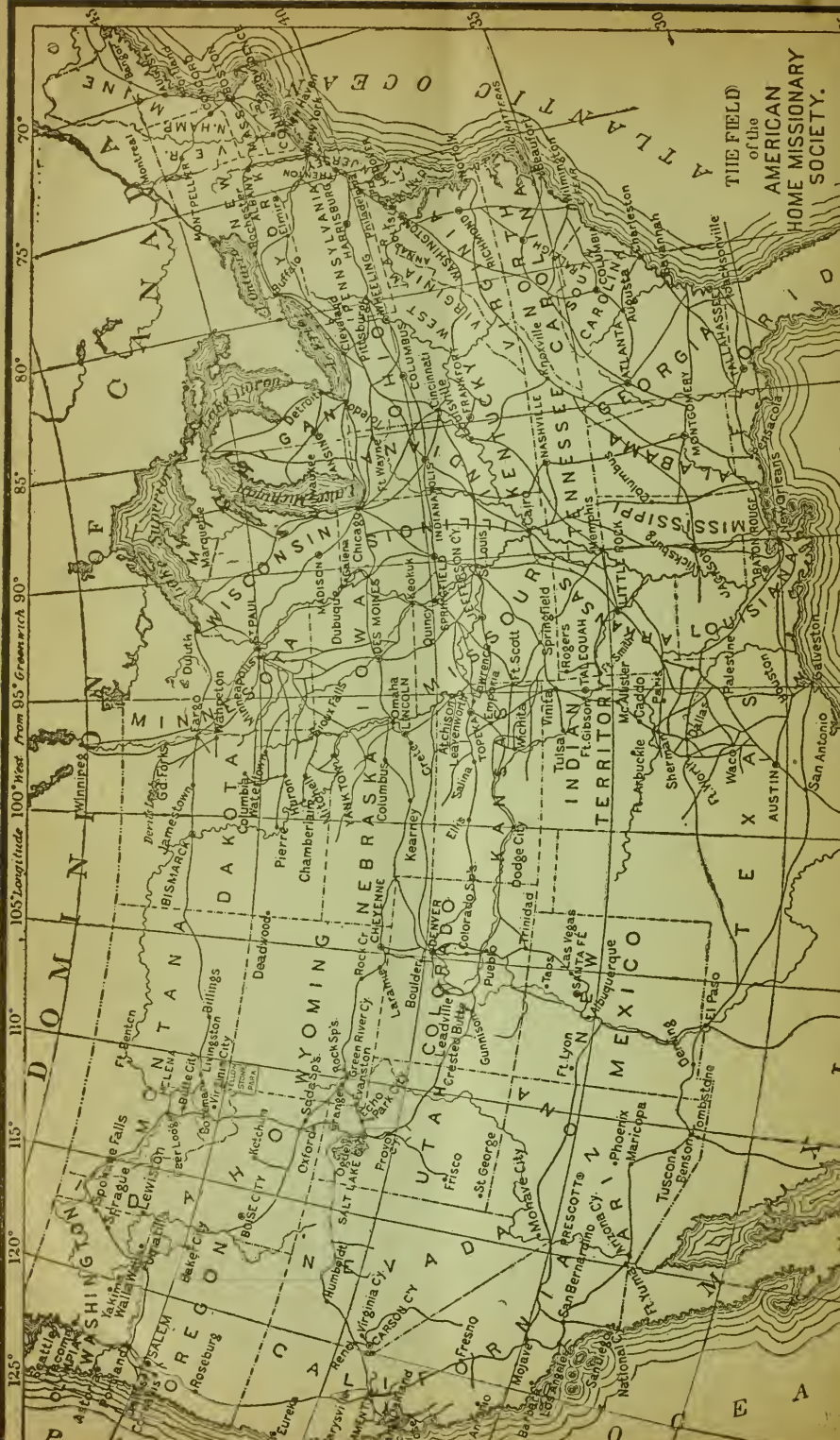
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TO THE FRIENDS OF HOME MISSIONS.

THE receipts of the American Home Missionary Society from Legacies suddenly fell, last year, from an annual average of almost \$116,000 for the five previous years, to \$66,800. Chiefly on this account, the Society found itself, at the close of its sixty-first year, entering with an empty treasury on the dry summer months with their small receipts and large dues to the missionaries. The Legacies were (and they still are) decreasing: To avoid threatening embarrassment, the Executive Committee felt obliged—in the face of plainest providential calls to a large advance in the work—to reduce by \$25,000 their intended apportionment for the present year. In justice to the workers at the front, the Society, at its annual meeting last June, voted that the officers borrow money at the banks and pay the missionaries promptly. By compliance with this vote the Society is now indebted to the banks for loans amounting to \$75,000. The banks suggest that this is as far as they care to go in these times of financial stringency. The Executive Committee and Officers do not think it wise to incur a larger debt. They believe that the churches will agree with them in this.

The summer months are over. Pastors and people are now getting into their regular work. That of the Society knows no rest. Its daily maturing claims for work taken up in the name of the Congregational churches call for \$1,000 a day. Over and above this is this seventy-five-thousand-dollar debt to be provided for. Notes at the bank amounting to \$25,000 mature in less than a month. They must be met, unless the Society's credit is to suffer. The credit of the Society means the credit of the Congregational churches that act through it. Shall these notes, given to carry on your work, be paid at maturity, or shall they go to protest?

The Officers were told to trust the churches. They have trusted

and are trusting them. But the banks do not know, and cannot reach the churches. Neither can the missionaries. Both trust the Society, and look to it for their dues. Will the churches come now to the rescue?

We are relying upon them to forward at once to the treasury the \$25,000 now nearly due; to supply the remaining \$50,000 before winter; and meanwhile to see that the \$1,000 a day needed for current work be not lacking. Unless the Society's friends shall supply the means of promptly redeeming its pledges, the sad necessity will be laid upon its Officers of still further cutting down the work already restricted to the narrowest limits consistent with duty to our land, and to the blessed Master who commands us to reclaim it unto Himself.

Bible House, New York, Oct. 10th, 1887.

A CORRECTION.

OUR attention is called to an error contained in the title of Rev. J. A. Jones's letter from Jennings, Louisiana, published in the last number of *The Home Missionary*, and to one statement in the body of the letter historically inaccurate. We cheerfully make correction.

The new church at Jennings is not "The First Church (Congregational) in the State," nor even the "first *white* church of Louisiana," although it is the first and only white Congregational church of Western Louisiana, which region the writer had chiefly in mind. It need not be said, though we say it to prevent all possible mistake, that neither the writer of the letter, nor the editor of the magazine, has any disposition to ignore the group of colored Congregational churches, mostly at the eastern end of the state, nor any purpose of dishonoring the green grave of the late First Church (white) of New Orleans.

SUPERINTENDENT HOOD begs us to "ask many a one to pray for North Wisconsin."

A LIVE GOSPEL, common sense, grit, and over all, and in all, and through all, GRACE, is the mighty social fact which is to help answer the prayer of our Lord, "Thy kingdom come."

A POSTAL.—The need of the French Protestant college in Lowell, Mass., troubles me. Cannot that \$15,000 be raised *at once*? My means are limited, but I would be one of fifty to give \$300 *now*. Cannot those fifty young men be admitted *this year*, and be preparing to help save New England?—*A New Englander*.

THAT FRIEND of the Home Missionary who is giving these workers at the front and all along the line so rare an opportunity to secure a reliable sewing-machine at greatly reduced rates, is receiving letters of grateful appreciation that a luxury so helpful to missionary families is placed within reach of their slender purses.

A QUESTION.—That brave little company in Wichita, Kansas, are nearing the time when they must pay for the Olivet Church there, *or lose it*. They have made every effort in their power, and endured sacrifices undreamed of by eastern people. The Home Missionary Superintendent, the General Missionary and the local pastors have contributed to this enterprise from their slim purses to an extent which proves its worth in their estimation. And yet, although the last dollar which can be spared from the smallest income has been freely given, there remains \$2,000 to be raised.

Superintendent Blanchard writes: "This hopeful enterprise *must not* go under the hammer! Are there not 200 friends in Kansas and out of Kansas who can, without diminishing their usual contribution to Home Missions, take a ten-dollar share each in the Olivet Church, to plant firmly the gospel standard at this point, and thus do a grand work among the masses of this new and growing city of Wichita, while it is yet young?"

[All gifts for this enterprise may be sent to Rev. L. H. Cobb, Sec'y of the A. C. U., Bible House, New York.]

IN THE SAME BOAT.

BY REV. CYRUS W. WALLACE, D.D., MANCHESTER, N. H.

JAMES and William were brothers. Together they left their old homestead at the East to seek one with greater promise at the far West. After long and deliberate inquiry, they found the spot which pleased them well. They chose their quarter-sections side by side, and built their log-cabin, with two tenements, on the line that separated their lots. There very diligently they went to work with all their New England habits of thrift and economy, not only to provide homes for themselves, but for others whom they had already invited to share with them the trials and blessings of life. While matters were thus progressing, with every prospect of success, the cabin one day took fire. William was absent. James, seizing a pail with an energy born of desperation, passed a few times from the creek at hand to the flames, which he soon extinguished. Sitting down amidst the smoke, wiping the sweat from his honest face, and taking in more deliberately the situation, he exclaimed aloud to himself: "There, now, what a fool I have been to make all this fuss, and work myself up to this fever-heat! That was Bill's end. Nothing to me."

We smile at James's folly. It seems to us that although Bill's end was on fire, their interests were so interwoven that what was for the advantage of one was equally so for the other.

Has this folly ever been repeated on a wider field and by wiser men? We remember when good men at the north persisted in saying that slavery was a southern institution; that we had nothing to do with it. If there was a fire, it was in "Bill's end"; we did not kindle it, nor had we anything to do with putting it out. But that fire spread till the very heavens grew lurid, and the earth trembled beneath the tread of armies and the shock of battle. Nor was that national sin removed till millions of our gold were poured out, and tens of thousands of our young men found an early grave.

Good men often seem to reason in this way in regard to the question of temperance. Alcohol is a great curse. The bolt from heaven does not kill more surely, but its evils are confined to those who use it; their homes feel the blight; the fire is in "Bill's end." Is it so? Have the Church of Christ and the dram-shop nothing to do with each other? Can they dwell side by side without a conflict? As the good man goes up to the temple to pray, he may reason that both himself and home are safe. Is it so? Not unless he has encompassed his dwelling with a wall as high as heaven. The saloon to-day is ruling our land; electing our officers, presiding at our seats of justice. The fire will not stay in "Bill's end," unless a whole army of James's pour water upon the angry flames.

It is a short-sighted policy which imagines that our great missionary enterprises, at home and abroad, concern only a few of our people—the *few* who labor for their promotion or give for their support. We may flatter ourselves that "Bill's end" of our common inheritance is so far away in the almost boundless West, or so hidden among cotton plantations and rice-swamps of the South, that if it should take fire, the conflagration would not disturb us. There cannot be a greater mistake. Our nation is one; our interests are interwoven; we are all in the same boat; we sail on the same broad ocean; we shall sink together, or together enter the same harbor of peace and prosperity.

The son of Erin who refused to labor to save the sinking ship because he was not an owner—only a passenger—did not exhibit greater folly than does the man who refuses to labor, to give and to pray, for the fulfillment of the words of the prophet: "The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose . . . the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water."

HE who scatters the truth taught in God's Word over all parts of our land will be saving his own property, saving the lives and morals of his own children, and saving the honor, and perhaps the very existence of our country.—*Rev. Dr. R. S. MacArthur.*

WHY DO WE LOVE OUR COUNTRY?

BY REV. DWIGHT W. MARSH, D.D.,

Missionary at Nineveh ten years.

“BRETHREN, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.”—*St. Paul.*

This is genuine emotion. Those who have never felt intensely for others cannot understand it. Most mothers and many fathers can. This was Paul’s “heart’s desire”—his “prayer to God”—LET ISRAEL BE SAVED. To hear Paul pray would do one of our prayer-meetings good. He prayed as Moody prays—short, sharp, earnest; like Jacob—“I will not let thee go!” Had we the same spirit of grace and supplication it would mean *answered prayer*. Why did Paul feel this deep emotion?

1. Paul knew what it is to be saved.
2. Paul knew the men he wanted saved—God’s Israel; his own countrymen. He said, Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. He said of them, “I say the truth in Christ and lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart; for I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh.” He knew what God had done for them. To them were committed the oracles of God. Theirs were the promises. To them belonged the patriarchs and prophets. For them were wrought the great miracles of God. For them the sea was made dry. For them manna fell from heaven and the law was given. God had called them his own people. Could the Psalmist say, “If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy?” So could Paul. Could Jesus weep over Jerusalem? So could Paul. Did Jesus exclaim, “How often would I gather thy children together? Paul could feel, Oh, that they would go to Jesus and be sheltered under his wings! Paul burned for the salvation of his countrymen. So felt John Knox: “Give me Scotland or I die!”

3. In love of our fellow-countrymen we all ought to be like Paul. What a country we have to love! Is there a better on earth? Natural, intellectual and moral advantages are what make a country valuable. Let me ask each of you, Why do you love your country more than any other land? One says, “My son died for it.” Another, “It is the land of Washington and Lafayette and our fathers.” One may say, “It is my own native land.” Another, “It is the land of my choice. I compared it with other lands and preferred it even to the land of my birth.” One says, “It is a harvest land—no famine here.” “A land of commerce,” breaks in another. “Its internal commerce upon our rivers and lakes, our canals and railroads is greater and more growing than our

foreign commerce, or the internal commerce of any land." Still another answers, "Its manufactures, based on inventions which are the marvel of the world, make industry a power and a blessing." One names the great highways far beyond utmost marvel of Roman roads, bridging the Ohio the Mississippi, the Hudson, the Niagara and all smaller streams, and tunneling the mountains. Still another mentions its scenery; lakes, rivers, prairies and mountains, Yosemite, Niagara and Yellowstone Park—a wonderful variety to please the eye and mind; and wonderful ease of going to these wonders. Others mention free elections; the voluntary system of her free churches; her power to remodel France and leaven Europe; her drawing power to call myriads from Europe and Asia into her eastern and western gates; her molding power upon Japan, and partially, even upon China; her postal and telegraph systems united to our newspapers; what God has done for her in the past; what God lets her do now, and calls her yet to do; her charities; her dangers.

Paul was a strong character. He felt no shame in saying, I love my people. He did love them. It was action, in very deed and truth, and not sentimental talk. How he toiled, endured, suffered, lived and died for them!

4. What reason had Paul to live and die for Jews that we have not for Americans? Not numbers—3,000,000 Jews, and we 60,000,000; not dearness to God; not wisdom; not importance to the world.

How do you show your love for this great and desirable land? Harvard and Yale are monuments to the love of comparatively poor and obscure clergymen for their own land, and so are Vassar and Cornell, to that of princely givers. One of the early settlers of Ohio was a wonderful benefactor to coming generations by introducing choice fruits. He was called, in his day, "The Apple-seed Man." Others have brought pure water into our cities and villages. Others have introduced the Erie Canal, the steamboat, the cotton-gin, the rail, the telegraph, the cable, the reaper, the telephone, the revolving press, the sleeping-car, the sewing-machine, the improved mode of making a button, a pin, a clock, a watch, a valve, a whistle, each wonderful invention helping to make the common man's home more like Eden. Some are known as temperance benefactors—as Gough, Murphy and many another. Others have combined to put a Bible in every family. Others have helped our country by opening the door of foreign missions and giving a world to the grand Christian energies of Americans.

It is natural to love this land. It has an activity resulting from freedom. It has a freedom resulting from brotherhood. It has a brotherhood resulting from Christianity. In this Christian brotherhood of our land, giving the utmost freedom, we have boundless activity that, on the whole, is the wisest and best activity yet found among men.

The highest and best form of all this American activity is that part of it which is most Christian—the activity of the true Church recognizing our duty to extend our Heavenly Father's offer of eternal life through his Son to all. ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. What better can we do for men, and especially for our own land, that we most love, than to bring it into harmony with Christ? How can we love it better than by trying to save all? Our heart's desire and prayer to God for AMERICA is that it may be saved. We have here and now special opportunity. Too many Americans have already been lost. In one sense one man is as good as another. In another sense, it is a long process by which an Asiatic can be lifted up to be a European, or a European to be an American. God can take stones, but he prefers men. It is too much waste to lose the most valuable, and often the most valuable are the most exposed. Save the General and keep him safe if you would keep the brigade. In times of pestilence we cannot afford to lose the physician.

To save America is essential to the salvation of the world. We have societies organized to protect animals, and it is well; but how much more is a man—a son of God—a redeemed soul! Can we let one of these souls be lost—the souls of our brethren? It is so unnecessary. Men are not saved by schools. Men are not saved by harvests, however plenteous; nor by commerce, however extended; nor by machinery, however perfect; nor by scenery, however beautiful or grand. By all this they may be enriched, enlarged, elevated, refined, ennobled even—but not saved. They are saved by the GOSPEL OF CHRIST. How the idea laid hold of Paul's heart! There was a man in New England long ago, in the time of the Barbary piracy, and this man's son was enslaved, in the hands of those dark-skinned pirates. Did the father say, It is no matter? Did he say, It is a long way off, what can I do? Oh, no! He sold his farm; he raised the money; he went across the Atlantic and to Africa, and he found his son and saved him. Were your child sick, what could not you do? You would say, "I must save him!" Were your child intemperate, you would say, "I cannot let him be lost. That my boy should be lost! It is too bad, too bad—I cannot let it be!" Do you want to know how Paul felt? That was it. His heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel was that they might be saved.

Here is our America, full of eager, young life—the nations pouring a tide of fresh need into our borders—often 60,000 in a month—2,000 people a day—a new village, and sometimes a small city in a day—and we are to save them. We must meet this new influx with the Gospel of Jesus. They come speaking many languages—Spanish, Italian, French, Greek, Russian, German. They come—Swedes and Norwegians, Scotch, Irish and English, from China and from Japan. God gives

them to us that we may give them to Christ. We must meet them with our Bible, our hymn-books, our Sunday-schools and our day-schools, with our temperance and our Sabbath, with our prayers and our praises, with living churches and living Christians. As we help them, God will bless us. As we neglect them, they will curse us. We cannot help giving them the ballot and political power; we must also give them brotherhood and the messages of Christ's love. Will you do it? May God help you!"

WHICH SHALL IT BE?—In my Western rambles, nothing has impressed me so much as the need of Christian workers. Particularly is this true of Wyoming Territory. In many places there, Sunday-schools are not carried on because there is absolutely nobody to take charge of them. One man, not a Christian, rather than have his children spend their Sundays in the visiting, riding, and worse occupations to which the day is given over, has volunteered to take charge of the school until a Christian can be found. In one of the mining towns a lady has established and superintends a Sunday-school in the face of such obstacles and discouragements as only God can understand. Indeed, the heroism and faith required for Christian work in some of the smaller places in the far West cannot be appreciated in any cursory survey of the field. In the little that has come under my notice, I can only compare the slow torture, the persistent, irritating opposition, to that of the storied martyrs,

"Who went rejoicing home through flood,
Or singing through the flame."

I believe in foreign missions. Never was the duty to tell the "nations that sit in darkness" of the "Light of the world" more pressing. But here within our own border is a neglected part of the promised land. Shall we not "go up and possess it"? In Western Wyoming, Mormonism has spread out banyan branches; and the bane of this whole stretch of country from the Rocky Mountains to the Sierras, is the irreligious, godless young men who come from the East. They come unconverted, they stay unconverted, they drag down those who at home have named Christ's name in reverent prayer. Shall we not reach out a helping hand? Which shall it be—"Wine, women and song," or preaching service and Sunday-schools. Gambling dens, or churches?—*Miss M. F. Lathrop, in S. S. Times.*

GIVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE.

BY REV. H. S. DE FOREST, D.D., TALLADEGA, ALA.

EVEN in these days, when so many churches are nobly using their privilege of Christian giving, it is still true that in not a few congregations no opportunity is really given for contributing to our benevolent

agencies. The work of the Societies is not presented, and offerings for their treasuries are not called for. Even the monthly concert of prayer is not observed, and neither the victories of Christ's kingdom, nor the possibilities of hastening its coming, are made known. There are many churches with little knowledge of missions, and, of course, with scant interest, and accordingly weak praying, and consequently less giving, in a work which ought to put a heart under the ribs of death and make a man prefer this world to heaven. We must admit that too many sharing the great command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," do nothing and attempt nothing outside of self. Of necessity, in this case, the care of self is difficult, for such a self is in a sad plight. The church or Christian doing nothing for others is dead, even while he continueth.

But it is alleged that a people not able to support themselves cannot be expected to give to others; that a church in debt must be just before it is generous, and that those fed from one treasury cannot give to another. Old greed, which troubles even the poor, and a shrinking from sacrifice, make this plea very powerful. Accordingly, the great missionary enterprises of the day get no voice from the pulpit; the contribution-box visits the pews only for the sake of the pew-holders, and the self-centered church, like a pond with no outlet, finds its waters usually lessening, always turbid and malarious, and very unlike the stream in Ezekiel's vision, issuing from the holy house, deepening, widening, and everywhere carrying health and blessing.

But all observation, as well as Christian philosophy, will show that a church living for self is doomed. A light hidden under a bushel must go out for lack of air. If it will not shine for others, it cannot long sputter for itself. "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister," is the banner motto for all who bear the name of Christ. And surely no church is too poor to know of the conflicts and triumphs of Christ's kingdom. The great undertakings of Christianity should be duly presented in all our churches, and opportunities offered, also, for giving. All can pray; many can give something; and not a few, even in our weakest churches, can give much more than they do. Possibly, now and then, a man may be found who gives all he ought for the spread of the gospel. For him to do more would be a crime against himself. But a church, however small, made up of such men, it is safe to say, never had its name printed in any Year Book. In all our congregations the folly fund, the self-indulgence fund, the rainy-day fund, might well be lessened in the work of saving men and beautifying this world with salvation.

Heroic officers give courage to even timid troops: and in this warfare of the Church, ministers must lead the flock. But, besides their commendable example in giving, they should resolutely set forth the

claims of our great benevolent agencies. Interest will follow, prayer will be quickened, gifts will multiply. In this way, the aggregate of offerings will be greatly increased; our empty treasuries will fill; and some of the children, thus trained to beneficence, may, peradventure, yet grow rich and not illiberal. When that day comes, the millennium is drawing near.

AMONG THE DANES IN CONNECTICUT.

[FROM the report of Mr. L. Chr. H. Haubroe, New Haven, to Superintendent M. W. Montgomery, we condense the following account of the beginning of work among the Danish branch of the Scandinavians in Connecticut. Mr. Haubroe is a Dane, a layman, and a watchmaker by trade.]

“About five years ago, fifteen Danes in New Haven got together and worked toward getting religious meetings. It was decided that we should send for Rev. —, a Danish Lutheran minister in Brooklyn, N. Y., who visited us once a month. We paid him five to fifteen dollars for each service. He admitted into the church both converted and unconverted people; in fact, all who wanted to join, regardless of their life. In the beginning, the members went to the meetings, and often went from there to a saloon or some other sinful place. Things looked just as dark here as in Denmark. I was much grieved, for I had been awakened out of my sins at home in Schleswig, in Denmark, through a missionary of the Free Church. I could not help fearing that this playing with the Word of God and the sacraments would end in death.

“Those who are now converted tell me that they then knew nothing about heart religion, but thought themselves perfectly safe if they only belonged to the Lutheran church. We had no prayer-meetings, no Bible reading; only the cold, dead sermons. But the merciful God saw that there was here a poor child of his almost losing the spiritual life which had once been given me, and that there were several here whom he could get into his kingdom, and he sent us the Holy Spirit.

“One Sunday some of the people asked me to speak and lead the meeting. At this time, the new life within me was revived. I saw my loss in neglecting the reading of the Bible, prayers, and other things necessary for the maintenance of a pure and healthy Christian life. I asked anew for light and grace, and the gracious Father did not break the bruised reed, but restored me to life in Christ, and gave me grace to talk personally with some of the older ones about leaving the world and following Jesus. The Word and Spirit worked upon them; some became earnest, others angry.

“Our preacher, Rev. —, heard of the change, and was angry because the congregation had got into such a condition, and wrote us that we were under his supervision as pastor; that he was the head of our church, and had enlisted us in the ‘Danish Lutheran Church of

America.' We answered that we had never chosen him for our head, or regular pastor, nor did we know anything about his adopting us into the Lutheran church. Those converted did not wish to have him come any more.

"We now had about eighteen very weak believers. We hired a hall, and had meetings three and four times weekly, some meetings being attended by seventy-five to one hundred people. Others were converted; some moved away; some joined the Baptists. Our congregation grew slowly in number, but more in spiritual progress. By this time we began to think we ought to tell the Danes in neighboring cities how the Lord had dealt with us. Some Danes from Bridgeport and Hartford attended our meetings, and then appointed meetings for me in their own towns. Thus the work has grown until we now have meetings in New Haven, Hartford, Bridgeport, Birmingham, South Norwalk, Ansonia and Derby. The Danish population in New Haven is about 300; attendance at my meetings, from fifty to 125; Danes in Bridgeport about 225, and attendance from fifty to 150 persons; Danes in Hartford about 350, attendance twenty-five to sixty-five. Only about ten are yet converted there. The Lutheran minister in — City takes away the Word from the hearts of those who have been awakened to earnest thought about their souls by telling them that as they were baptized in childhood and belong to the one true church (Lutheran), they shall be saved.

"Prof. P. C. Trandberg, of the Dano-Norwegian department of Chicago Theological Seminary, visited me last summer to examine me whether I was fit to be ordained as a minister of the Word of God. He tried me in the most important Christian truths, and would gladly ordain me. I have no other than a common-school education, except what I have picked up by reading the Bible, asking God for wisdom, and reading Danish, German and English theological and historical books. I have a wife and three children, and an old mother. I receive no salary from any church, but work every day at my trade (watch-making), and preach nights. Our church in New Haven is composed of poor laboring men, and it is about all they can do to pay for the hall they hire for meetings. I sometimes feel weary of the night traveling, and the great loss of sleep has considerably lowered my bodily vigor; but I am willing to preach every night and work days if I can only see some souls saved. Professor Trandberg would like to have me give myself up entirely to the work in God's vineyard, but my people cannot bear the burden of supporting me. I receive ten dollars a month from the Connecticut Home Missionary Society for traveling expenses, which expires in September (1887), and I am ashamed to ask for aid again, for I suppose they have many places to aid. God bless them for what they have done, and bless all who help to have the gospel preached among poor Scandinavians."

"THE NEW NORTH."

ADDRESS OF REV. G. A. HOOD, OF NORTH WISCONSIN.*

I DON'T know that I bring in anything new, for North Wisconsin is the latest thing out—the newest sensation—and of course you keep up with the fashion. We have the *Model Home Missionary Field*. I've traveled nearly 21,000 miles in nine months to find it out, so I don't have to draw on my imagination if I speak ten minutes, though you may have to draw on yours. Now how can I give you any idea of North Wisconsin in so short a time! I'll just give you some facts. It is the model home missionary field, because,

1. It is just opened. As the Pacific railroads were built, there was a great rush of capital for investment, and of people for money and for homes, to the far West, until they met the same kind of a rush from the Pacific coast. Then the capitalists began to work up the corners which had been skipped. North Michigan first, North Wisconsin, second. Most of its growth has been in the last two years, and so rapid because those who were so slow they missed the chance, grab for it now.

2. It is a model because of its business resources and growth. There are three crops of fortunes. On top of the ground, underground, and the ground itself.

On top of the ground it is all woods. No use looking out of the car windows. A squirrel could jump from tree to tree clear across the state if not for the railroad tracks. A man buys a large tract of pine lands. He builds a townful of houses, stores, hotels, saloons, etc., and brings a townful of men and their families to live in them, and to cut down the timber and saw it up. Saw-mill town after saw-mill town, from 200 to 10,000 in population; piles of lumber interminable, yet they are all *new* piles, for they sell out as fast as they make it. The poplar and spruce is ground into pulp for the paper-mills, and by a new process produces the finest linen writing-paper. Factories are starting, wherein hard wood is manufactured into almost everything, from an Oshkosh match to a J. I. C. threshing-machine. Charcoal kilns are beginning to use it up too. So the forests have begun to melt away and turn into money. This is the *first* crop of fortunes.

Underground are the iron mines. Remember iron is coming to be king instead of cotton. We have one great range running nearly across Northern Wisconsin, called in its sections, Gogebic, Penoque and Western ranges, and still another shorter one, both rich in the most valuable kinds of ore, so easy of reduction that they are the more profitable, and will sell when iron ore elsewhere is a drug. Specimens of silver ore have been found. These mines have created great excitement among investors East and West, and are proving a source of immense revenue—a *second* crop of fortunes.

* Given at Saratoga, June, 1887.

The ground itself. All northern vegetables grow wonderfully—1,300 bushels of potatoes were taken from three acres—all grains thrive here except corn. A Holstein stock farm, of 600 acres, never had a plow except in the garden, yet raises good crops of oats and hay by using a heavy harrow. Farmers buy land “on time” cheap, and work in the woods in winter. These natural products we can ship without building any Erie Canal. There are thirteen railroads running through or into Northern Wisconsin—not for fun, they know what they are after. We have our fisheries in the great lakes and sport in our small lakes with bass and all kinds of fish, our speckled-trout brooks, which with an occasional bear, and abundant deer causes our forests to be called the “Wisconsin Adirondacks.”

These newly opened riches make a paradise for rich and poor. Fortunes are made if you have none, and are rolled over and over, like the school-boy’s snow-ball, if you *have*. Man’s object everywhere is to be *big*; everywhere the rill wants to be a river, the goose-pond a sea, and it seems easy to attain it here. All this, of course, attracts people. Trains are crowded, towns are growing, real estate is booming. They talk business till you are sick of it. Your ear grows weary of pine land, mineral land, filings, entries and acres, corner-lots, additions, plots, plans and contracts, building associations, loans and interest. Or, in *mining*, of fee simples, ore and ore docks, options, drills, pumps, shafts and drifting. Or, in *ordinary shipping*, elevators, docks, dredges, tugs, barges, steamers and fleets. Or, in *pine*, stumpage, logging, camps and logging-roads, swamping, skidding, the drive, the boom, the mill, the daily cut, scaling, sorting, piling and planing. Or, in *construction*, there are sections, contractors, dump-cars, cubic yards, teams, tote-roads, supplies, poles, piles and pile-drivers, bridges, ties, iron and steel. But through all this din and confusion we are trying to make ministers and churches, Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings, missionary and temperance work, pledge-cards and envelopes, good salaries and self-support, Y. P. S. C. E.’s and Y. M. C. A.’s sound louder than them all, and tower up triumphant; and if you will give the A. H. M. S. more money now, and some of your brightest and best men all the time, we’ll tap that stream of riches, and we’ll guide it through a raceway that will help run our churches and benevolent societies, and we’ll turn aside the long procession of those who are trying to gain the whole world—never mind the soul—from Satan’s Broadway to God’s Boulevard, a street *paved* with gold, with a beautiful river and blessed trees of life.

But perhaps you think our items are small if they do make a big noise. *Why, everything goes by the million up there!* One pine trade was \$875,000. Logs and lumber are counted by the million feet. Two mills in Washburn saw and ship one million feet every two days.

One firm has now \$2,520,000 worth of contracts on hand. Mines are stocked for a million, and more than that cash has been paid for one. This growth has just begun. The mines have only begun to open. The pine has just begun to be cut, farmers are only beginning to buy, but when I look forward only as many years as I look back to my college life, and see what *must* come, my soul makes her boast in the Lord for the glorious work the A. H. M. S. will have done, if you will give it your money and your sons. Do your duty quickly or you'll lose your chance.

North Wisconsin is fearful in wickedness. Mostly young men do all this business, and, like college boys, they sometimes do things together which they wouldn't think of doing at home. So common are the low amusements that I have been invited to smoke, dance, play cards and drink. Increase your saloons till there is one for every seventy-five or one hundred men, women and children, and decrease your church attendance till only four or five in one hundred are found there; increase all houses of vice till in the mining towns the very air on the trains passing through seems blue with the fumes of hell; you must everywhere hear oaths, breathe tobacco smoke and dodge the jets of juice—this is our condition. There is many a minister's son working on the Lord's day, drinking, swearing and apologizing. In Ashland, with 7,000 population, I counted 500 men in two blocks and a half, and a policeman told me there are about 1,500 in the saloons and on the streets every night. Is not here a wide-open door?

3. It is a model in that there is no clashing of denominations there. I have met a Bishop once, a Presiding Elder not at all, and the Synodical missionary is just appointed. I know but two Baptist churches on the field. Our Secretary Grassie occupied all the best points as they opened; then, when asked to do so, the A. H. M. S. made this a separate department, and we lead all the other denominations. In five towns, from 700 to 2,000 population, we have had the only minister and church work. In three adjoining towns, of three to four thousand apiece, the Presbyterians have the only work, with one minister. We did have a minister on that field, but they said "Shoo," and he left. In nine towns, of from three hundred to one thousand population, rapidly growing, there are absolutely no services or religious privileges. There is no trouble about comity there.

4. These wide-awake men seem to take to our work. When I began to explore one town they said, "We do wish you had come a few weeks earlier. We have just voted to have a —— church. They sometimes ask for an undenominational work. I tell them there is no such thing, but ours is the nearest to it, and is up with the spirit of the times; we are national in our feelings and aims.

5. It is a model field in that every church and station is using our

own Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society's supplies and material. Every church has adopted the weekly pledge system for church expenses, and every church has *self-support as immediately as possible* on the brain, not excepting four who are already self-supporting, but are not yet through with the spasms. Our Congregational style of men and method seems exactly adapted to this rich, rushing section.

6. But, finally, I maintain that ours is a model home missionary field because it must be model or *nothing*. If we don't work on the most approved plan we may as well give up. I guess I could count a score of church failures (not Congregational) up there, just through a low, ordinary, average work. No use to organize a church up in *that* country just to go through the motions of religion. *The Advance* tells of an old-time Mississippi steamer which reduced steam, not by the escape-valve, but by working it off. The engine was detached from the paddles, and set running alone. The machinery clattered away inside the boat in a lively and correct way, but the paddle-wheels were as still as the dock; it produced no impression outside. No use for us to manage a church that way! The great sweeping tide of prosperity has got to be met with a tide from heaven of the power of the Holy Ghost. Venerable Dr. Patten said at Hartford, "Fix it in your mind that the world is to be converted in your day." So we have to work as if we were going to capture all North Wisconsin for Christ straightway, and we expect every minister to be surprised if souls are *not* converted, instead of being surprised if they *are*.

We must be evangelistic. Revivals are what we want. Special interest, of greater or less extent was manifested in every church that was worked last winter, and in two that were not.

Another essential is right men—bright, lively men, physically and intellectually. They must be successful managers, with a commercial traveler's readiness, and tact in reaching *men* (not women alone), familiar with Y. M. C. A. work, and Christian Endeavor work, and able preachers. We want well-drilled and well-equipped men to attract recruits, for those smart young men won't pay attention to any other. We began that way at Washburn and used just one-fifth of the home missionary money that was expected. I could make some cheering prophecies concerning several other places if I had not promised to give you nothing but facts.

But how can we get such men? We must show them that here they can do five years' Eastern work in one. We must give them salary enough for a living. More than a dozen times I've had those business men say to me, concerning salaries, "He can't live on that." "He has a starvation salary." Several men in one town said, "I'll go \$100 for a *good minister*." One man in another town said, "I'll give \$500 first year

for a first-class man who will live in first-class shape." A lady from the East said to me, "I suppose you have a good many suffering missionaries." I replied, "Not a single one!" She looked at me in astonishment. "Why, what do you mean?" "Simply that a suffering home missionary wouldn't amount to anything in our work. Our missionaries must feel as good, and hold their heads as high as anybody. They have *hard work*, and they must have *good food*, and lots of it to make their work efficient." After a moment's thought the puzzled look in her face gave way to brightness, and she said, "Good for you!"

I was going to hold some meetings, and I went to the minister's home. He and his wife and children had that peculiar bluish complexion which means poor blood, from poor food. Our supper was bread and butter and prunes. Our breakfast was milk toast and fried potatoes. Do you suppose I could preach every night and visit all day on such diet? Why, merely for my own efficiency in the meetings, I went to the house of a big fat man, who has the gout! The missionary couldn't endure it any more than I could. He broke down, and had to leave, and the doctor orders a six months' rest before he can take another church. How *can* a feeble, half-starved minister stand up before a full-blooded, high-life sinner, and convince him that he is living wrong, and needs to be saved! I believe the *overworked* home missionary is much oftener than we suppose the *underfed* home missionary. I got caught in a snow-storm on a train. Every once in a while the train would go slower and slower, till we were at a dead stop; then, in ten or fifteen minutes it would start up again. I said to the conductor: "What's the matter with your engine?" "Why," said he, "her fire-box and boiler are too small for the heavy work she's doing, and she can't keep up steam." That's the trouble with too many of our men. Their strength gives out, and they have to rest, because the cupboard is too nearly bare. The pantry in our missionary homes ought to flow with milk and honey, meats, cereals, vegetables and fruit; the houses ought to be well furnished, especially with comfortable beds. Not until then will they have courage and endurance in the work—wake up rested every morning, and feel good all day; have bright thoughts and preach better sermons. This means a good salary; but the people would be much more interested in the man, and the higher salary will take *less home missionary money every time*. Depend upon it, if we work this way it will take money only to start.

Well, friends, all this work is important. There is really no East, no West. They are wired together, they overlap. My father's West is my East. There are no foreign lands. We're all at home together. We read the day's doings in the Orient as quickly as our own. They eat our bread and meat, and we amuse ourselves with their bric-a-brac.

Our pastors go to teach them, and when we look down from heaven, it will all look like one work. But it does seem as if this blessed Home Missionary Society grasped the North Wisconsin work in the nick of time, and if you would all right away be new givers and do some extra praying just now for *us*, you will see a very inspiring success, and you will think the A. H. M. S. a model Society, because North Wisconsin is a model home missionary field.

TO A BOSTON LADY.

I HAVE received from you a most valuable gift—"Thayer's Greek Lexicon of the New Testament"—for which I cannot express in words my appreciation. My college education was obtained in Amherst College, of your state, and there we learned to seek after good books, or to have no books at all. Then, too, in these new towns in the territories are very many inquiring minds and careful thinkers, and scholarship in a home missionary never comes amiss. He must be practical and versatile, and yet thorough.

I wonder if you have ever visited any new town, born within a year. If not, you would be greatly interested by a visit here.

One year ago the first house (except two little farm shanties) was built in this place. Now we have a town of 500 inhabitants. Then all was bare prairie, and there was not even a post office. Now we have six hotels, three hardware stores, three drug stores, several grocery stores, and other lines of business represented about in the same proportion. Here, too, are saloons, and here is wickedness and Sabbath-breaking.

Around us are vast prairies like the sea. The grasses blow like the waters of the sea and the hills are not larger than billows. In 1881 not a white person lived for miles around here. Now houses are scattered everywhere. For men have come with their families to gain farms by settling upon them. Most of the farm houses are poor, built of sod or of sod and caves. Some put up rough board shanties. Most farmers burn hay. For two years the summers have been very dry, and the suffering from poverty is quite general. Much patience and bravery and grit are shown by women as well as men, and even by children. Some have mortgaged everything they own, and are paying three per cent a month interest on money borrowed. Yet all who believe at all in Christianity find something for Christ's work.

The Ladies' Aid Society (of which my wife is president) are working hard to get a little money to improve the church building. Our building is not large (thirty-six by twenty feet), but we are glad to have that much room. The house is usually well filled on Sundays. Interest on the part of "outsiders" has steadily gained. The church was organized

with a membership of thirty. We now have forty-three, and others are ready to unite with us. When we consider the importance of these months of this village's infancy, this is great encouragement to us. Notwithstanding all the hardships and fellow-sufferings with these people, wife and I have greatly enjoyed our year here. May God reward you for your labor and love for his work in these new regions of our dear America. No work seems to me more opportune and important.—*A fellow-worker for Christ in Dakota.*

A SEQUEL.

THE story in the April *Home Missionary*, of that little band of disciples in Indian Territory who were "holding together" until they could "have up some small place of worship and grow," touched the hearts of some of God's people who believe in using money for gospel seed-planting. The heart of this missionary has been made glad by receiving, from several contributors, a sufficient sum to build a small chapel in the vicinity of many godless homes, and he writes: "With a heart filled to the brim with thanksgiving and praise to Him who rules all governments, and who alone can change the stony heart and give a heart of flesh, I write to say that some dear friends sent the necessary means to purchase a small building for a chapel. The little band rallied, and made some pine benches, a pulpit, and other things necessary, and 'MOUNTAIN VALE CHAPEL' has been duly dedicated to the service of the Most High. To the dear friends who have been instrumental in achieving this much needed work, I extend the thanks of myself and people, and may the Lord abundantly bless them in all things." I met this little flock yesterday, and took part in their service. There were sixty full-blooded Indians present. I organized a "Branch School," with twelve Indians and five colored young people. This school will bring Wilberforce Academy more prominently into notice among the Indians. We shall build a little school-house. Mrs. Brown has raised all but five dollars for the lumber, which I shall buy to-day, and do the carpentering myself.

The last \$4.30 of our \$30 pledged for Home Missions has been raised, and I feel very happy over the fact that we have raised this amount with only nine resident members, and please remember that our collections for Home Missions come *entirely* from our members.—*Rev. G. H. Brown, McAllister, Ind. Ter.*

CLEANSING FIRES.—For a time I was completely prostrated by the terrible blow which has visited me in the death of my beloved wife. The blow came so suddenly that I was bewildered by it. My heart is very sore, but, oh, how the Lord comforts! I have felt his presence

before, but he comes to me now as never before. It is so good to be a follower of Christ at a time like this; good, at all times, but especially now—when his comfort and sympathy are so much needed. It is good, too, because of the “tie that binds” his followers together. The knowledge that fellow-servants are remembering me at the Throne of Grace is very helpful. We had been married only ten months, but I can never thank God sufficiently for giving her to me for that time. I believe she has left me a better man than she found me. She has given me a loftier aim and a deeper consecration in my work. A new meaning is now woven into the words, “a sanctified life,” and I believe her pure and holy life will be my inspiration to greater effort in the Master’s work.—*Dakota.*

REV. HORACE LYMAN.—Superintendent Atkinson, of Oregon, writes: “Last evening, at eight o’clock, I received notice of the death of Rev. Horace Lyman, of Forest Grove, who has been a fellow-student, laborer and counselor during forty-one years. He has been declining for about four months, with bronchial and heart difficulties, yet he hoped, with a little change of climate in the spring, to find relief and prolong life, if not his preaching work. He was born at East Hampton Mass, November 16th, 1815. He became a Christian at sixteen; graduated at Williams College in 1842, and Andover Theological Seminary in 1846, having come from Auburn Seminary in 1845. He preached at Unionville, Conn. (a village of Farmington), till May, 1847, when on invitation, at my request, of the A. H. M. S. to join me in the proposed Oregon mission, he accepted and prepared to come. His marriage, to Miss Mary Dennison, and ordination, occurred at Castleton, Vt., November 1st, 1848. He sailed with his wife from New York, November 16th, 1848, and arrived in San Francisco April 12th, 1849. He preached and taught school at San Jose a short time; reached Portland in November, 1849, a voyage of sixty days from San Francisco, costing \$125, which is now made in two and a half days, at a cost of \$20 per person. He taught school a term, preaching regularly, and in 1850 began to collect funds and materials, and clear the lots to erect the first Congregational church-building and his own dwelling-house. Overwork and exposure brought on a severe attack of influenza, which was nearly fatal. On recovery his work was resumed and the house of worship was completed and dedicated, and the first Congregational church of Portland was organized June 15th, 1851. He remained pastor until April, 1854, then went to Dallas, Ore., and aided in organizing an academy and church there. In 1857 he was called to a professorship in Pacific University, which he held nineteen years. He has been preaching at five or six stations in the county, organizing one church and preparing for others during the last nine years. In the loss of Brother Lyman from our ranks we are deprived of a most faith-

ful minister of the Word and a reliable and wise counselor and fellow-laborer, but into that most tender, joyful and glorious fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ we believe our beloved brother has already been ushered, with the Savior's sure welcome, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

From *The Morning Oregonian* we take the following: "The life of such a man is a possession forever. The world's debt to such men is immense. The work done by these men of culture, conscience and duty, who have helped to found new states, and have willingly exchanged the life of ease they might have had elsewhere for the privations, labors and hardships attendant upon the work of laying the foundations and spreading the influences of religion and learning in new places, is beyond all praise and reward. And of all who have devoted themselves to this work there has been no purer, no more earnest spirit than Horace Lyman."

CONVERSION AND PERSECUTION IN MASSACHUSETTS.

ONE of our French missionaries in Massachusetts writes: "Some four months ago, at a cottage meeting in the house of one of our people, his brother and wife happened to be there. I knew they were both fervent Roman Catholics and so limited myself to the reading and expounding the Word of God. There was not a word from them during the whole evening, and I remember well, that when we knelt down to pray, they both hastened into another room and put their fingers into their ears, as they have since confessed, so that they might not hear. They had an idea that a Protestant prayer might turn them and they did not want to be turned. I saw them a few days later and asked them why they had been so frightened. I showed them their folly in believing that they could be turned Protestants against their wishes and invited them to another of our meetings to be held that same night. They both came, and even went the length of putting a few questions this time about auricular confession. This opened the way to a full discussion and I felt sure then that an impression had been made on their minds, for they were offered, and they accepted a New Testament, and promised that they would read it. They left in a few days for another town where their home was. They lived with the mother-in-law, a bigoted Roman Catholic, who often reprimanded them for neglecting their religious duties. All the time the man and wife were busily engaged in reading the Word of God. The old lady suspected something wrong and went to the priest to tell him he had better come to the house and ask the reason for not attending church more regularly. He said he would.

"In the mean time a child was born to this young married couple, and of course it had to be baptized without delay. The husband

refused to have anything to do with this and so did his wife. The old folks went themselves to the priest with the child and had him baptized. The priest saw at once what this meant and hastened to the house with the grandparents. He asked the young husband if he were a Protestant. He answered, 'Yes.' Whereupon the priest began to abuse them both and commanded the old people to put them out if on the next day they did not go to confession. Of course they never went.

"The priest came again and tried his best to persuade the young wife to leave her husband, not suspecting that she held the same views as he in regard to the Catholic faith. When she told him 'No!' he was beside himself with wrath. The husband arrived from his work and a pretty lively discussion ensued. The priest, unable to answer their arguments, told them they were too wicked and ignorant for him to stoop so low as to reason with them. He turned to the old folks and said they were lost if they kept those black sheep a minute longer in the house. The old people, taking the priest at his word, ordered them out at once; and so, at ten o'clock at night, when it was real cold, and when that young woman had been out of bed just a few days, she was kindly shown the door by her kind (!) father, with the warning never to come near again. All their friends refused to lodge them, so they hired a team and arrived at this place (some fourteen miles distant) about midnight. They could have gone to a hotel but they did not know a word of English, and besides the priest had told them that he would put the whole parish after them, and they knew him too well to doubt his word in this respect so they thought it was safest to come here.

"They are here now, and, notwithstanding the whole trouble they were put through, they find real joy in their newly found treasure. We shall receive them in full communion at our next communion season. We are making headway. The — are doing their best against us, but I do not think the Lord will mind them."

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

THE "MASSACHUSETTS WATCH" continues to draw in money for that parsonage at Iroquois, Dakota, which progresses as rapidly as the cash is furnished for the material. With every new purchase the missionary dons his "regimentals" and spends a part of every week-day in the skillful use of the hammer and saw—to save expense—while the missionary wife does double duty in the parishes. The dreaded Dakota winter is approaching, and these faithful workers know, by a painful experience with an "underground home," that they will be in a far better condition to go forth and sow the good seed in their large field from a fire-side "above ground."

THE "CONNECTICUT WATCH" has already commenced a parsonage in Wallace, Kansas. The field is new, and the little flock, under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. Thomas Marsh, are doing their utmost to build a church. This home missionary family has as yet no suitable abiding-place. Three hundred dollars will secure for them a parsonage, and this the "Connecticut Watch" proposes to do.

THE PAPER MISSION AND WHAT CAME OF IT.

BY MISS NANCY MARSH, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

DURING the past year, which closes seven years of mission work, we have sent to twenty-four states and territories (including many of the southern states) 3,497 papers and pamphlets, 576 lesson papers, 551 tracts, leaflets, etc., 57 Christmas picture and Scripture cards, 37 books, of various kinds, including "Our Country," which has been especially appreciated. We have paid \$13.86 in postage. We have written 158 letters and postal cards. Contributions, including postage, \$171.88.

THE PRINTING-PRESS.

One of our unsupplied wants from last year was an organ for a missionary in Washington Territory, and we determined that should be the first thing on the list this year. But before we had really started, a call came from Indian Territory for an eight dollar printing-press, "to help on the work and save expense." This was a small sum, and it seemed best to attend to this matter immediately. So, during vacation, while at Sharon, Mass., we laid the case before the Congregational Sunday-school, and they voted unanimously to give us ten dollars, which covered the expense of the press and outfit, the company making a discount of \$2.50 in view of its mission. The freight—\$2.50—was paid by friends in Providence, R. I. Three little children in one family, who have been in the habit of helping us, added two dollars for materials, making in all for this object, \$14.50. The missionary writes, "The printing-press, which the school so kindly donated, has been received, and gives great pleasure. Please accept my sincere thanks for this much needed article." Later, he writes, "The press is worth to my work four times its value, though I have been too busy to bring out all its good parts." We were glad to help this brother, for he is an earnest worker, and had been sick. His wife's health had failed from the effects of the climate and eight years of hard work in this place, so that she was obliged to leave home to regain her health, if possible. In a recent letter, he says, "I went seven and a half miles west of here, met twenty-five Indian and three colored families, and organized a branch school to Wilberforce Academy, as many of these

boys and girls could not go so far. They built a nice little chapel of lumber, and I sent my assistant out to teach them. This school (a day and Sunday-school) opened with twelve full-blooded Indians and five colored pupils. I have named it 'The Paper Mission School,' Choctaw Nation, after your Mission." Later, he writes, "Visited the mission, preached in the morning (about forty Indians present); also in the afternoon and evening. We had a glorious meeting. I was surprised at the progress of the little ones in the Sunday-school. They repeated in concert the Ten Commandments, went through a catechism lesson, sang several hymns, repeating each verse first in concert, and then singing with a vim that would do credit to some of our larger schools." The same week a cyclone came within half a mile of this school-house. One of the best friends of this mission, who had done much for its welfare, had the roof taken from his house, and nearly everything he had carried away; several lost everything they had, besides being severely injured. A teacher in South Norwalk, Conn., gave us seven dollars to use as we pleased, so we sent \$7.80 to this missionary for personal use. These small sums often do great good.

THE PONY.

Before we had really decided about the printing-press, a second appeal came from an old friend in Washington Territory, saying, "The work is increasing. My parish reaches inland fifteen miles. The work up and down the bays and inlets of the lake is also increasing, so that the 'Good Tidings' goes over the water every few days to carry me to some home or meeting. But the *boat* will not sail over the hills, and the question is, how to continue the work without a *horse*, to save me from the weariness of the walk and keep me in condition to preach when I reach my station. The country is filling up rapidly, and after walking seven or eight miles till I feel I cannot take another step, I am told of a new family only half a mile away. Sixty-five dollars will buy a pony, saddle and bridle. Perhaps the Lord can direct you to some one who is waiting to do this thing." Here was a dilemma! Shall this man be saved to the cause of Missions, for which he is so well adapted, or shall he be left to sink under the heavy burdens which are already telling upon him? We doubted if walking ten miles on the Sabbath and preaching three times would make him stronger for his work. So we asked, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" The answer seemed to be, "Help him!" This letter came to us while in Sharon. We met a gentleman there from Boston, stated the case, and asked if he could help devise any plan. To which he replied, "I will think it over, and see what I can do. The man ought to have the horse—there's no question about that. I will see you again." In a few days he sent us a letter, inclosing ten dollars, saying, "I know it does one good to give to the Lord—wish I could do more. I know several who would give

to you if you could see them." But this we could not do. How that kind letter cheered our hearts! Next, we rode to Canton, Mass., three miles away, to see a gentleman who, we were told, would surely help us generously. He received us kindly, and gave us five dollars. We were thankful for this, but did feel a little disappointed at first, but saw the reason afterward. God didn't want two or three to get all the blessing. After our return home we had only to mention that pony, and every one seemed willing and ready to give. While on the way to the annual meeting of the Woman's Board in our city, a lady in the cars gave us a dollar; and at noon, while telling a friend who was interested how much we had, a stranger near by said, "What is it about that horse? I would like to give something." Soon three other strangers became interested, and gave their mite. We think these were all from Pawtucket. The result was \$2.50 that day. We lacked just three dollars, when we received a letter from Ware, Mass., containing that amount, from a Sunday-school class, whose teacher had proposed to her girls of twelve years a thank-offering because they had escaped the scarlet fever, which had been raging there. And now we were able to answer the letter asking for a horse by sending a check for \$65.01, in which twenty-one persons had a share, ranging from one cent to ten dollars. The missionary writes, "I think the right pony has been found. I had to wait a little for my draft, in order to buy hay and oats; and then came the question, which of several horses I had seen should I purchase for the Master's work? For he must be young, so as to continue several years in the service; kind in disposition; active, to go quickly and save time; he must have endurance for long trips, and if with all this, he could be handsome in appearance, so much the better. 'Duty' (for I think the name you suggested is just the right one) is all that I have described as needed for a missionary horse. The day after I purchased him, I rode to my appointment at the little church seventeen miles away, and he proved his speed and endurance. On my way home, I found the ferryman away from his post for the day, so I was obliged to swim the pony across the river, some 200 feet wide, while I crossed in a canoe, holding him by the halter. This was no new thing for me, but I feared Duty would not understand it. He came through finely, however. He is a black pony, of good size, with a white face and four white feet, and, with the saddle, bridle, halter and blanket, cost \$59.35. So I have a few dollars left toward fixing up a barn. Let me again thank each one of the dear friends who helped to purchase the pony, and you, for all your interest in this frontier work. Yes, tell those little girls the three dollars paid for a bridle and halter." Later, we hear, "Duty is doing well, and is faithful in his missionary work."

THE ORGAN.

Well, this pony didn't help our organ along, and between the storms

and strikes, we decided to wait till spring, but, in the mean time, to secure the funds, if possible. The missionary wrote, "I can assure you an organ would be a great help to our poor struggling church, and there will be a general rejoicing when it does come. I am spending every alternate Sabbath in the country, preaching at four different places. The work is very encouraging. At one place, a lady comes, with her family, about three miles on foot, bringing her baby, less than a year old, in a wheel-barrow. I have to walk when in the country from fourteen to sixteen miles, and preach twice. This I can only do in pleasant weather, but will scatter the good seed as much as possible, and leave the result with God. We appreciate very much the reading-matter you send us." This church from the first has had a reading-room open day and evening. It is the only place where a stranger can spend a few hours, except in a saloon. Of late new families are coming in, and the work is more hopeful than ever." We had been in a great quandary as to the best way of securing the organ. We had written to several places, finally to a friend in Oregon, one of our own people, who replied, "I know you can do better here than to buy East, for freight has just risen. Of course I am willing to attend to the business here, and my wife is willing to aid in making the selection, and she is a pretty good judge in such things." What a load was lifted from us by this kind letter! Now for the money! May 1st, we had forty dollars, and we wanted twenty-three dollars more. There had been so many calls we dreaded to ask any one for money; but what should we do? Where should we go? We didn't know; but there was One who did, and we asked Him to direct us where to go, or, if it pleased him, to send us the means, which he could do so easily. May 9th, a friend called, spoke of the organ, and of our plans. As she was going away, she presented a roll of bills, which we counted together—eighteen dollars! And now we lacked only five dollars. She said, "If you have the least trouble in getting the rest, come to me, for mother wants that organ to go right off." What a blessed day that was! We felt as if the Master stood by, rejoicing in our surprise, and saying, "Is it not written, ask, and ye *shall receive*, that your joy may be full?" We were so astonished when this money came right to our hand, but *it is just like Him*, and from our heart we said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul!" Very soon our letter was written, and the check was on its way. In less than an hour after, we were telling a friend of our joy, when she said, "I meant to have given you five dollars toward lifting that burden." And she did. The organ cost sixty-three dollars. It was shipped May 18th. Twenty-one dollars of this came from the good old Bay State, which has so often responded to our need.

MESSAGES.

We have had many interesting letters from different places. A young man in West Virginia has fitted up a reading-room in his work-

shop, and is doing a good work for boys and young men from fifteen to twenty-four years of age, supplying considerable reading-matter himself. He writes: "Was real glad to get your letter and box. The reading is just splendid! Cannot tell how earnestly I thank you. The boys enjoy it so much. Wish I could see you and thank you in person." He has much to try him, but is doing a good work. One of his "boys" is in college, with the ministry in view; another was baptized and united with the church on Sunday; on Monday left for the same college. "His ambition is to be a lawyer, but I should not be surprised if he changed his mind."

From Weatherford, Tex., we get this: "In our reading-room we gather young and old, men and women, all who can regularly study the Word, and have nightly Bible readings. Lately, we have commenced an evening Sunday-school and prayer service. We have two schools now, a mile apart" A Bible dictionary was given us, which we felt impressed to send to this place. The missionary replied, "Give our sincere thanks to the donor; it was needed. I had a valuable one last year, but in our great trials from the drought, I was compelled to sell some of my books to help us through the winter. Since I have been a missionary I have badly needed some special books, and sometimes have asked the Lord to open the way by which I could procure them, and have often received by mail or in some box just what I needed. How do people one or two thousand miles away know about these things, unless by the guidance of the Holy Spirit?"

Seeing a notice that Kidder Institute, Missouri, would like reading-matter we sent magazines and papers there. The Principal writes: "We received the magazines, etc., and thank you. We have a small library, but what books we have we read. One of our former teachers, Miss Lizzie Webb, left us last summer and went to Turkey as a missionary; so you see that both students and teachers are interested in mission work whether at home or abroad. I am sure no one can tell how much it helps teachers who are struggling to build up a Christian school to receive such kind letters as yours and such substantial help."

We have had several new names and places presented this year; one, from Kansas writes: "Thank you for your parcels of papers. I have three country churches and three Sunday-schools on my field. Very few families take any religious paper. I always take such, and tracts, when I visit my people. I was a colporteur for the Tract Society about seven years, and know by experience how much good can be done in this way. We came from England sixteen years ago; never think of returning, but want to do all we can to win this lovely country to Christ."

To a stranger in Michigan we sent papers and two books, which were greatly appreciated. He says: "Was specially pleased with the

memoir of Rowland Hill; am acquainted with Surrey Chapel, where he preached for so many years. I have two churches; one seven miles away. There are here Swedes, Germans and French, but no preaching except in English. We have many privations, but are happy in our work, for we know that warm hearts in the East beat with Christian sympathy for us."

A missionary in Washington Territory writes of the debt paid upon their chapel: "During the communion service, at the dedication, eight united with the church, all heads of families and substantial people of the working class. Two years ago this place consisted of bogs, brush and a few shanties. No streets, no church service, Sunday school or public school. Now we have a well-organized church with fifteen members, a flourishing Sunday-school, a beautiful little chapel in the midst of forty homes, overlooking the blue waters of Puget Sound, and a fine public-school building. It is an inspiration to live in the midst of such progress. Thanks for all the interest you have taken in the far West."

A few ladies at Arnolds Mills, R. I., sent a small box of clothing to a colored teacher in North Carolina who writes: "The Sunday-school and church-members with me, return our sincere thanks for the box. We sold some of the things to help our church, and gave some away to the poorest people. Most of the men here have large families and get small pay for their work, so our church work moves very slowly." Have just received a letter from a lady teacher in the same state, saying: "Friends in Bristol, Conn., whom you kindly informed about me, sent a small but valuable box and a money order for ten dollars, which came in time of need. The poor people here are anxious each year to have me return, and are more and more in earnest. Thank you sincerely for all the help and comfort you have been to me."

CONCLUSION.

Our infant class has supplied us with children's papers and given us \$8.11 for postage. Friends in Ware have helped us in various ways as usual. The ring we sold last year has raised thirty-seven dollars. Most of this has been spent in the home work, but we sent three dollars to a teacher from our own church now in Smyrna, Turkey, part of which went to a Protestant family very poor, sick and discouraged; three to a lady physician in India, from another church in our city, and two dollars to Mrs. Pease, in Micronesia. So its influence will reach around the globe. From this same young lady we receive occasionally a small sum for some destitute church at the West, gained by many a weary hour of labor, but her joy in giving is unbounded.

To all the friends who have helped us in our work in various ways we return our hearty thanks, and as they have freely given, so may they freely receive rich spiritual blessings. It is just impossible to

speak of all the work connected with this mission. There are so many links in this missionary chain, but perhaps no part of the work is valued more than letters of Christian sympathy and a remembrance in our prayers. Almost every letter speaks of this. Do we think enough of this? Do we pray enough for these missionaries and teachers in their new and often uncomfortable homes? Surely no one can read the June *Home Missionary* without having the heart touched with pity for the privations and sufferings which many are enduring for Christ's sake, in order that they may preach the gospel to the destitute. Think of dear Mrs. D. of Dakota, who was with us at our conference last year, in rooms so cold that she couldn't begin to keep warm even with a fire last winter, except when in bed, and yet praising God for her blessings! No wonder she longs for a house above ground!

POSTSCRIPT.

Since writing the above we learn that the organ reached its destination May 25th, and we are able to add a message from the missionary: "The organ and the good letters all came on the same steamer, so we had all our good things at once. The instrument is set up in its place, and fits admirably; it will be a great help to us. Please accept our warmest thanks both for yourself and those who contributed to this object. The bell and the organ will constantly remind us of your kindness. Two ladies on the church committee also express their gratitude for the instrument. I now have a horse, and am relieved from my long weary walks (fourteen to sixteen miles on the Sabbath). I assure you I appreciate him. The Lord *does* provide!"

We thank God if we may bear ever so humble a part in this grand and glorious work, and may it prove in the last day that our mission was not altogether in vain; and "Unto Him who loved us, and gave himself for us," will we ascribe all the glory.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Don't fail to read that interesting story of NORTH WISCONSIN, in this magazine. It is called "The New North." Please read also, "Why Do We Love Our Country?" and tell me why *you* love *your* country.

Some of the young people will be interested to read "The Paper Mission and What Came of it." Perhaps through this story you will find a new way to help the Home Missionaries this year.

CERTAIN of our young friends have a special shelf in the house upon which they lay each copy of *The Home Missionary*, after it has been read, for future reference.

Such a file will be very useful to you this year while looking up answers to the "questions."

It is also useful in preparing interesting exercises for your mission circles, upon the different states.

Look at the "Index for 1887," in the April number, and you will find opposite the name of any state, the number of every page upon which anything has been written about that state during the year.

Boys, did you know that the charming story called, "The White Guards" was written on purpose for *you*? If you have not read it, send a couple of two-cent stamps to *The Home Missionary* and ask for it; only be sure and write out your address very plainly so that there shall be no mistake. You will like the plan of "The White Guards," and may wish to form a "Division" of your own. Any Home Mission Circle of boys can be formed into a division of "The White Guards." We shall have Massachusetts Divisions, Connecticut Divisions, Dakota Divisions, Minnesota Divisions, Michigan Divisions, and so on—until our own United States will have her young guardsmen stationed all along the line, from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean—a band of brave young soldiers who will save our dear land for Christ!

QUESTIONS.

27. How many BOHEMIANS and POLES are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries are preaching it to them under Superintendent Schauffler's care?

28. How many GERMANS are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries have been preaching it to them under Superintendent Albrecht's care?

29. How many SCANDINAVIANS are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries are preaching it to them under Superintendent Montgomery's care?

30. Why are there so many people in this country who never hear the gospel preached?

31. Where has Superintendent Albrecht gone?

32. What is the name of the new Superintendent who has taken his place?

33. What Society does this magazine represent?

34. Are you trying to help it?

35. Why?

36. How are you helping this Society?

37. How old is the American Home Missionary Society?

38. In what year was it born?

39. Were there any other missionary societies in our country then?

40. What were their names?
41. Where did these societies send missionaries?
42. Why was this American Home Missionary Society started?
43. Who first suggested such a society?
44. Where was he going at the time?
45. In what was he riding?
46. Who were his companions?
47. What effect did his suggestion have upon his companions?

THE YOUNG MEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION, AMHERST, MASS.

THIS association was formed through the efforts of a lady who was much interested in missionary work. She spoke to some of the young men in the church and a meeting was called to organize a missionary society. Since then we have increased in numbers and have much interest in the work.

The constitution is as follows:

ARTICLE I.—The name of this Society shall be “The Young Men’s Missionary Association.”

ART. II.—Its object shall be to awaken a missionary spirit among its members, and to raise money for missionary purposes.

ART. III.—Its officers shall consist of a Director, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a “Lookout Committee” of three.

ART. IV.—The Director shall be a lady, and she shall have supervision of all matters pertaining to the Society.

The President shall preside at the meetings, and with the Director shall make arrangements for them. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President. The Secretary shall keep a list of the members with a record of their attendance, shall write a report of each meeting and attend to all notices. The Treasurer shall collect and report all moneys contributed and pay out the same on order of the Society. The Lookout Committee shall be on the watch for new members.

ART. V.—Any young man over thirteen years of age may become a member of this Society by a monthly contribution to its funds.

ART. VI.—The meetings shall be held on the second Sabbath of each month. The annual meeting shall be held in May, at which time officers shall be elected for the ensuing year, also reports shall be rendered by the Secretary and Treasurer.

ART. VII.—This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote.

Our meetings are conducted with singing, prayer by the President, reading a selection from the Bible, roll-call and Secretary’s report, Treasurer’s report and collection, pieces or papers assigned before-

hand, a season of prayer in which each may join, business and then the closing hymn. Any member is expected to bring in any item of news on the subject of the meeting without special request.

Please let me know what constitutes an auxiliary to the A. H. M. S.? Hoping that this may encourage others in the work, I remain, *Arthur H. Jameson, Sec.*

THE WORK AT HAND.—VI.

A Story for Girls.

BY MRS. LOUISA P. HOPKINS.

“Knock, and it shall be opened.”

THE knock by which Lucia sought admittance to the home of the Thing family was truly a knock of faith; faith that rested more on the feeling that God sent her there than on any material evidence, for all faces had been warily withdrawn from the exterior, the twins entirely suppressed, and even little Liza Jane left a matter of pure conjecture as to her whereabouts. The knock had to be repeated two or three times; and Anna, with her shrinking and unobtrusive nature, would have left the family to the darkness they seemed to choose rather than infringe further upon their seclusion. But Lucia had no thought of giving it up here. She had a commission to seek that which was lost. At last the worn and sharp face of the mother appeared as the door was opened a hair's breadth, and “What d'y'er want?” greeted them in a surly tone.

“I came to see you, Mrs. Thing, about the children. May I come in and talk with you?” said Lucia.

No answer was vouchsafed, but the door was opened wider, and the two girls passed into the rear room and sat down. It was a close, warm kitchen, with patches of home-made carpet and rugs about the floor. There were no indications of physical destitution. The cooking-stove was ample and modern, and by it sat the master of the house, in his fishing dress—high cowhide boots and oil-cloth suit; a slouched felt hat was pulled over his eyes, and he seemed to be eating raw potatoes, dipped occasionally in a dish of boiling fat upon the stove. He did not turn his head nor look up as the visitors sat there, but doggedly faced the frying-pan, and continued to eat as if determined to ignore their presence. Not a child was visible. The mother returned to her post at the ironing-table, and resumed the work which she had apparently but just left. There was truly a paralyzing effect about this reception. It all said but too plainly, “Mind your own business, and let us alone.” It certainly required some nerve to face it—to open communication with those who threw up such strong barriers of silence and reserve. Lucia was driven for an instant to the innermost appeal of prayer to be told in that same hour what she should speak. What

is it that follows immediately our unuttered prayer from a heart full of faith? What influence spreads silently through the room whence such prayer arises? What sequence opens shut lips and disarms the unrelenting visage?

One thing would not have escaped the notice of even a skeptical observer; that there was an unheralded change in the atmosphere and an apparently unwarrantable softening of the attitude of the woman which made her ready to listen to what Lucia said as she unfolded her plan of opening a Sunday-school for the children in the little shop, and prepared her to assent when Lucia asked her to promise her the three younger children as members. It is certain that she had before resolved to refuse her aid and accept no overtures from these town-girls who had come down there to interfere with the ways and notions of the people. To be sure when the little garments were brought out the mother's pride roused her to some resentment, and she said, "We're no beggars," with firm lips and a haughty toss of the head; but Anna then came to the front with winning modesty of manner and expression, saying that they wanted to please the children in some way so that they might wish to come to the Sunday-school, and intended to furnish all who should come with Sunday clothes. The mother offered no more objections, and when the girls rose to go succeeded in saying, however ungraciously, "Thank yer; come again." The prince's feather seemed to wave a kindly salutation and Liza Jane and the twins presently rushed out with beaming faces to say "Good-bye; come again." Anna and Lucia felt that the benediction of the house was upon them, and that their message of good-will had awakened some gleam of response.

"Where shall we go now, Liza," said Lucia; "will you show us some of the other little girls' houses?"

"There's Miss Perkins's house; she's got three gals," said the child. "I'll go with yer, 'f you want me to."

"Yes, indeed," said Lucia, and she took the little brown hand as they walked through Mrs. Perkins's gate-way to the side door of a very old black house which was evidently the home of a much poorer family than the Things. Liza led them right into the house, to a large room where Mrs. Perkins was found with her three little girls. The youngest, a child of three years, stood on a cricket by the table washing a few pieces of crockery—poor little housewife, with such a forlorn air of work-to-do in her baby face; the others helped their mother in sorting and rolling tobacco for cigars—the making of which proved to be the Widow Perkins's only means of subsistence. She was rather a young woman, but very thin and haggard; so were the little girls. They worked all day, every day, with the odious tobacco, in order to live, and none of them were well—the oldest child often being too sick to work. Their story was a sad one, of painful disaster, privation and toil.

East have, and you need not fear but that advanced learning will be intrusted to Christian hands for nurture. Here is the duty, then, that lies before us: *Enlarged benevolence* for Christian education. In place of hundreds, thousands; in place of thousands, tens of thousands for the work! Let the pulpit and religious press lift up this subject and enforce it before the Christian public till it shall be seen in the magnitude of its importance. Let Christian men of wealth be taught that if they would provide a monument for their name, which shall outlast the firmest bed-rock granite ever hewn from the depths of the earth, they must be the patrons and benefactors of Christian educational institutions.

"Let the noble work of the College and Education Society receive more attention from the churches. What that Society has wrought in the interest of education is but feebly appreciated by the Christian public. If it had done nothing more than to give to the nation the literature that has grown up in connection with its work, it would have performed an invaluable service, for which no praise would seem extravagant."

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,903 22
Alabama, Talladega.....	10 00
Connecticut, Fairfield.....	17 00
Massachusetts, H. M. S.....	20 00
Wisconsin, Beloit.....	13 70
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MISSIONARY BOXES.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.
2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.
3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.
4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise, as "fast freight," by railroad, taking *two* receipts from the Company.
5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of *freight* (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.
6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for *freight*, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in **THE HOME MISSIONARY**.
7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.
8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding *the name of the place from which it comes*.
9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a *list of contents* to guide

in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the *size* of each adult, and the *age and sex* of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.

10. *These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society.* It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

WOMAN'S STATE H. M. ORGANIZATIONS.

New Hampshire Female Cent Institution, org. 1805, Miss Anne A. McFarland, Concord, Sec.	Wisconsin, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1853, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead, Sec.
Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. 1872, Mrs. H. L. Chase, Minneapolis, Sec.	North Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Nov., 1883, Miss S. E. Judd, Fargo, Sec.
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Maine, Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, org. June, 1880, Mrs. Levi L. Paine, Bangor, Sec.	Connecticut, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Jan., 1885, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Hartford, Sec.
Michigan, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1881, Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lansing, Sec.	Missouri, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1885, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3100 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Sec.
Kansas, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1881, Mrs. Addison Blanchard, Topeka, Sec.	Illinois, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1885, Mrs. C. H. Tantor, Chicago, Sec.
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New York, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. C. Creegan, Syracuse, Sec.	

APPOINTMENTS IN SEPTEMBER, 1887.

Not in commission last year.

Allworth, William H., Spiritwood, No. Dak.
 Bankfield, John A., Lincoln, Cal.
 Becknell, Dennis H., Houghton, Tolt, Melrose, Woodinville and Bothells, Wash. Ter.
 Chapman, Henry, Murphy's, Douglas Flat, Copperopolis, Angels, Altaville, Galt and Spring Valley, Cal.
 Cunningham, W. B., Michigan City, Petersburg and Niagara, No. Dak.
 Eldridge, John W., Mt. Hood, Or., and White Salmon, East Wash. Ter.
 Ellis, M. A., Coal Creek, Col.
 Henderson, Thomas H., Albina, Or.
 Hmes, Henry, Hopkins, Ind. Ter.
 Jewell, George F., Columbia, So. Dak.
 Johnston, John B., Mine La Motte, Mo.
 Parsons, Isaac B., Towner and Poplar Grove, No. Dak.
 Smith, John F., Chapman, Detroit and Enterprise, Kan.
 Van Daisem, Henry A., Dickinson, No. Dak.

Re-commissioned.

Andrews, David W., Hebron, Hobart and Ainsworth, Ind.
 Bascom, George S., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Battey, Richard H., Milbank, So. Dak.
 Beach, Edwin K., Lexington, Saddle Mount, Eight Mile, Ella and Young school-house, Or.
 Beynon, Reese G., Marietta, Cornerville, Moss Run and Cow Run, Ohio.
 Blenkarn, William T., Oswego, Kan.
 Bonnell, William H., Julesburg, Col.
 Chandler, Joseph H., St. Anthony Park, Minn.
 Chavez, Ezekiel C., Old Albuquerque, Barelais, Griegos and Ladera, New Mex.
 Cole, H. Hammond, Tucson, Ariz.
 Combs, Clemeat, Richey, Mo.
 Davies, John L., Youngstown, Ohio.
 Davies, Thomas V., Altoona, Village Creek, Buffalo and Stone school-house, Kan.
 Doyle, Amos A., Sherman, Kan.

Dungan, George, Otis and Hyde, Col.
 Dvas, Joseph P., Athol and Frankfort, So. Dak.
 Fellows, Charles B., Wadena and Verndale Minn.
 Fisher, William B., Louisville, Kan.
 Fisk, Wilbur, Freeborn, Freedom, Manchester and Vivian, Minn.
 Frary, Lucien H., Sierra Madre, Cal.
 Gordan, Isaac G., Howard and Winfred, So. Dak.
 Griffith, Evan T., Fountain Springs, Penn.
 Harb, W. Reuben W., Netawaka and Muscotah, Kan.
 Haskell, Ezra, Portland, Or.
 Holmes, Henry, Campbell and Graceville, Minn.
 Holmquist, Gustavus, St. Louis, Mo.
 Hood, E. Lyman, Santa Fe, New Mex.
 Hughes, Isaac C., Penfield, Ohio.
 Hull, Lyman, Stafford and Plevna, Kan.
 Johnson, Alfred P., Springfield, Mo.
 Jones, Abraham, Blossburg, Penn.
 Jones, Henry W., Vacaville, Cal.
 Jones, William H., Slatington, Penn.
 Lauge, John G., Cheyenne, Wyo.
 Loomis, Eli R., Walla Walla, Wash. Ter.
 Macdonald, John, Hydesville and Rohnerville, Cal.
 Mack, Charles A., Glen Ulin and Gladstone, No. Dak.
 Markham, Henry F., Cora and out-stations, Kan.
 Marsh, Thomas, Wallace, Kan.
 Millar, William H., Chesaning, Mich.
 Mitchell, George W., Avoca and Rehawka, Neb.
 Peebles, Arthur B., Fargo, No. Dak.
 Read, Eugene B., Montrose, Col.
 Sanford, William C., Smith Center, Kan.
 Shaw, William, Atlanta, Ga.
 Sherk, Abraham B., Riceville, Penn.
 Sidebotham, William, Kalkaska, Excelsior and Barber school-house, Mich.
 Smith, Oscar M., Hawley and Muskoda, Minn.
 Sopher, George E., Salamanca, N. Y.
 Spencer, Judson G., Buena Vista, Col.
 Stevens, Julius, Brookline and Republic, Mo.

Stokes, William T., Watertown, N. Y.
 Stubbins, William H., Onida and out-stations,
 So. Dak.
 Trandberg, P. C., Chicago, Ill.
 Travis, David Q., De Soto, Mo.

Vivian, Richard, Baldwin and out-station, Mich.
 Westpfahl, Fred W., West Spring Creek and
 Spring Creek, Penn.
 Wolfe, Joseph, Whatcom, Ten Mile, Anatole
 and Island school-house, Wash. Ter.

RECEIPTS IN SEPTEMBER, 1887.

MAINE—\$63.21.

Bangor, Central Ch., by W. S. Dennett \$20 00
 Bluehill, S. M. Peters..... 1 40
 Portland, St. Lawrence Street Ch., by
 J. J. Gerrish..... 20 00
 Ladies of the Seaman's Bethel Ch., by
 Mrs. Anna Elliott..... 16 55
 West Trenton, Amenia K. Thompson. 5 26

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$193.81.

Bethlehem, A Friend..... 100 00
 Chester, Mrs. Mary E. Hadden..... 10 00
 Concord, A Friend..... 5 00
 East Derry, First, by F. W. Parker.... 34 31
 Exeter, X. X. X..... 10 00
 Gorham, Guests of the Glen House and
 the Gorham Cong. Ch., by Rev. G. F.
 Wright..... 6 50
 Keene, Woman's Miss. Soc. First Ch.,
 special..... 8 00
 Manchester, "J. W. J."..... 10 00
 Newport, A Friend..... 10 00

VERMONT—\$1,092.88; of which Legacy, \$1,000.00.

Barre, by Rev. S. F. Gale..... 16 09
 Bennington, Second Cong. Sunday-
 school, by H. D. Fillmore..... 11 62
 Burlington, A Friend..... 1 60
 Brattleboro, Chester French, by H. M.
 G., "In Memoriam"..... 5 00
 Manchester, Children's Miss. Circle, by
 Lottie C. Willett, for Children's Bo-
 hemian Fund..... 20 50
 North Bennington, by H. D. Hall..... 22 67
 Proctor, Legacy of D. B. Bogue, by D.
 D. Benditt, Ex..... 1,000 00
 St. Johnsbury, North Ch., a few Ladies,
 by W. C. Tyler..... 6 00
 Salisbury, by D. B. Kingsley..... 10 00

MASSACHUSETTS—\$7,087.40; of which Legacy, \$805.00.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B.
 Palmer, Treas..... 750 00
 For the Bohemian fund..... 20 00
 For Western work among Foreign-
 ers..... 4,500 00
 Hampden Benev. Assoc., by C.
 Marsh, Treas.:
 Springfield, First..... \$75 00
 Hope Ch..... 78 35
 Olivet Ch..... 19 35
 Westfield, First..... 14 31
 West Springfield, Ashley
 School and Charitable fund. 108 53
 295 54
 Acton, Sunday-school and Home Miss.
 Circle, by Miss Evelina Davis, special
 Amherst, First, by W. Hamlen..... 50 00
 Ashfield, H. Taylor..... 7 60
 Bernardston, Miss M. L. Newcomb.... 117 00
 Boston, A Friend..... 50 10
 East Granville, Young People's Soc. of
 Christian Endeavor, by W. S. Gris-
 wold..... 2 15
 Enfield, Estate of J. B. Woods, by R.M.
 Woods, Trustee..... 50 00
 Gloucester, Mrs. Nancy E. Brooks..... 20 00
 Hadley, John N. Pierce, to const. him
 a L. M., by A. Dickinson..... 50 00
 Holden, M. A. Perry..... 5 00
 Monson, E. F. Morris..... 150 00

Newburyport, A Friend, by S. K.
 Whipple..... \$1 00
 Newton, A Friend..... 5 00
 North Adams, Mrs. H. M. E., a Thank-
 offering..... 50 00
 North Brookfield, First Ch., Mrs. H. M.
 N., special, \$12: Friends, \$3..... 15 00
 Pittsfield, Mrs. H. M. Hurd..... 2 00
 Rehoboth, by F. A. Bliss..... 13 50
 F. D. Eveleth, by Ellery Robinson... 1 00
 Webster, First, by E. L. Spalding.... 100 00
 Legacy of J. T. Perry, by J. Bracken,
 Ex..... 805 00
 Worcester, A Friend..... 2 50

RHODE ISLAND—\$301.36.

Kingston, Cong. Sunday-school, special,
 by N. Helme..... 15 00
 Providence, H. W. Preston..... 10 00
 Pilgrim Ch., by H. C. Waters..... 276 35

CONNECTICUT—\$3,619.31; of which Legacies, \$1,050.00.

Miss. Soc. Conn. W. W. Jacobs, Treas.,
 by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec..... 12 00
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 Mt. Carmel, Mrs. J. M. Swift, in
 full to const. Harry G. Swift a
 L. M..... \$10 00
 New Haven, A Friend..... 2 00
 12 00
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 Sec. Woman's H. M. Union of
 Conn.
 Bristol, Ladies, special..... 6 00
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 for Bohemian work..... 17 00
 Kent, Ladies H. M. Soc..... 60 00
 W. C. H. M. Union of Conn.,
 special..... 100 00
 183 00
 Bridgeport, by O. H. Brothwell..... 91 20
 Bridgewater, E. Miner, by G. C. Ben-
 nett..... 2 00
 Connecticut, A Friend..... 100 00
 A Widow Lady..... 2 00
 East Hampton, First, by Rev. E. P.
 Post..... 32 25
 Essex, First, by C. S. Munger..... 24 00
 Farmington, by F. C. Jones..... 86 10
 Glastonbury, Mrs. L. Marta Cameron.. 25 00
 Goshen, Mrs. Moses Lyman..... 10 00
 Greenwich, Second Cong. Ch., by L. P.
 Hubbard..... 231 00
 Stillson Benev. Soc. of the Second
 Cong. Ch., by Miss C. M. Mead,
 Treas., to const. Mrs. Charles Cam-
 eron, Mrs. Hudson L. Ritch, Mrs.
 Augustus I. Mead, Mrs. William
 Crawford, Mrs. Hugh Funston,
 Mrs. Andrew Bridge and Mrs. S. D.
 Ritch L. Ms..... 500 00
 Guilford, First, by E. W. Leete, to
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 Legacy of Mrs. Phlo Bishop, by B.
 Munroe, Adm..... 50 00
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 G. M. Woodruff, Ex..... 1,060 00
 A Friend..... 50 00
 Meriden, Centre Ch., by Miss Mary R.
 Wood..... 20 00
 New Britain, A class of young Men in
 the Sunday-school of the South Cong.
 Ch., by F. A. Bassett..... 10 00

New Haven, Rev. S. J. M. Merwin.....	\$100 00	Tamaqua, by Rev. D. E. Hughes.....	\$5 28
Dea. G. Newton, deceased, by H. G. Newton, to const. H. G. Newton and Caroline G. Newton L. Ms.....	100 00	West Bangor, by Rev. J. Cadwalader.....	2 00
Mrs. M. C. Howe Johnston, to const. Curtis Howe Walker a L. M.....	50 00	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$54.00.	
New London, First, by C. D. Boss, Jr., Second Cong. Ch., by J. G. Porter, M. D.....	4 10	Washington, Ladies' H. M. S. of the First Ch., special, by Lizzie Patterson.....	54 00
New Milford, John S. Turrill.....	440 77	VIRGINIA—\$13.02.	
Norwich, Mrs. Jane G. Thomas.....	15 00	Falls Church, by Rev. F. W. Tuckerman.....	13 02
Oxford, Friends.....	50 00	ALABAMA—\$10.00.	
Rockville, G. L. Grant.....	10 00	Talladega, Rev. Pres. De Forest, for Bohemian work.....	10 00
Sharon, Mrs. G. Woodward.....	6 00	FLORIDA—\$23.00.	
Southport, Ch., by Rev. W. H. Hohman, to const. H. W. Banks, Mrs. H. T. Bulkie, Martha J. Elwood, Evalina D. Louis and Mary C. Henshaw, L. Ms.....	5 03	Apopka, by Rev. D. E. Todd.....	3 00
Mary A. Sherwood.....	284 86	Daytona, Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. M. W. Martin, Woman's Dept.....	10 00
A Friend.....	25 00	Grand Island, A Friend of Missions... Malabar and Lake Worth, by Rev. A. B. Dilley.....	3 00
Stratford, Ch., add'l, by Mrs. S. A. Talbot.....	2 00	Norwalk and Kerr City, by Rev. B. T. Stafford.....	4 50
W. J. Peck, by Rev. J. S. Ives.....	10 00	Stafford.....	2 50
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NEW YORK—\$525.74.			
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Brooklyn, East Cong. Ch., by E. H. Martin.....	175 00	Kelloggsville.....	6 07
Young People's Soc. of Christian Endeavor of Stuyvesant Avenue Ch., by A. S. Tuttle.....	64 02	Lenox, by G. Hyde.....	5 00
Crown Point, Second, by Rev. J. J. Boud.....	20 41	North Bloomfield, by W. C. Savage.....	6 43
Deansville, Ladies' Miss. Aid Soc. of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. M. I. Kinne.....	10 06	Pierpont.....	7 32
East Bloomfield, by F. Munson.....	25 25	Ruggles, by J. W. Sturtevant.....	21 13
East Pharsalia, by Rev. L. F. Buell.....	8 44	Windham, W. A. Perkins.....	10 00
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North Walton, L. McClenon, by W. M. Hoyt.....	5 00	Bellevue, Lyme Ch., by M. Wood.....	35 68
Norwich, by J. Hammond.....	20 00	Caufield, by Rev. J. S. Whitman.....	11 50
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Oseola, by Rev. G. S. Lee.....	25 00	Perrysburgh, by S. P. Tolman.....	9 10
Pekin, Miss Abigail Peck.....	8 32	INDIANA—\$5.49.	
Raymondville, by Rev. G. H. Woodhull.....	8 00	Kokomo, by Rev. E. D. Curtis.....	5 49
Richville, by Rev. C. C. Creegan.....	23 50	ILLINOIS—\$2,056.05; of which Legacy, \$2,000.00.	
Rodman, by J. B. Lyon.....	5 68	Received by Mrs. B. F. Leavitt, Treas. Ill. Woman's H. M. Union: Chicago, Ladies' H. M. Soc. Leavitt St. Ch.....	\$3 85
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West Greece, by Rev. H. W. Tuttle.....	13 63	Ladies of Second Ch., Woman's Dept.....	10 00
NEW JERSEY—\$19.63.			
Closter, by Rev. G. W. Plaack.....	6 00	Batavia, Young People's Miss. Soc. of Cong. Ch., by Lucy Rowe.....	11 00
Stanley, by Rev. R. S. Stone.....	10 00	Chicago, on account of Legacy of Eveline S. Drake, by W. E. Rollé, Adm.....	2,000 00
PENNSYLVANIA—\$469.28.			
Blossburg, by Rev. A. Jones.....	10 00	Rochelle, C. F. Holcomb.....	20 00
Cambridgeboro, Woman's Miss. Soc. of the Cong. Ch., by Mrs. M. B. Ross.....	10 00	Western Springs, Lovella Silence, "Home Missionary Hen Fruit".....	1 00
Canton, H. Sheldon.....	15 00	MISSOURI—\$50.35.	
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Manistee, R. G. Peters.....	200 00
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New Baltimore.....	8 77
St. Clair.....	10 00
Saranac.....	1 76
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\$302 00

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Union:

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Cheboygan.....	5 03
Coloma.....	9 00
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Greenville.....	10 36
Highland.....	8 00
Perry.....	10 00
Reed City.....	15 00
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\$4 62

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Fayette.....	10 50
Garden.....	6 95
Ironton.....	15 00
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Vahma.....	11 90

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Lille..... 1 75 |

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East Lake, by Rev. H. C. Hulburt..... 6 00 |

Farwell, by Rev. T. A. Porter..... 9 50 |

Grand Ledge, by Rev. A. B. Curtis..... 3 33 |

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to const. Dea. W. Haddam, Dea. S.
Judd, Dea. N. L. Avery and Rev. E.
D. Curtis L. Ms..... 200 00 |

Greenville, by E. F. Grabill..... 100 00 |

Hancock, Cong. Sunday-school, special,
by Miss M. A. Strigner..... 25 60 |

Hartford and Lawrence, by Rev. S.
Taylor..... 3 00 |

Laingsburgh, First Ch., by W. J. Tillit-
son..... 12 72 |

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Hanson, by I. C. Howland.....	11 09
Haverhill, North, by Moses E. Emerson.....	600 00
Hinsdale, by C. J. Kittredge.....	12 00
Holden, by William H. Flagg.....	10 03
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Milford, Sunday-school, by J. D. Crosby	25 00
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West Brookfield, Dorcas Soc., by Miss Harriet N. Forbes, barrel and freight.....	90 50
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THE APPEAL.

OUR appeal "to the Friends of Home Missions" is meeting with a favor that calls for grateful acknowledgment. The receipts in October were more than \$42,000. The Society's notes at the banks have, so far, been paid at maturity. Here and there a legacy comes to hand. At this writing, Nov. 7th, liberal responses are reaching us from churches and individual givers, with cheering words that give the offerings double value.

Our friends will bear in mind that other notes, amounting to \$50,000, will soon fall due, and that claims for missionary labor come in daily, the payment of which must not be long delayed. If the friends of Home Missions slacken their efforts for a day, the effect is felt at once in the Treasury and through all the ranks of busy workers.

Let them bring up and keep up their cheerful giving to the full measure of their ability; let them pray as the importance of the cause demands, and they will have the joy of seeing the work go bravely on over all the wide field, and of reaching the end of the Society's sixty-second year without a debt to cloud its record of grand spiritual success.

A FINANCIAL SUPERINTENDENT.

OUR readers by turning to the last page of the cover will learn of the appointment of Rev. CLARK C. OTIS as Financial Superintendent. A long-felt need is thus supplied. The administration of the Society naturally divides into two parts, one relating to the development of its missionary fields and the other to the diffusion of missionary intelligence among the churches, and the collection of funds for its work. The labor and correspondence connected with both these departments have doubled in the last five years, yet with very slight increase in the working force of the office. One consequence of this pressure has been that while the missionary work at the front has received its full share of time and thought, the field at home, where most of our resources lie, has not been proportionately developed.

This lack, we hope and believe, is now abundantly supplied. By one of those providences that have marked the history of the Society for more than sixty years, the way to this appointment was made signally clear. At the very time when some such step was under consideration at the office, a wise and generous friend of Home Missions in Western Massachusetts was moved to write us as follows:

“How to increase the income of the American Home Missionary Society.—Employ a wide-awake business man from thirty to thirty-five years old, a man whose every muscle and nerve is quivering with physical and spiritual energy. Let him devote himself mainly to this work. Let his motto and his practice be push, *push*, *push*! The requisites for business success at this day are a good thing well pushed. The Society has a good thing. Let it be pushed. I have so much confidence in my suggestions, that I am willing to make a special contribution of one thousand dollars to see them fairly and pushingly tried.”

Our thoughts turned at once towards the Rev. C. C. Otis as the man for this peculiar service. A graduate of Olivet, Michigan, and of Yale Theological Seminary, a successful pastor in Connecticut, called by the Society to be the Superintendent of its work in Western Washington four years ago, which trust he has fulfilled with marked fidelity and success, uniting all the qualifications described above, and adding to them an experience at the front and an intimate knowledge of the missionary field, that give him a singular advantage in presenting its needs—Mr. Otis seemed to us providentially called to a department of work that had been providentially opened. He has listened to the call and entered upon the work. That work, while involving a great variety of duties will consist briefly in systematically pressing the claims of the Society upon individuals, among the churches, and before the local conferences with the same energy that a business house would use in multiplying its customers and enlarging its trade. The work of Home Missions is truly a work of faith, but it can only succeed through sound business methods. And these we believe our new Superintendent will be wise to discover and skillful to enforce. We warmly commend him to pastors who are devising new methods of quickening the interest of their people, to the churches who love to hear the home missionary story from lips skilled to tell it, and to men and women of our faith, everywhere, whom God has made stewards of wealth, and who desire only to learn how wisely to invest it for Him and for their country.

At the Annual Meeting in Saratoga, June 7th, 1887, the following vote was passed:

Resolved, That whereas the relation of the Auxiliaries to this National Society is so close, and the conditions of that relationship require that all surplus money in auxiliary treasuries be forwarded to the National treasury, therefore it is desirable that all gifts from churches and individuals for Home Missions be made to the State Societies, or through their treasuries by designation to the National Society.

THE Oberlin Slavic Department is fuller than last year.

REV. THOMAS A. UZZELL, who has charge of the work at "The People's Tabernacle," Denver, Colorado, begs for "Pocket Bibles" to distribute among his young converts.

FROM A MISSIONARY WIFE, WITH A CONTRIBUTION.—"When I used to write a good deal for the papers I tithed whatever I received in payment, but now that I can write so seldom, I want to give it all."

REV. D. L. FORDNEY expresses thanks to generous friends for the communion service needed for his church, and also for an extra service with which he is enabled to meet the want of a church in Kansas mentioned in *The Home Missionary* for October.

THE following extract from the history of the First Congregational Church, in Passaic, N. J., by Mr. Lyman S. Andrews, suggests a touch of frontier life near home. "During all this time (eight months) we had not even a chapel in which to hold our evening meetings. They were regularly held, however, chairs, hymn-books and an organ being conveyed from house to house for the purpose, and some of our happiest and most profitable services were held under these conditions." "A Suburban Example" in the present issue furnishes further items of interest concerning this successful enterprise.

YOUR communication came last Thursday morning. In the afternoon occurred our annual meeting. I read both to the brethren with the result of a vote *to assume self-support for the future, beginning at date*. So, as far as the decision goes, the Rubicon is passed by us. I hardly dared think such a step possible, and did not anticipate its being taken at that time. But the Spirit moved and I would not have hindered *if I could*. The action was taken so promptly that it gave me a shock from which I hardly have recovered yet. I believe we shall succeed, and I know we shall be blessed!—*Rev. O. V. Rice, Columbus, Neb.*

"IN PERILS OBT."—From the *Florida Times Union* we learn that Rev. Sidney Crawford, our Missionary at Tampa, Fla., who, since the yellow fever has raged there, has been unremitting in his ministrations to the sick—is critically ill with the fever. The *Union* declares that "no words can be extravagant in describing his conduct, and that of others of the clergy who have stood shoulder to shoulder with Mr. Crawford, until he was stricken down. Wherever there has been sickness or destitution, or wherever the face and voice of a sympathizing friend were needed, there have been found Sidney Crawford and his brothers in the ministry. These brave men will ever be held in grateful love and esteem by the citizens of Tampa."

NOT AN EXPERIMENT.

BY REV. MICHAEL BURNHAM, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

I HAVE never been more firmly convinced than at the present time that the American Home Missionary Society has its roots struck very deep into the hearts of our churches. We reverence it. We are consecrated to it. We believe in it; but our zeal might be greatly strengthened if our large eastern churches would send their pastors West occasionally, and allow them to look into the homes and hearts of these home missionaries; not to ride in a palace car to Denver, or some other large city, and skim over the territory, but to go through the length and breadth of the land and see the needs of the work. I confess oftentimes, as an eastern pastor, I am at a loss to know how to bring to bear the mightiest arguments upon my people: not that I have not arguments, but my task is to make them feel the necessity of the work, as coming into living contact with that work would do.

We must cover the field in its new work, and in its established work, and we must have men, and picked men, too. Everybody won't do for a home missionary.

There are two ways of studying the great work. There are two ways of studying the city of New York or Boston. You can go to the high tower of one of the tall churches, or you can go to the top of Bunker Hill Monument, and you get a view of the city as a whole. Then, if you come down and walk the streets of Boston or New York, you get an entirely different view. And yet it is in part the same view. I get encouragement when I climb the heights and overlook history and see what God has wrought for America. Let us stand on the heights a moment and see what God's great and grand purpose is for our beloved America. When the South of Europe went with the Papal Church, when, in the mediæval ages, the middle of Europe was divided, and when the north of Europe, which meant the progressive races, became a synonym of Protestantism, it meant the future of America. When the House of Stuarts put the pressure on the English people which helped out the emigration to America of the best blood of the nations of the old world, it meant a far-reaching providence for America. Fifteen centuries were behind the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers on Plymouth Rock. More than half of our history, I had almost said, was kept within the shadow of Plymouth Rock. We were not allowed to march westward over the grand heights of the Pacific shores until New England homes, New England churches and New England institutions had been well built up in the heart by the power of the love of God. And now, when God's time has come, we owe to the American Home Missionary Society the evangelizing of the great West beyond

the snows. It was a humble home missionary who crossed the mountains in the middle of winter and laid the facts before President Tyler that the country beyond was perfectly accessible, setting forth that the Hudson Bay Company had entered into negotiations to secure all that great western slope; and the President said that that negotiation should cease till Dr. Whitman could prove his words by leading a colony across the mountains; and he did it. And we have, as a consequence to-day, the great West and the Northwest. God has opened these shores to the nations of the world. God held us till we were ready; but now, from the wide opened gates there pours in a tide of immigration, and this continent is the highway of the nations. We have sent our steam-horse with his foot of iron across the Rocky Mountains. We have got fifty lines of railway to-day that cross the Mississippi. Indeed, we may stand on the heights of God's Providence and ask ourselves if, in the opening, the founding, the beginning, the continuing of such a nation he has not great things in store for us.

But likewise we can stand among the multitudes and see that we are in accord with his mighty plan for developing this work, knowing that the kingdom of grace is running parallel with the kingdom of providence. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Our Lord issued that command. Did he not know the mighty work to which he was sending us? Oh, if even the millions coming to America would stay still that we might surround them! They are massing in cities. They have caught the quick, nervous spirit of our Anglo-Saxon life.

I love to encourage myself with the thought that we are engaged in no experiment; it is no experiment to offer Christ to the nations. I have ridden in the track of a storm and seen churches uprooted and houses blown down, and I have asked, Are we in American history but experimenting? Do we ride in the track of the storm? Are our American institutions, churches, homes, schools, but playthings of these mighty forces of infidel life? I love to look at the footsteps of Him who trod the waves of Galilee, who spake as never man spake, and see how, in the prow of that vessel, he lifted his hand and said, "Peace be still"; and the waves were calm. There is one power, one mighty arm, one mighty beating heart in the forefront of our civilization—and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. Our institutions in providence and in grace must, if we are true to what God asks of us, become the institutions of Christ; the Christian home, the Christian schools, the Christian state; and our work in this respect is self-defensive. Look at it. Ten million voters! Two millions cannot read their names on the ballot; vicious men by hundreds and thousands march to our ballot-box. We are to have, we are told, eight hundred thousand emigrants pour in upon us the next year: a greater number than came down from the North

upon the old Roman Empire and destroyed it! We have the mighty forces of life massing east and west and everywhere; certainly we are in a work of self-defense. Within a space four hundred miles wide, from Lake Superior to the Pacific Ocean, you have England, Scotland, France, Spain, Portugal, Denmark and Sweden all massed into one. You may take the Connecticut Valley and you have the old Roman Empire multiplied by one and a half, and the State of Massachusetts multiplied seven times.

This is a work that calls for *our* self-sacrifice. I have come to feel that we ought not to ask these Home Missionaries to make sacrifices that we would not endure, or shoulder burdens that our shoulders would not bear. It is my brother in the log-cabin; that woman in the far West, with frozen feet, is your sister. It is your sister that bears her dead babe in her arms to its last resting-place—its sepulcher of snow. We have got to go back to one point. It is not our work simply, it is the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not facts or figures that are going to save us. It is the *great fact* that we are the church of the Holy Ghost, the church of the Spirit of God. The Spirit that came down on the heads and hearts of the disciples on the day of Pentecost, has been, and is to day, the power by which the church goes forward. We are conquering the East; we are conquering the great cities; we are conquering the great West by the apostolic doctrine, by the apostolic fellowship and power. We are to carry the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, with all its great and divine solicitude, throughout our land. The Epistles are but the Gospels unfolded. Read the speech of Peter on the day of Pentecost. Read the speech of Stephen before his judges. Read the Epistles to the Romans, Galatians, Thessalonians, Colossians, Ephesians and Hebrews if you wish to know the truth we are to carry into the world. Let us touch hands around the great facts of salvation as the apostolic church did. And let us remember that, in answer to the prayers of the apostolic church, prison walls were shaken and prison fetters were thrown off. It went forth mightily in power for the work of our blessed Lord.

We cannot give up *one* of the peoples that come to us. We may again condemn our dear Lord in casting out these when he sends to our shores in his providence. Shall it be the Bohemians? As I look upon that immense company I see the hand with the nail prints stretched out to them. Shall it be the Poles, the Scandinavians, the French? The hand with the nail prints includes them. They are our brothers for whom Christ died, and God is giving them into our hands. Oh, that I had a hundred tongues, a hundred hearts, and a hundred hands that I might give them for that service which to-day comes to us with new importance, and which is to increase in importance with every passing decade of our future history!

THE HOLY CROSS.

BY REV. C. M. SANDERS, COLORADO, SUPERINTENDENT.

[In his address at Saratoga, Superintendent Sanders urged the importance of The Rocky Mountain Department under three heads: (1) Its location—comprising Colorado and East Wyoming; (2) its extent—four times the State of New York; (3) its many and diversified attractions. We give his closing words.]

THERE is an idea abroad that this region is limited in its attractive forces, and that these few are also quite limited in their power to locate and hold a population. "It is only a beautiful bouquet," say some. The fact is, probably no department of our home missionary field offers so many and such diversified attractions to those seeking a location. It is probably true that no railroads in the world pass through so much scenic grandeur as the Denver and Rio Grande and the South Park of Colorado. Their trains, like school children, run through the canons and climb over the ranges.

It is the land of almost continuous sunshine.

In 1883, Denver knew but one sunless day; in 1884, two; in 1885, one. Only thirty sunless days in twelve years! At Cheyenne, Wyo., one summer evening, at eight o'clock, I saw, quite distinctly, Long's Peak, ninety-five miles distant.

Note the character of the people settling that section. It is largely a native element; an educated, stirring, enthusiastic, dead-in-earnest class. The Denver Harvard club numbers fifty-six members; the Yale club ninety members. The clerk of the Cheyenne church is a graduate of Amherst College. I found nearly a dozen college graduates in a congregation of 160 people in a mining camp. An Oxford graduate was found alone, at a retired ranch, editing a book.

This field offers peculiar inducements for our branch in the sisterhood of churches. We can unite, as no other denomination can. Congregationalism rightly exemplified is Christian union personified. There was a funeral in a western city. The procession was on its way to the cemetery. In the first carriage were the three clergymen of the place. Two of these were heavy men and they occupied the seat of the carriage. One was the Roman Catholic priest, and the other the Presbyterian pastor. The third, who was the Congregational pastor, and the lightest weight of the three, sat on the right knee of the priest and the left knee of the Presbyterian and drove the team. A solid symbol of Christian union. Thus Congregationalism unites and drives the extremes as the others could not. Said a priest to me, "There is one thing about your church that specially interests me; you can use your membership in your work. In our church I have it all to do."

But you ask what has been done and what are you proposing to do?



THE MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS.

We have thirty-four churches, with a resident membership of about 1,800. Eight of these churches have come to self-support. The home expenses were \$32,329.70; the benevolences, \$3,211.95. The calls coming in are many, and most of them are urgent. There are great sections populated and no minister near. We must at least double our forces, or the kingdom suffers. This is imperative. At present we are working at arms' length. We are trying to carry a train load on the back of a few burros. The need of money is great, but I sometimes feel that the need of the right men to do the work is greater still. We must *have men that are men*; the best of men; brainy, hearty, dead in earnest, clean and consecrated; whose souls are all on fire to do the Master's will; men who stick and stay, through thick and thin, knowing no such word as fail. A bright, promising young man from New York, a graduate of Amherst, has just gone to a mining camp where there is no other minister; a place of 500 or more people. At the close of his first Sabbath he thus writes me: "The school-house was packed, several persons standing; music first-rate; never spoke to a more attentive congregation; collection eleven dollars. I feel like turning Methodist and shouting, *Bless the Lord!*"

Occasionally you hear "the boys" in some of these mining camps using the expression, "back in God's country." By this they mean the place of their early home in the East. The inference is, that they regard the region of their camp as located outside of God's domain. A friend of mine tells me that in 1879, as he was about leaving Omaha for Cheyenne, to take the position of train dispatcher, a friend of his, at Ogden, wired him these words: "West of Omaha there is no Sabbath; and west of Cheyenne there is no God." Now, if there is any part of this broad country that belongs to God, of a fact it must be the Rocky Mountain region. Those towering ranges have many index-finger peaks pointing always and only upward to the God who lifted them into space.

It is my privilege occasionally, as I go the round of my "*parish of parishes*," to pass through the "Royal Gorge of the Grand Canon of the Rocky Mountains," which is one of the crowning surprises of that scenic region. Here is a kingly alley. In it you are thrilled by the solidity and might of your surroundings. The outlook in all directions is short, but the up-look is limitless. You seem shut in to a narrow, but royal castle. Gazing upward those sharp-edged peaks seem playing with the clouds. Man is reverential in their presence. The very atmosphere seems pregnant with holy thoughts. The rushing waters at your feet seem to say, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" Again, and more, as though there was to be no misunderstanding regarding His special right to this region of scenic grandeur, God, by deep chasms and pure

snow, has "branded" one of its loftiest peaks with the symbol of his own right and love, THE HOLY CROSS, emblem of hope, mercy's sign.

"A wonder grand, a joy serene
Upon the ages beaming."

Standing before this royal summit, which is guarded by knightly crags that divide the clouds, this mount whose helmet is plumed with glistening snow, I catch the voice of the high and lofty One whose name is holy, and I hear him say: "I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." You remember how, centuries ago, Constantine, on the eve of a great battle, saw, luminous in the heavens, the sign of a cross, whereon were these words, "*By this, conquer.*" Constantine was obedient unto the heavenly vision, and going forth beneath this standard, he won a glorious triumph. Does not the same God speak to us to-day, in a like way, by the same symbol? The command is given, "Go in; possess the land." It is ours, as children of the King, by inheritance, and yet it must be won by us, and *this is the day of our opportunity*. We are in the midst of a serious conflict, but we are on the eve of a sublime victory *if* we go forth strong in the Lord and in the power of *his* might, and beneath this standard of the Cross of Christ.

THE HISTORY OF A BIBLE.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shalt find it after many days." About thirty years ago a missionary pushed his way over the plains of Kansas and found some work to do in New Mexico. The train in which he came moved very slowly, and was about ninety days making a trip from Kansas City to Santa Fé, although a person can ride over the same route now in one-half that time. This missionary distributed Bibles wherever he went. One of these Bibles was given to a Mexican lady, who, instead of reading it, stored it away very carefully in her box of treasures, where it lay for nearly twenty years. One day a young Mexican soldier, who had married her niece, was talking about something that he had read in a New Testament loaned him by a comrade while he was serving as a volunteer in the late Rebellion. Said the aunt, "I have a Bible." "Have you?" said the soldier. "I will give you the Catechism of the Mass for it." "All right," said the aunt; "then we will exchange." And so those precious truths that had been hidden so long were brought out from their hiding-place and transferred to the hands of an earnest reader, and the reading of that Bible was the means of his conversion. He became an earnest worker for the salvation of the souls of his people, laboring first as a layman,

and afterwards as a preacher of the gospel; but always with the same earnestness and vigor. God has used him as an instrument in bringing at least thirty souls to Christ—who are now rejoicing in his love and are laboring for others. The missionary who made a great sacrifice to bring the Word of God to this people, did not see much fruit of the seed which he had sown; but he doubtless had the assurance that God's word should not return unto him void, but should accomplish that for which it was sent. "He that goeth forth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again bringing his sheaves with him."—*W. C. M.—New Mexico.*

A SUBURBAN EXAMPLE.

BY REV. S. FIELDER PALMER.

ON March 12th, 1885, twenty residents of Passaic Bridge, N. J., organized a Congregational church. Three months later they were recognized by council. Their checkered but progressive history affords an interesting example of the helpfulness of apparent hindrances. The life of the new organization was uneventful as long as it refrained from calling a pastor and continued to be identified with the "Union Sunday-school," from which the church movement had sprung.

A call was issued to the present pastor April 7th, 1886, and he was installed on the 15th of June following. The denominational completeness thus acquired proved an irritant to those of the Union enterprise referred to, who were disinclined to cast their lot in with the new church, either because they belonged to other churches or were not contemplating membership with any. Objection was made to the occupancy of the edifice of the Union Society longer for church services: rental for the building at such times as the Union would not require it, was declined. The new church must disband or build a house of worship. The resources of the little church, though generously supplemented by the Home Missionary Society, seemed already taxed to the utmost, merely to support the minister. It was an hour of perplexity—but only an hour. The emergency seemed to justify appeal to neighboring Congregational churches. The facilities of the American Portable Home Manufacturing Company, of Corona, L. I., to erect neat and comfortable churches at moderate cost and on short notice, were ascertained, and the resolve was taken to "go forward."

Soliciting of funds began at home. Six hundred dollars were subscribed toward a church building by the little congregation in one evening. Appeals to the churches were issued, and met with quick and generous response in nearly every instance. The Union edifice was vacated, worship being held for six weeks in a private dwelling. At the expiration of that time the new Corona Building Company, true to

their contract, supplied a new house of worship capable of seating 120 people, and prepared it for occupancy. This house was appropriately dedicated on the 7th of November, 1886. About \$400 had been contributed by various churches. The new house, including all furniture, cost \$1,400. The difference has been raised within the congregation, which is now wholly freely from debt.

With a subsidence of engrossment in building, an increase of spiritual interest and earnestness were realized; several conversions ensued. The subjects were thoughtful adult members of the congregation and the older members of the Sunday-school, and thus the membership of the church is more than doubled.

Finally, certain members of the church, greatly desiring to relieve the Home Missionary Society of having to continue its appropriation, have, by heroic increase of their subscriptions, so provided for the running expenses of the church that at the date of this writing, October 3d, 1887, the First Congregational Church of Passaic Bridge is, and for the last several months has been, *self-supporting*.

Meanwhile, services have been regularly sustained by the organization out of which this Congregational church has grown, and whereas the effect has to a slight degree been divisive of the community, the more important result has been to consolidate the church.

Are there not many whose history is just commencing to whom this sketch will give help and cheer?

Briefly retrace and summarize the facts. Thirty months ago twenty persons of very limited means resolve to exert their best efforts to have a Congregational church in their neighborhood. The interval named elapses. The church is there, with forty-five members, a congregation of one hundred, a Sunday-school of sixty-seven, owning property clear of all incumbrance worth \$2,500 to \$3,000, and capable of self-support.

A CARD OF THANKS.—Allow me through the medium of *The Home Missionary* to thank the many kind friends for sending me reading-matter for the "MINER'S HOSPITAL," which is in front of our church. Through your kindness and liberality with papers and books, I have been enabled to give every week through the year something for the patients to read. The picture-books have delighted the children. The pictures which the boys received last Christmas made them very happy. Some of their faces brightened even in the midst of pain. Shall we have the same pleasure this year? The winter is coming on, and the days and nights of winter will be long. Picture books will very greatly relieve the monotony. In the name of the sufferers I thank all the kind friends for the material sent through my hands; and whatever is sent this year will be judiciously given to the sufferers.—*Rev. E. T. Griffith, Ashland, Pa.*

THAT TEAM OF PONIES.

THE young ladies of the Asylum Street Congregational Church, Hartford, Ct., among their many good deeds, a few months ago sent to the Home Missionary laboring in Glen Ullin, Dakota, a double harness, made to order and at cost by Smith, Brown & Co., of Hartford, and with the harness these workers in the kingdom of our Lord sent sixty-eight dollars toward a team of ponies. So enthusiastic were the ladies that they enlisted the interest of many in their enterprise. Two gentlemen of the Theological Seminary spoke at the church prayer-meeting upon the work in Dakota. The pastor was interviewed, and pledged his influence. An entertainment, which had to be wedged in between several others already planned, was thoroughly advertised. The young ladies talked and worked hard. Later on, one of the ladies wrote, "The evening of the sale was one grand triumph." One of the workmen in the harness factory gave his work on a piece of the harness. The father of one of the ladies secured free expressage on the package for a part of the distance. In preparing for the entertainment several ladies assumed work when their hands and time were already more than full. Three little children in one family, having each fifty cents to spend on some charitable object, took their dollar and a half and fifty cents more which their father added, and spent the whole at the fair in the interest of the ponies and harness. Pastor Twichell, accustomed as he is to such successes, exclaimed upon the general interest which this ladies' missionary society had aroused in the project. And further, when the harness was packed, there were several fine things—clothing, books, etc.—inclosed for the missionary wife and her little children. These had been contributed by loving hearts.

Thus far we have looked at this affair from the Hartford side. Now let us see the Dakota side of it. The letter came, bringing the draft which was to aid in the purchase of ponies. The box came, containing the well-made and handsome harness; also a scrap-book for Marjory, contributed by Margery L., and useful garments for Marjory, Baby Helen and the mother. All who have hearts can appreciate the emotions of this missionary family in view of this hearty and costly expression of personal regard and of interest in the work of missions. Those who know the happiness in receiving comforts which one is unable to buy, will understand the joy in these new possessions. And at least every poor minister with a wide parish will understand the glee of the missionary as he saw the team of ponies trotting into view, clad in their new trappings. They were a good match, young, sound, and gentle withal. The remarks were, "What a dandy team!" "You have some handsome ponies." "Isn't that a lovely harness?"

These ponies have taken us many miles, hither and thither. It

must suffice to speak of the last trip. Saturday morning the missionary bade his family good-by, and started with his team to meet his appointments of the next day. He started early—half-past eight—but it was a warm day, and the distance was great—forty-two miles. It was six o'clock at night when the jaded ponies halted in the little town named after England's greatest statesman. In the evening there was the choir to meet and drill. On the morrow, at eleven o'clock, the people came together in the little church, and listened to the sermon and joined in the service; after this came the Sunday school, with the Bible-class to teach. Then dinner, and later the journey by public conveyance to the next town to hold evening service. But before the service the call came to "Come 'round and baptize a baby." A young Norwegian mother wanted to have her little one christened. With broken voice she responded that she would teach the little one to pray when she was old enough, and would try to train her up to know and serve the Lord. A neighbor kindly came in to hold the child during the ceremony. At the evening service the people were told of the mercy of the Lord, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases, who redeemeth thy life from destruction."

The next morning refreshment of spirit came in meeting Revs. H. C. Simmons and W. Ewing, who arrived in town from a trip south to New England City, where, on the day before, they had assisted in organizing a Congregational church and laying the corner-stone of the house of worship.

In their company, calls were made upon two families, and then the train for the East was boarded. The Missionary stepped off at G., to proceed by his own conveyance in a slower and more tedious manner, but one requiring less outlay of cash. The ponies were fed, and while they were eating, calls were made, first at the deacon's home, and then upon a lady who had appeared interested in the sermon of the day before. She had tried to be a Christian, but had failed many times, and with tears the explanation was given: "It seemed as if I could not be forgiven." Her thought was held to the precious verse, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." Eagerly she seemed to drink in the words, and it is hoped the prayer of confession and petition for forgiveness was made her own. About four o'clock Monday afternoon we started slowly toward home, planning to make about twenty miles before stopping. But the clouds were gathering, and after a time rain began to fall, and though protected by rubber-coat and robe and umbrella, the terrific flashes of lightning and awful peals of thunder made us wish some better protection. As it was growing rapidly dark, a stop was made at a farmhouse for the night. Before leaving, the need of a Sunday-school was learned, and a new school-house which stood out, at a distance, under

the bright sun of the morning, showed the probable meeting place. A few miles farther on another new and unpainted school-house was passed, and still farther, in a German settlement having a Bible name, it was found that there might be yet another opening for a Sunday-school, and perhaps for preaching. As we came within the bounds of our home parish, two calls were made, one nine miles and the other two miles distant from the house where, finally, we had the satisfaction of resting in the little family circle we call ours. The trip had been a long one, hard for the ponies and tedious for the driver, but it had its immediate rewards, and we trust will have its ultimate rewards, which will in part be put down to the credit of those dear young ladies in Hartford and all who helped them to their achievement of securing for the Dakota Missionary a team and harness. God bless them, every one!—*A Grateful Missionary.*

FRUIT.—IV.

“BEFORE THEY CALL, I WILL ANSWER.”—Yes, this is indeed a busy life, out on the frontier, but yours, at the New York Bible House, with an eye upon all the workers, both at the front and rear, must be quite as much so. What gracious condescension on God's part to give us this glorious opportunity! We ought always to rejoice and give thanks, but sometimes we do get discouraged. Last winter it seemed rather cheerless to be either snowed in, or in an emergency riding over the snow on a board. This summer it is as much too hot as the winter was too cold, and to see the crops all drying up in the fields makes the farmers look and feel blue; but, thank God, I can write more encouragingly now than ever before. A week ago last Sabbath the people agreed to meet at the church that evening at sunset, and pray for rain; but in the afternoon a heavy shower fell, refreshing old mother earth, and cheering the hearts of the people. They all came, however, at the appointed hour, and with beaming faces. We turned the meeting into a praise-meeting; and, thank God, we have had a meeting of praise every night since. Plenty of rain has fallen upon the dry and parched earth, but better still, the reign of Christ's righteousness has begun in the cold hearts of the people. Everybody in the community has become interested in the spiritual life. Infidels, skeptics and atheists (so called) have united under one banner, and are now marching to Zion with glad and happy songs. It is indeed a glorious work! I wish to acknowledge the kindness of the two Northfield, Ct., friends. May God bless them, for He knows them. I have been wonderfully cheered by the kindness of other eastern friends whom I have never seen. Cheering words of encouragement come to us often through the mail.—*Rev. E. H. Carleton, Faulkton, Dak.*

THREE THOUSAND MILES AWAY.—I must not fail to tell you about the organization of our church on Whidby Island, in connection with Puget Sound Academy. It was organized with sixteen members. The Spirit of God was with us in power. Strong men were broken down. One influential man came to me after the service, and told me he wanted to become a Christian. He and his wife are to unite at the next communion. I spent two or three days before organizing in making personal calls. At one home I told the mother of the family that I wanted to know just how she felt upon the matter of personal religion. Her prompt reply was, "I have often felt that if only I were a Christian I should be relieved of many of the burdens of life." She promised to think seriously and pray over the matter that night. Imagine my joy when, the next day in church, *without her name being called*, she came forward with the rest of her neighbors and acknowledged Christ to be her Savior.

Professor Lindsay, the principal of the Academy, is to act as pastor of this little church. The people hope not to ask any aid from the Home Missionary Society, which is already so greatly embarrassed. Truly God is with us. But oh! what shall we do for these *seven churches* that are pastorless, and 3,000 miles away from the source of supply? *Can you help us?*—Rev. C. C. Otis, Seattle, W. T.

DEMONIACAL POSSESSION.—This has been a season full of hard work and great blessing. We have received so many tokens of love from kind friends in the East, we feel that our efforts to save souls should be doubled, else we shall not be found worthy of such kindness. God has been with us, and given us strength and blessed us graciously. We cannot find words to tell you fully of his blessings upon us and our work. A week ago I commenced a meeting in the west part of the town in a building used for a Normal School for colored students. The meetings thus far have been very profitable to the students and to the people living in the vicinity, both white and black. I have been holding meetings in the country, a few miles west from here, in a neighborhood which had been destitute of preaching until I went there. As a result, about thirty-five have professed faith in Christ, a prayer-meeting is regularly carried on, and we have made the station a permanent preaching point. An auxiliary church will be organized there in course of time.

During one of these meetings, a very peculiar circumstance occurred. Prayers were requested for an influential infidel in the community. It was felt that many were kept back through fear of him. He happened to be at the meeting when the "prayer-request" was read. He said to one sitting near him, "That request was for *me!*" and during the whole season of prayer he cursed most awfully in an undertone. He went home from the meeting, and was soon taken with a strange mad

ness. He abused his family, and when friends came to their rescue, he tried to kill them. It became necessary to bind him with ropes. Eye-witnesses to the scene say it beggars description—the ravings of the man, his terrible profanity, and awful threats of vengeance upon his family and friends. He was not under the influence of liquor, and was not a man addicted to drink. One man said to me, “I have been in the army, and have seen many awful spectacles, but I never saw anything that equaled the scene last night in that house. I have heard descriptions of lost souls that seemed too awful to be true; but I never heard or read anything as awful as this scene. I used to have some doubts about there being a hell, but I have none now, and no one else could doubt who saw that man rolling across the room, his face distorted with rage, his eyes glaring, cursing and spitting upon every one near him—cursing his life, God, and everything good.” The doctor was called, who said, “The man is angry. There is nothing else the matter with him.” And this is the only explanation the man himself gives of his conduct. Since that night he has been regularly to the meetings, and one night he walked three miles to church. Pray that God may yet save him.—*A Home Missionary.*

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

BY REV. JAMES TOMPKINS, CHICAGO.

THE most gratifying work which is being done by our Home Missionary Society is in the southern part of the state. There are tracts of country in that region containing thousands of people where no religious services of any kind are held. There are a number of villages in which no pastor resides and in which no service, or only an occasional one, is held. Some places of which this is true contain from 1,500 to 3,000 inhabitants. The majority are smaller villages and farming communities.

The population is almost wholly American. Only now and then can be seen an immigrant of any nationality. A majority of the men and women of middle life are natives of this state. Their parents, or grandparents, were mostly from the southern states. They are a kind-hearted and hospitable people. Among them are scattered enterprising “Yankees,” and a few sensible “foreigners.” There are some districts where many of the people are illiterate, unenterprising, and, to some extent, indolent. It is needless to say that such communities are very conservative; and yet, what religion they have is of the “emotional” type, and manifests no signs of life save in special revival seasons. But in most communities there is a determined spirit of progress; and in all there are some individuals who are earnestly asking for a higher, broader, better life. There is a thoughtful and hearty response to the

presentation of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. The better class—the more thoughtful ones—are seriously considering the great questions of life, and appear to be ready to welcome the uplifting power of the gospel. To some extent this seems to be true of nearly all classes.

Some earnest Christians, in different places, although educated in different religious denominations, have expressed a deep desire to band together for efficient service. They hunger for the divine plan of cooperation for mutual helpfulness and aggressive work. Such have heartily welcomed the simple New Testament polity as practiced by our Congregational churches, and so, in the past few months, six churches have been organized in the extreme southern point of the state. So fully does the plan commend itself to them, not as a good expedient, but as a divine method, that they are strongly recommending it to the communities around them. There is opportunity for enlarging this work to almost any extent, if the means can be secured to support the laborers while they are inaugurating the work in different communities.

MR. PUDDEFOOT IN NORTH WISCONSIN.

I wish about a thousand of our best New England men and women could be landed in this region for a day or two! My, how they would open their eyes! It is six weeks after the fire in which thirteen people were burned to death in the theater. It is Bedlam and Vanity Fair combined. Saloons and disreputable houses in solid blocks. There are 11,000 people in Ashland, and around Hurly and Ironwood 8,000 more. Dozens of little shanties abound on the main streets, brick buildings going up in blocks; electric lights, water works, theaters, all the modern inventions in the hotel, and all deviltry, ancient and modern, in full swing, including prize-fights, dog-fights, "balloon ascensions next Friday, Saturday and Sunday for prize lots." Among the prizes is a furnished house. One lady only on the train this morning. I saw Brothers Hood, Doe, Sutherland, and Doggett at Ashland—helped in the tent work of the Y. M. C. A. Preach next Sunday in Wakefield, then back to Ashland at the ordination of Brother Sutherland and organization of a church, and then comes Brother Doggett's ordination.

I have to stay at the hotel. Every place full. New towns around Lake Linden and no churches. One place, at Portage Entry, a stone quarry with 300 population—found a W. C. T. U. which has a prayer-meeting and Sunday-school. The chief owner reads the Bible Sunday evening and explains it too. They are ready to build if we can send a man. No saloon nearer than sixteen miles. Brother Childs, at Red Jacket, bounced the saloon keepers and they close Sundays. Now, in all this region outside the Catholic church, there are not more than five

in hundreds, who go to church. There are but two ministers to about 7,000 people in Ironwood. In Hurly one Presbyterian and quite a good-sized Catholic church, and a large one at Ashland, building. There is so much life, such a jumble and confusion, such crowds of new-comers that one can hardly tell a straight story or know where to begin.

Yesterday I visited Washburn, seven miles across the bay. Our missionary there is a fine man and brave as a lion—six feet two and weighs 200. He has cleaned out two fearful houses, in a legal manner, of course. His life has been threatened, but the men who had boasted, and one of them who had killed his man and woman too, admitted that the only man in town he was afraid of was the elder. Now, while many admire the courage and secretly are glad, many tradesmen say that it has hurt business!

Two murders, and other attempts at the same, already since I have been in Ashland. I am not sure but for the nearness of Chicago and other large cities, this Gogebic range would discount any western region. It is certainly a rich field, but if all the young men are to go to China and Japan, God help this country! One man to 2,000 people, and in some places of 700 not one!

To-morrow we expect to organize a church here, and ordain Mr. Sutherland, of Yale, and next day we organize at Wakefield. Railroads are pushing into the iron regions from all directions and the ore is of the richest kind, and from present indications seems to be abundant.

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

At the annual meeting of the North Dakota W. H. M. S., held September 23d, the following officers were chosen for 1887-8: President, Mrs. A. B. Peebles, Fargo; Secretary, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood; Treasurer, Mrs. A. L. Gillett, Grand Forks.

[THE annual meeting of the OHIO WOMAN'S H. M. SOCIETY was held in Columbus, October 12th and 13th. As no official report of this meeting has

reached us, we gladly share with our readers the following extract from a personal letter just received from Columbus.]

. . . "As to the meetings—those meetings that, in spite of much hurrying and scurrying at home, and many sins of omission and commission in the housekeeping, made the two days delightful—my impression, now that it is all over, is that these gatherings must be very helpful, not only to the cause, but to us personally. It does one good to see twenty, thirty, fifty women whose souls are not given to china-painting, Kensington and brass-hammering. Beside the work of saving this country for Christ, how infinitely small such occupations seem; even beside our art and literary clubs, how much higher and nobler do these affairs of the kingdom appear! I have taken my "office" in place of a club. It will take no more time, and I love to do a little direct work.

It does one good to see workers from the field, to know what is to be done, and to hear what has been accomplished. The grace and tact of woman in devising and lubricating the machinery through which our benevolences shall be disbursed, is both admirable and suggestive. The harmony existing between those representing two distinct fields, with entirely different officers—a harmony not marred through all the meetings—was cause for rejoicing. More and more our women see that the work is one; and while education or circumstance attracts to the foreign branch some, and to the home branch others, each rejoices in the prosperity of the other and in the reaping of any field that is white for the harvest.

The presiding officers of the two meetings—Miss Evans for the Woman's Board, and Mrs. Regal for the Home Missionary Union—could not have been improved upon. *Could* any one preside as did Miss Evans, with her cultured manner, her refined face, and her sweet and low but distinct voice? And then Mrs. Regal, strong, keen, enthusiastic, and entirely a womanly woman, said exactly the right thing in the right place, and held in all wandering issues with a gentle but very firm hand. Fortunate are the rank and file to be trained under such officers!

It was something done to equip each society with a president, to plan added work for the new year, to define and explain the duties and the privileges of officers, to present Mrs. Newton's able paper on Japan, and Mrs. Taintor's stirring address on the need of missionary homes in the far West. There were papers of interest and value, reports, questions asked and answered, an evening session with Miss Cathcart and the ladies of the Cleveland Bohemian mission, to move us to smiles and tears, and, not least, prayers that brought us in unity of spirit to the mercy-seat.

I confess with regret (if regret concerning the hinderings of

Providence is admissible) that this is the first State meeting I have attended. Do you remember the deacon who announced that there would be divine service on Sunday night, Providence permitting, but the Friday-evening meeting would be held, whether or no? Henceforth, it must be a very clear Providence that will keep me away!"

TEN LOOKS INTO A MISSIONARY BOX.

DEAR FRIEND:—I am a Massachusetts woman, and a subscriber to *The Home Missionary*, and most deeply interested in its contents. I have something on my mind that I have long wanted mentioned to our Home Missionaries. I want to say to them that, with a little effort, *they* can greatly increase the interest in missions. I will illustrate what I mean from my own experience.

I live in a little town of 900 inhabitants. There is but one church—and that Congregational—so we are not divided. The ladies have a "Benevolent Circle," and we work for some missionary family each summer. There is not a large membership—perhaps twenty-five—and it is sometimes quite a struggle to get the work done, as we are more or less burdened with our own work at home, being farmers' wives. But for three successive summers we have sent a barrel or more of clothing to different missionary families. In each case all that the society has had from the recipients has been a bare acknowledgment of the gift, each one promising a letter of particulars at an early date. *Not one has written that letter.* I know they are overworked in many instances, but they certainly owe that much to the cause of the Society. I can see that the ladies who have done this sewing begin to lose their interest. It may be that our town is an exception to the rule. I hope it is, but I have thought so often if the missionaries could only know how often the life and interest in their work hangs by this little thread—a letter—they would gladly make that effort.

It is a burning shame that people cannot give their money, their time and a few stitches for the grand people who are doing our work under so much difficulty and so many privations, without the encouragement or stimulus of a letter; but I find there are people even in New England who think that missionaries have a pretty easy time of it, and the more that can be brought to the ears and eyes of such to prove the contrary, the better.

I feel that I have been very bold in writing to you as I have, and I trust you will not think it is with a spirit of fault-finding. That is the last motive that prompts me; but it is a desire to suggest to the workers at least *one* channel through which they can increase the interest in missions. Many of our country towns seldom have an opportunity to hear a live missionary tell his experiences, so perhaps a letter would be

received in the country with more enthusiasm than in the city, where the real article is seen and heard so often. When a missionary *has* spoken to us, a great deal of interest has been manifested, and the pleader sent away with a generous contribution. Of course, that shows impulsive giving; but the day for "systematic benevolence" has not arrived in our town!—*From a friend of the cause.*

A FEW WORDS FROM THOSE WHO DO RETURN THANKS.—"The very kind letter, the cyclopædia, and the magic-lantern have reached me, for which I return to you many, many thanks. The words seem very tame, and utterly fail to express the joy and gratitude of my heart for such generosity. In this far-away corner of our country these books will help me more than you can understand. With the lantern, and the generous contribution of slides representing the "History of Christ," and the "Evils of Intemperance," I can do more effective work for the Master. They will certainly do much to advance the cause of Christ in this region."—"It is well for you that I have to pin down along these ruled lines my grateful thanks for benefits received, instead of bringing it in person, for I feel now that my expression would only have its comparison in one of our western prairie hurricanes! You have certainly sent light into one brother's home and heart, and if it is more blessed to give than to receive, then I should hope, for your own safety, that you are made of very stout material. When I look at the *books* and periodicals I feel somewhat as I can suppose a millionaire may feel, that I am rich indeed. Brethren from whom I was thankful to receive crumbs, can now receive from me, after I have satisfied my own hunger, whole loaves of bread."—"Can you imagine the surprise and delight with which I opened the box containing so many fine books, and the very serviceable suit of clothing, to say nothing of the shawl which my wife so much needed, and the furs, which will shield her from these bitter Dakota winds as she takes the long, long rides with me over our large field? 'How can I get books? and how can I get along without them?' were questions confronting me each day, for I had no book whatever that would aid me in preparing a sermon. Words fail to express our thankfulness for all that you have sent us. We exclaim again and again, 'How good God is! How can we ever distrust his loving care!'"—"I have something pleasant to write to you. I was called in to one of our hotels one day to meet a 'runner' for Wannamaker, Philadelphia. In his hand were samples of broad-cloth and a measuring-tape. The proprietor of the hotel told me he had a friend, a clergyman, to whom he wished to make a present of a clerical suit, and as he was about my size and build, would I allow myself to be measured for him that they might obtain a good fit? In due time I received a package from the above firm of a serviceable new suit of modern style, the first of the kind I have ever worn. I heard after-

ward that the people didn't like to see their minister look so shabby! Suitable dress has its influence after all, but what with one extra expense and another, neither wife nor I have been able to add to our wardrobe for four years."—"I suppose there are times in the history of all human lives when words are inadequate to express the feeling of the soul. So I find myself at this time, when I attempt to express our gratitude to you and the ladies of your Society for the contents of the box you sent us. I am very sure it would have interested you to have seen our four-year-old baby watching every train that came in, and hurrying off her big brother to see if the missionary box had come. She was sure there was something in it for her. It was the topic of conversation among the children every evening. It came on Sunday, and what a trial it was to wait until Monday morning. Morning came, and the children went to school with the promise that the box should not be opened till they returned. We never open a missionary box till every member of the family is present. You never saw four happier children than these as they returned from school. Dinner was ready, but not one wanted to eat. We sat down, but all declared they were not a bit hungry. So we left the table and arranged ourselves in a circle—the box in the center. The unpacking began, and you cannot imagine the joy of that hour. All were pleased and received just what was most needed. All desire to return thanks to the good women who prepared and sent the articles."

FROM A HOME MISSIONARY PARISHIONER.—"One of your good Ladies' Societies 'back east' sent our minister a *new suit of clothing throughout*, and they did the same thing for his wife. *All new*, you see! Stick a pin there, if you please. The dear man has always thanked God for suits partly worn, but I tell you they keep a minister all the while *rusty*."

FROM A CHICAGO LADY.—"Above all, do not dress a home missionary or his wife or his children—in your cast-off clothing till they look like antediluvians, and then thank the dear Lord you have been able to do so much for Home Missions. Missionary boxes are but the mint, anise, and cummin of Home Missions. More money and less old clothes would enable the Home Missionary Society to do business on a cash basis, and stand before the world as a corporation conducting business on business principles. The hardest worked and poorest paid class of Christian workers on earth are our frontier missionaries. There is no romance in living or preaching in a shanty, or over a saloon or dance-house. There is no romance in barely keeping the wolf from the door on the pitiful salaries we consider sufficient for these noble men. They are the stuff heroes are made of. Oh, the shame of it, that we so poorly appreciate their toilsome service!"

PLAIN WORDS ON MISSIONARY BOXES.—*The Congregational, Ohio*, says: "The barrels of clothing which are sent to Home Missionaries nowadays are almost always useful. But there are still a few churches left that seem to think that anything is good enough for a missionary. A pastor received a collection of things from such a church not long since. His wife had not prepared winter clothing, as she expected that the articles to come would be useful to her family, since the church that filled the barrel had the measures of all the family. There were a pair of blankets, some pocket-handkerchiefs, two pairs of socks, stockings, and fourteen yards of muslin. The rest of the "goods" were old, worn threadbare, soiled, and wrong sizes. There were old hats, which would set the street laughing at a wearer now, old coats, pocketless, buttonless, and so large that if the sleeves had been sewed together they might do for pants for the preacher, and an old, very weary pair of No. 11 shoes for a man who wears 6's. Our ministers and their families do not expect costly or fine things, but they ought not to expect such things. When a wife and her children are opening a barrel, which has been promised, and for which she has waited, as such things come out—may I not be there to see the disappointment! In these cases it must be more blessed to give than to receive, or else there is no blessing at all. Well, this barrel was not packed in Ohio."

MISSIONARY FAMILIES IN DEMAND FOR LADIES' SEWING SOCIETIES.—"Please send us a family with six children."—"Seven children—all girls."—"Five children under twelve—boys and girls."—"A family where there is a baby, not *over* six months old."—"The Missionary must be able to write a good letter—a *grateful* letter," etc., etc.

SOME MISSIONARY FAMILIES ARE NOT IN DEMAND FOR SEWING SOCIETIES because "There are no children."—"There is only *one* child."—"The man is too tall—six feet."—"The family is too far west—freightage expensive."—"The family is too near home—no romance."—"We cannot help a missionary who is trying to educate his sons. They ought to work, and help support the family."

Alas! no missionaries are less in demand than those who are trying to fit their children for usefulness. Yet, although they do not complain, they are, in a majority of cases, among the most deserving of assistance. Their children of sixteen or twenty are in the academy or college, preparing for Christian work, amid great difficulties. It is a remarkable fact that from such families as these, our missionary fields both home and foreign, are largely recruited.

QUERY I.—Where is the society of Christian women, who, for the love of Christ, will extend a helping hand to *any missionary family in need*, whether the missionaries are tall or short, childless or blessed.

with children, near the center of the country or out on the frontier, gifted or not gifted in letter writing?

QUERY 2.—Where is the society of Christian women, who, for the love of Christ and his cause, will, *in addition* to the usual “missionary-box offering,” put into the treasury of the A. H. M. S. a gift in *money* to help pay the salary of at least one Home Missionary?

QUERY 3.—The Home Missionary at the West is the true representative of all that is best and noblest and most manly in the East. When shall this missionary, our representative at the front, receive so liberal a support from the churches, that a missionary-box shall be as unnecessary as an old-time “donation-party” is to the eastern pastor to-day?

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

WISCONSIN gives us something new. Why not try the following plan from Christmas to Easter?—*Editor.*

AN EASTER PENNY.

BY MRS. HELEN H. CHARLTON.

It was only a village Sunday-school on a western prairie, numbering eighty or so persons all told, but it had a hearty interest in every good cause, and all were willing to work.

On Easter Sunday, when the simple but appropriate exercises were over, when to every pupil had been given a growing plant, when every child had made a choice of a lovely colored egg, the Superintendent said: “I have one more thing to give you. To-day we have kept the great feast day of the church, the resurrection day. Soon we shall gather again to celebrate the birthday of our Lord. Let us give to him on that day a birthday present of our own earning. I am going to give you each a penny to invest in some legitimate business enterprise, and see how much you can make. It is to be an honest, straightforward business, no begging, no overreaching, and at Christmas time we will report how much we each have made, and give our combined earnings to Home Missions, a birthday gift to our Lord.”

Eager hands took the pennies, and bright eyes sparkled more brightly as the little ones pondered the new plan, and all entered heartily into the scheme. “What shall I do?” “What will you do?” were the anxious questions which passed from lip to lip for a few weeks, and then the settled serenity of countenance, and the question “What are you doing?” showed clearly that each active brain had settled the question of what to do. Some told with happy glee of their investments in seeds, or eggs, etc.; others kept their own counsel; but Hope’s bright halo was over gardens, nests and all. As the season

advanced the weather grew hot and dry; gardens scorched; plants died; no device of the gardener could avail, but no one seemed discouraged; the inventive faculty aroused to devise one plan, could bring forth another when that failed and necessity required. It was distinctly understood that this was no strife to see which one could make the most, but each one was to do what he could, caring only for large returns that the sum total might be larger.

All too soon for some, the season sped away and Christmas time had come. The church was brilliantly lighted; the lovely Christmas tree gayly decked with pretty trifles, gifts of affection exchanged between teachers and pupils, was ablaze with candles; but no light was so bright, so inspiring, as that which flashed from the sparkling eyes of the little ones, whose eager hands clasped the treasure they had earned, and whose hearts beat high in expectation of the time when the money should all be counted in.

It had been arranged that besides the singing there should be no exercises, except the recital by each one, of the story of his gains. The classes were to be called in order, the teacher each time relating his experience first. So after the opening song and prayer, the Bible-class, taught by the pastor, was called. With smiling face and words which brought the smiles to other lips, he said that in telling his story he must tell the story of eight. Having seven children in the Sunday-school, in discussing their plans at home they concluded to make a pool, so the eight cents were invested in eight eggs, a sitting hen was borrowed, and in due time eight little home missionary chickens were scratching away for a living. The children fed and cared for them during the summer, and in the fall, one after another they went to make a "home missionary" dinner. In value they averaged twenty-five cents apiece. An effort was made to have little Frank tell, in his own peculiar dialect, the story which had so often delighted our ears of "Miss Moe's bawud hen," but he was content to leave it as his father told it.

Miss S., one of the members of the Bible-class, then told her story. She bought corn and popped it, and when she had sold five cents' worth, she bought a sheet of paper, an envelope and a two-cent stamp. On the paper she wrote a hymn, which she sent to a publisher who paid her \$1.50. During the summer she furnished the family with ice-cream, and as the result of her business and talent she brought to the treasury \$6.50. This was the largest sum reported.

Two young men of the class, both in the printing-office, went into partnership with a lady, a member of the school, in the manufacture of scrap-books. They made two sizes, of different style somewhat from those in market, and hit upon the happy plan of putting in some colored leaves, which made the books more attractive to the school-children. The net proceeds of the business amounted to \$2.13.

Mrs. G., a native of bonny Dundee, returning to her home in Scotland, realized eight shillings, or about \$2.00, from the sale of United States pennies, which were curiosities among her friends. Fanny S. bought a penny's worth of linen thread, and sewed on shoe buttons for her sisters. Her earnings were reinvested in material for fancy-work, and she earned \$3.00. Minnie invested in garden seeds, sold her lettuce and radishes, and put that money into a large bottle of cologne, which she divided and sold out in small bottles at ten cents each. She had cleared seventy-five cents.

The teacher of the infant class, a gifted young lady, endowed also with wealth, bought a penny's worth of darning-cotton, and mended her sisters' hose. When, in this way, she had earned enough to pay for the necessary materials, she painted a picture in oil which she sold for \$5.00.

I wish I might give you the stories of the little folks in their own words, but I can only give the substance of a few. Master Sherman said, "I invested in radish seeds, but the season was dry and the radishes did not come to much—only three cents. With these I bought peanuts: mamma roasted them for me, and I sold them at one penny for a dozen. I made \$1.15." Little Charley, his brother, only four, told a similar story, only he bought the choice pecan nuts grandpa had sent from the south. Mamma helped him to crack them, and put the meats in nice little cornucopias, which he sold for five cents each. He, too, had earned \$1.15. Masters Artie and Georgie, brothers, put their money into cheese, and each baited his trap. For mice, papa paid them one cent each, and for rats, two cents. Master Georgie said, "I caught thirteen, but my rats were all mice, so I have brought thirteen cents here with me to-night."

Gracie, a spirited girl of nine, told her story with the same ardor which had characterized her labor of the summer. She first invested in lettuce seed, and she sold lettuce to all the neighbors until "Mamma said she would give me ten cents if I wouldn't sell any more lettuce, but I did not take it; then sister Frankie said she would give me twenty-five cents more if I would stop, so I did. Then I bought needle and thread, and pieced a bed-quilt for mamma, for which she paid me fifty cents, and I have earned in all \$1.50." Well indeed she deserved the meed of "well done," for while her little mates were at play, steadily she basted and stitched, matching and arranging every block of that "nine patch" herself.

Space will not allow me to tell all the ways and means devised. Miss Jessie rooted the slips of house plants and sold them. Little Mattie raised flowers and sold bouquets. Miss W. made indelible ink, which was sold for fifteen cents per bottle, and when the little folks failed in their other enterprises, she put the sale of the ink into their hands, lessening, indeed, her own particular income, but swelling the

grand total. Miss Lena, who was quite an artist with brush and pencil, took from her store a penny's worth of material, and painted a tiny decoration on a fan, for which she received ten cents. This she invested in crayon and paper, and made a crayon sketch, which she sold for \$2. Carrie bought tissue paper and made a shaving-book, which sold for ten cents; this she invested in seeds, but the drought prevented any large return from her garden.

Miss Zell, always an earnest worker, tried a garden, which dried up; then she sold pop-corn and also indelible ink, and earned her coveted dollar. Master Grant planted melon seeds, and just as the melons were ripening, the boys tore them up to plague him. Then his mamma sold him some tomato plants, and before he had realized much from these an untimely frost nipped them. To add to his gains, he killed his pet duck and sold it. Frank and May invested in seeds. Frank planted squashes, and May, red peppers; but alas! the drought was too severe for even their well-tended gardens, and they were not satisfied with what they had earned. They invested their pennies in late chickens, which sold at Christmas-time brought them each thirty cents. Little Kitty was not in Sunday-school at Easter-time, and had her penny less than a month. She put it into a dish-cloth and washed her mamma's dishes, and had earned twenty cents. Nellie bought tidy-yarn, and crocheted useful articles for her mother and other friends. Winifred started out with a garden, and sold her lettuce and radishes to her mamma. But her garden was not very successful, and she could not give very much lettuce for ten cents. Some one told her mother that lettuce was "cheaper down street," to which the child replied, "But this is home missionary lettuce, and home missionary things are always small. Home missionary salaries are small. Our minister gives a great deal to get a very little, and my mamma must, too."

Mrs. S., who was out of town at Easter-time, on her return in June, hearing of the plan, took a penny of her own, and went into the candy trade. She was skillful in making very delicious nut-candy, and, as she said, her daughters would buy candy any way, they might as well buy it of her. She sent in \$1.50.

I cannot mention each individual case, but I have told enough to show that this Christmas exercise was one of unusual interest, and as the different sums were laid upon the table and announced, a record was made, so that the whole amount could be readily told. A few scholars were not able to report that evening, but when all the amounts were in, the total stood \$49.35. One or two friends gladly donated enough to make it the even fifty, and this was the amount for which the school received a very welcome letter of acknowledgment from Rev. T. G. Grassie, Secretary of the Wisconsin Home Missionary Society. Had the whole season been spent in earnest solicitation from the thrifty and generous community round about, not one-half this sum

could have been raised for our home mission fund; but consecrated thought, labor and skill accomplished it, nor found the task irksome. Only a few pennies went to the column of total loss, and the result was indeed a large pecuniary return from the seventy-six pennies whose record was given; but the largest return came to the school in the increased zeal and love for missions; in greater unanimity of feeling awakened by the common interest, and deeper realization of the fact that we are all indeed servants of one Master. Moreover, it made the Christmas what it should be—a *Christ mass*, or Christ offering.—*Published by the Wisconsin W. H. M. Union.*

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AN EARNEST WORD IN FAVOR OF PIONEER COLLEGES.—*Thank* God for the small colleges, for the new colleges—I had almost said for the poverty-stricken colleges. There is an energy of life about them, a freshness and zest in all their effort, a falling back upon the real business of a college, a trusting in God, and a confidence in the generosity and intelligence of self-denying and disinterested people, a reaching up and out for the honest and integral essentials of collegiate life, a conviction that success is to be fought for and earned, a contempt for shams and semblances, a certain robustness and hardihood of enterprise and endeavor, which give a savor and a flavor to all their work, and impart to every man and woman whom they educate an intense and healthy independence, dignity and power. If you will pardon me a personal remark, it has been my happy fortune to be connected intimately for sixteen years with one of the most famous, best endowed and much frequented professional schools—the oldest of its kind, and attracting men from all parts of the country and from foreign lands, from the great colleges and the small, and from other denominations besides the two whose patronage was chiefly contemplated in the charter. This is my tribute to the young, the small, the struggling colleges of the West, that some of our very best minds, as well as some of our very best men, have come from the front, and have proved themselves to be self-reliant and well-taught men, able to compete successfully with men who have enjoyed at ten times more cost ten times greater advantages; and these first-fruits of the younger colleges have, in many cases, been so good that the East has claimed them for herself, and they are now not simply in our pulpits, offices and courts, but in a few and splendid instances, are officers of instruction in the oldest and proudest universities of the land. What does this show but that you have the material out of which to make scholars and men, and that your own college may be the best instrument to do the work. Nor is my argument spoiled, though the edge of the blade is somewhat nicked and blunted, by this other fact that some men from some colleges have shown neither capacity nor training, and have waked up to the gloomy conviction that they have

got the name but not the thing, the diploma but not the discipline. Thus I have had a Bachelor of Arts, a graduate from a college in the West, but not in the far West, spend almost three years in my school preparing for the freshman year in Yale. There are colleges and colleges; for a true college is mature and honest mind confronting immature and eager mind. Hence it is easy to see why President Woolsey, when a man from California called upon him in New Haven to ask what college he would recommend for his son, replied, "Send your son to the college of California." And why, on another occasion, that same noble and sagacious President turned a promising young man from Yale to an excellent but obscure college near his home in Ohio—a circumstance which did not prevent the young man from becoming a general in the army and the Governor of his native state. For a college is not a building or a name, an endowment or a corporation, but educated mind educating other minds.—*Principal Bancroft, at Yankton College.*

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,690 38
Connecticut, Naugatuck.....	10 00
Massachusetts, Springfield.....	90 00
Michigan, Grand Blanc.....	8 00
North Dorr.....	1 40
Northport.....	10 00
Omena.....	2 00
New York, Brooklyn.....	10 00
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Auxiliaries, Illinois, La Grange, \$5.00.	\$1,821 78

Inadvertently \$298.68 of the contributions for the "Bohemian Work" have been acknowledged in the "Children's Bohemian Fund." The total as it stands this month is the actual amount contributed through the A. H. M. S. to the Children's Fund for educating Bohemian men and women to teach and preach among their own people in this country. Will contributors to this educational fund indicate their wish as follows: "For the Children's Bohemian Fund." All contributions not so designated will be used for the general missionary work among the Bohemians.

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$471 78
Connecticut, Hartford.....	75 00
Woodstock.....	45 00
District of Columbia, Washington.....	75 00
Florida, Daytona.....	10 00
Illinois, Chicago.....	5 00
Rockford.....	10 00
Massachusetts, Boston.....	195 00
Littleton.....	5 00
Newton.....	5 00
Wellesley.....	150 00
Minnesota, Winona.....	50 00
Rhode Island, Kingston.....	15 00
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APPOINTMENTS IN OCTOBER, 1887.

Not in commission last year.

Bell, Edward M., Axtell, Kan.
 Collins, Elbert J., Mt. Hope and Haven, Kan.
 Dodge, Milo W., Griffins Mills, N. Y.
 Elhott, John E., North Yakima, Ahtanum and out-station, Wash. Ter.
 Emery, Miss Alice, Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Garver, Leonard J., Olympia and out-stations, West Wash. Ter.
 Jones, Miss Emma, Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 McCarthy, John, Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Morse, Robert C., Westmoreland, Kan.
 Ralston, Edward S., Lincoln, Neb.
 Slasor, Leroy V., Lenora, Wakarusa and Glen Valley, Kan.
 Taylor, Charles B., Atwood, Kan.
 Terry, Albert W., Cattarangus, N. Y.
 Vrooman, Frank B., Sycamore, Kan.
 Warner, William J., Clear Lake, Wis.
 Zimmerlake, Miss Kate, Vinita, Ind. Ter.

Re-commissioned.

Ancheta, Guilebaldo N., Cubero, San Jose and Rinconada, New Mex.
 Bigelow, Albert, North Evans, N. Y.
 Bond, John J., Crown Point, N. Y.
 Brown, Aurelian L. N., Springfield, Dalton and Sanborn, Minn.
 Brunker, James, Rush Center, Kan.
 Cheadle, Stephen H., Tacoma, West Wash. Ter.
 Clark, Allen, Nebraska City, Neb.
 Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. M.H., Siloam Springs, Ark.
 Curtis, Charles H., Summer Hill, N. Y.
 Dawson, William E., Seattle, West Wash. Ter.
 Diffenbacher, Benj. F., Hay Springs, Neb.
 Donaldson, John W., Sanborn and out-stations, No. Dak.
 Embree, John H., Doniphan, North Hastings and Trumbull, Neb.
 Fish, Dana, Wilmington, N. Y.
 Fowler, Olin L., Christopher and out-stations, West Wash. Ter.
 French, Herman A., Greenwood, Neb.

Gardner, Nathan E., Hemingford, Nonpariel, Miller school-house and out-stations, Neb.
 Geick, Leo J. C., Tulare and out-stations, So. Dak.
 Granger, John L., Canton, Chapman and Wiggins school-house, So. Dak.
 Griffin, Miss Sallie E., Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Gwynne, Fredk., Wilkesbarre, Penn.
 Hathaway, Daniel E., De Witt, Plymouth and Blakely School-house, Neb.
 Henneck, William H., Pine Valley, Lyle and out-stations, Wash. Ter.
 Howells, Anthony H., Cheney, Lance Hills and Stevens, Wash. Ter.
 Lee, Wong Gee, Salt Lake City, Utah.
 Mallowa, John H., North Java, N. Y.
 Martin, George, Harrisville, N. Y.
 Mnsick, Miss Emma G., Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 O'Loy, Jong, Salt Lake City, Utah.
 Paske, William J., Newcastle, Neb.
 Pearson, Samuel, Marionsburg, Silver Creek and Pleasant Hill, Neb.
 Read, Robert H., Eureka Springs, Ark.
 Rich, George W., Stratton and Trenton, Neb.
 Roberts, Edward, Siloam and Fairview, N. Y.
 Schnacke, Leon C., Clay Center, Kan.
 Smith, David O., Campbell and Bladen, Neb.
 Stowell, Miss Belle, Siloam Springs, Ark.
 Taylor, Horace J., Anacortes and Erie District, West Wash. Ter.
 Tuckerman, Fredk. W., Falls Ch. and Merrifield, West Va.
 Uzzell, Thomas A., Denver, Col.
 Webb, Wilson D., White City, Kan.
 Webber, Edwin E., Mantorville, Minn.

RECEIPTS IN OCTOBER, 1887.

MAINE—\$152.00.

Hallowell, Mrs. H. K. Baker..... \$10 00
 Harrison, by Rev. N. Lincoln..... 5 36
 Kennebunk, Union Ch., by J. Titcomb
 and Weston, Pine St. Ch., by C. Green-
 wood..... 41 00
 New Gloucester, by Rev. A. Shirley... 31 00
 North Bridgton, by Rev. N. Lincoln... 3 50
 Portland, Williston Ch., by G. F. Thurston..... 31 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$9,294.72; of which Legacies, \$9,050.00.

Concord, Mrs. Allen Folger..... 5 00
 A Friend..... 30 00
 A Friend..... 5 00
 Exeter, A Friend, for Debt..... 25 00
 Franklin, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. J. H. Bliss..... 15 00
 Hanover, Cong. Ch. at Dartmouth College, by J. V. Hazen..... 25 00
 Rev. H. G. Jessup, Debt..... 15 00
 A Friend..... 10 00
 Haverhill, Legacy of Mrs. P. Spalding, by W. F. Merrill..... 50 00
 Hollis, Legacy of Daniel Farley, by P. M. Farley, Ex..... 8,500 00
 A Friend..... 2 00
 Laconia, S. E. and E. F. Reeves..... 7 00
 New Hampshire, A Friend..... 50 00
 New Ipswich, Avails of Children's Fair, by Mrs. L. A. Obeare..... 17 32
 Pelham, Mrs. E. W. Tyler..... 10 00
 Sanbornton, Legacy of A. B. Sanborn, by Hon. L. D. Stevens..... 500 00
 Stratham, by J. D. Littlefield..... 10 25
 Suncook, Mrs. E. G. Green..... 10 00
 Warner, Cong. Sunday-school, by Rev. S. Norton..... 4 25
 Ladies' Miss. Soc. of Cong. Ch., by Miss R. B. Simpson..... 4 00

VERMONT—\$74.86.

Castleton, by H. C. Rumsey..... 4 03
 Chelsea, A Friend..... 5 00
 Newbury, Mrs. E. P. Keyes, for Debt... 25 00
 Pezcham, M. S. Underwood..... 10 00
 Shoreham, Miss I. G. Birchard..... 5 00
 Wernout, A Friend..... 20 00
 Waterbury, by C. M. Sheldon..... 5 83

MASSACHUSETTS—\$14,186.77; of which Legacy, \$800.00.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas..... 10,000 00
 Amherst, Mrs. R. A. Lester..... 100 00
 W. L. Montague..... 25 00
 G. S. Dickerman..... 25 00
 Miss Julia Kimball..... 3 00

A Friend..... \$1 00
 Andover, Ladies' Union H. M. Soc., by C. H. Swift..... 84 00
 Ashburnham, Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. S. A. Freeman..... 3 50
 Boston, Woman's Home Miss. Assoc. Mrs. H. H. Proctor, Treas., special... 195 00
 I. T. B..... 200 00
 A. S. Lovett..... 25 00
 W. K. Means..... 25 00
 Braintree, E. F. E. Thayer..... 15 00
 Brockton, Mrs. J. R. Perkins..... 5 00
 Cambridge Station, M. L. Bennett..... 5 00
 Chesterfield, add'l, by Rev. E. Loomis... 5 00
 Dorchester, Mrs. Walter Baker, special Feeding Hills, Sunday-school of Cong. Ch., by Rev. J. P. Harvey, special.... 50 00
 Grafton, A Friend..... 10 00
 Hadley, Russell Ch., by Rev. E. S. Dwight..... 31 61
 Harwich, by Miss Mary Underwood, \$15; J. M. Gifford, \$1..... 16 00
 Holyoke, C. G. Hunt..... 30 00
 Jamaica Plain, C. T. Bauer..... 15 00
 Leicester, Ladies' Charitable Soc., by Miss E. E. Loring..... 10 00
 Leominster, On account of the Woodbury Fund, by M. E. McDonnell, Trustee..... 120 00
 "A"..... 10 00
 Massachusetts, "Our Country"..... 100 00
 Milford, First, by Clark Ellis..... 31 00
 Natick, First, by R. H. Randall..... 280 00
 New Bedford, Mrs. I. H. Bartlett, Jr... 50 00
 Newton, Mrs. J. K. Richardson..... 20 00
 North Acton, Sunday-school, by O. W. Dutton..... 10 00
 Northampton, Legacy of Mrs. Catherine Slate, by C. N. Clark, Ex..... 500 00
 "B"..... 15 00
 A Friend..... 2 00
 Northboro, Charlotte L. Goodnow, to const. Miss Cora E. Smith a L. M.... 50 00
 Norton, Trin. Ch., by Rev. J. P. Lane... 63 75
 Mrs. Wheaton, by Rev. J. P. Lane... 100 00
 Oakham, Miss S. F. Fairbank, \$3; A family offering, \$5, by S. F. Labaree... 8 00
 Peabody, Legacy of Mrs. Tamison P. Kimball, by Miss E. C. Kimball..... 100 00
 Phillipston, Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. S. W. Baker, for freight..... 3 00
 South Amherst, by C. A. Shaw..... 5 13
 South Deerfield, by Dea. C. A. Stowell... 18 00
 Springfield, "H. M."..... 1,000 00
 "Wide Awake," for Children's Bohemian fund..... 90 00
 Stockbridge, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. A. J. Clough..... 5 00
 Waltham, G. N. Kimball..... 2 00

Ware, A Friend.....	\$10 00
Webster, First, by E. L. Spalding.....	15 00
Wellesley, Mrs. C. L. Williamson, for Salary fund.....	100 00
Mrs. C. L. Williamson, Bohemian Fund, \$5; Salary, \$59.....	103 00
West Brookfield, H. E. W.....	1 00
Westfield, First, A Friend.....	10 00
West Stockbridge, Village Ch., by G. W. Kuffla.....	38 78
Worcester, Legacy of B. W. Fletcher, by G. Swan, Ex.....	200 00
H. T. C., for Bohemian work.....	20 00
Box 831.....	25 00
RHODE ISLAND—\$98.50.	
Central Falls, A Friend.....	80 00
Newport, A Friend.....	2 50
Providence, A Mite from a friend of Home Missions.....	1 00
A. R. C.....	15 00
CONNECTICUT—\$4,612.14; of which Legacy, \$500.00.	
Received by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Sec. Woman's Home Miss. Union of Conn.:	
Bristol, special, for parsonage fund.....	\$50 00
Hartford, First Ch. Aux., A Friend, for parsonage fund, special.....	5 60
Mrs. G. W. Moore, to const. herself and Mrs. E. P. Parker L. Ms., special, \$45, Salary fund, \$55.....	100 00
Mrs. S. A. Perkins, special, for Parsonage fund.....	300 00
A Friend, special.....	20 00
New Haven, College Street Ch. Sunday-school, Mrs. L. Cowles' class of Boys, special, for parsonage fund.....	5 00
Norwich, Summer gift of Ladies of the Broadway Ch., by D. F. Gulliver, special.....	55 00
Woodstock, Miss Frances H. Butler, Parsonage fund, \$28; Salary fund, \$45.....	73 00
Miss Frances H. Butler, special.....	26 00
	634 00
Ashford, Mrs. C. S. Trowbridge, for Debt.....	5 00
Avon, N. L. Case.....	5 00
Bridport, Sunday-school of Second Ch., by E. W. Marsh.....	50 00
Mrs. Harriet N. Minor, dec., by Dea. C. M. Muor.....	67 50
Bristol, by H. Beckwith.....	70 00
By H. Beckwith, freight.....	2 00
Brookfield Center, by Rev. A. C. Pierce Connecticut, A Friend.....	18 40
A Friend.....	50 00
Danielsonville, Westfield Ch., by H. N. Clemous, in full, to const. G. L. Lyon and Mrs. M. M. Griffin L. Ms.....	80 00
Durham, Cong. Sunday-school, special, by Miss M. Gatzmer.....	25 00
East Hampton, P. Bevil.....	25 00
Farmington, by F. C. Jones, to const. W. H. Goodhue a L. M.....	50 75
Cong. Sunday-school, by H. W. Barbour.....	143 64
Glastonbury, Ch., in part, by Rev. C. C. Otis.....	269 95
Goshen, Cong. Ch., by Maria Norton.....	126 10
Mrs. Moses Lyman.....	10 00
Guilford, A Memorial offering.....	200 00
Hartford, Second Ch. of Christ, by C. S. Goodwin.....	500 00
Mrs. M. C. Bemis, for Debt.....	25 00
Mrs. L. C. Dewing.....	50 00
Roland Mather.....	500 00
A Friend.....	100 00
Anonymous.....	5 00

Higganum, by R. J. Gladwin.....	\$24 00
Lakeville, Ladies' Sewing Soc., for Debt, by Mrs. M. H. Robbins.....	2 00
Lebanon, First, by O. E. Pettis.....	34 10
Litchfield, A Friend.....	10 00
Mansfield, Second, by B. F. Koons.....	6 00
Marlborough, by W. W. Bolles.....	19 68
Middlefield, by Rev. A. C. Deunson.....	85 73
Lyman A. Mills.....	100 00
Naugatuck, Children's Mission Band, by Mrs. A. H. De Voir, for Children's Bohemian fund.....	10 00
Miss Ellen Spencer.....	100 00
New Britain, South Ch., by W. H. Hart.....	5 50
New Haven, Legacy of Mrs. Sarah M. Woodford, of which \$50 to const. Mrs. Anna Maria Oberly a L. M.....	500 00
Prof. J. L. Ensign.....	10 00
Rev. S. Harris, D.D., Debt.....	50 00
A Friend.....	3 00
New London, Second, add'l, by T. G. Porter, M.D.....	2 00
Mary F. Miner, for Debt.....	100 00
New Proston, Rev. H. Upson.....	10 00
North Woodstock, A Friend.....	10 00
Norwich, Park Ch., by H. L. Butts.....	100 00
Old Lyme, First, by R. Griswold.....	45 00
Old Saybrook, Ch., A Friend.....	8 00
Painville, A Friend.....	25 00
Putnam, Second, by H. N. Fenn.....	23 69
Salisbury, A Friend.....	3 00
Simsbury, by A. J. Holcomb.....	46 85
South Windsor, by C. J. Rockwell.....	15 60
Terryville, by G. M. Allen.....	59 00
Thompson, Ladies of Cong. Ch., by Miss E. D. Larned, freight.....	3 00
Rev. A. Rawson, to const. Mrs. J. S. Lewis a L. M.....	50 00
Waterbury, A Friend.....	10 00
West Torrington, A Friend, for Debt.....	4 00
Westville, M. P. Dickerman, by E. T. Jarman.....	2 00
Woodbury, First Ch., by J. H. Linsley.....	21 65
NEW YORK—\$1,776.72.	
Albany, A Friend.....	50 00
Brier Hill, by E. Young.....	8 20
Brooklyn, Plymouth Ch., by S. V. White, Treas., of which \$250 from Mrs. S. V. White, special.....	551 83
Union Ch., by E. E. Stewart.....	5 00
Ladies' Benev. Assoc. of the Central Ch., by Mrs. A. C. Perkins, to const. Mrs. J. Scrimageour and C. C. Alford a L. M.....	100 00
Sunday-school Central Ch., by D. C. Tiebout.....	5 00
H. S. C., special, \$100; J. B. C., Birth-day Thans-offering, \$20; A. G. Brinkerhoff, \$18.75; Mrs. Mary D. Ellison, for Children's Bohemian Fund, \$10; Dr. E. P. Thwing, \$5; Hattie May Clark, \$1.50.....	155 25
Buffalo, Pilgrim, by Rev. A. L. Smalley.....	5 00
Canandaigua, First, by Rev. E. G. Tyler.....	120 67
Churehville, Union Ch., by Z. Willard to const. Rev. J. E. McConuell a L. M.....	58 00
Clear Creek, by Rev. G. C. Baker.....	3 00
East Bloomfield, Ladies of Cong. Ch., for Woman's Dept., by Mrs. H. E. Porter.....	25 00
East Randolph, by Rev. J. J. Hancock.....	6 00
Elizabethtown, by Rev. J. Backus.....	20 00
Fayetteville, Rev. C. P. Osborne.....	2 00
Flushing, by W. H. Lendrum.....	58 25
Mrs. Frances A. Jones.....	10 00
Friendship, by Rev. M. Gaffney.....	5 00
Groton, Mrs. W. C. Barrows, by T. T. Barrows.....	100 00
Piibernia, A Friend.....	1 00
Maine, Mrs. A. T. Mareau.....	5 00
Millville, by Rev. C. W. Drake.....	8 50
Nassau, Ellen G. Means.....	5 00

New York City, Broadway Tabernacle, C. N. Buss.....	\$100 00	White Oaks, by Rev. R. E. Lund.....	\$5 50
Mrs. Parker, \$10; R. K. B., \$12; C. A. Smith, \$2; W. Abbott, \$1; Ide Clare, \$1; A Friend, \$1.....	117 00	OHIO—\$1,126.78.	
North Java, by Rev. J. H. Mallovs....	3 25	Received by S. P. Churchill, Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland, September:	
Oswego Falls, Rev. C. Olmsted, Thank-offering.....	10 00	Mrs. E. J. Mahoney, Treas.	
Patcoogue, First Ch., by E. Hammond	25 00	Ohio Woman's H. M. Union, \$181 65	
Rensselaer Falls, A. M. D., for the Debt.....	10 00	Cleveland, First, Y. P. S. C. E., 1 97	
Richmond Hill, Union Ch., by A. Allen	20 39	Euclid Avenue Ch.....	110 25
Riverhead, by Rev. W. T. Chalmers....	18 77	Hudson.....	1 00
Rutland, Sunday-school of First Ch., \$8; Mrs. T. Merwin, \$12, by Frank Unlerwood.....	20 00	Rev. W. Richardson.....	4 00
Salamanca, by Rev. J. E. Sopher.....	11 50	Rootstown, Sunday-school.....	13 00
Sherburne, First Ch., by G. W. Lathrop, to const. Mrs. D. W. Teller a L. M.....	100 00	Y. P. S. C. E.....	6 30
Suspension Bridge, Ladies' Aux., by Mrs. L. H. Cobb, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union.....	6 08	Ruggles.....	10 19
By A. H. Reed.....	13 25	Received by Mrs. E. J. Mahoney, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	327 76
Utica, Young People's Beymouth Union, by Rev. D. E. Marvin.....	4 29	Akron.....	\$15 00
Wilmington, by Rev. D. Fisk.....	2 46	Atwater, H. M. S.....	14 00
Woodhaven, Miss. Soc. of Cong. Ch., by Rev. W. James.....	15 00	Chardon.....	12 27
NEW JERSEY—\$36.99.		Claridon, H. M. S.....	16 00
Bloomfield, M. E. C.....	5 00	Cleveland, First Ch., W.H.M.S.	10 66
East Orange, Grove St. Ch., by R. Hunter.....	62 20	Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 97
Jersey City, by Rev. N. M. Sherwood....	4 28	Jennings Avenue Ch., W. H. M. S.....	14 00
Newfield, Mrs. H. Howe, by Rev. C. Willey.....	10 00	Geneva, Industrial M. S.....	5 00
Warrenville, by Rev. G. Baderstcher....	5 51	Hudson.....	8 80
PENNSYLVANIA—\$151.32.		Litchfield.....	5 00
Alden, by Rev. D. J. Jones.....	5 00	Marietta, Second Ch., W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Bangor, by Rev. J. Williams.....	5 00	Medina.....	29 85
Coal Dale, Rev. J. Edwards.....	5 00	Ravenna.....	12 10
Ebensburg, by C. T. Roberts.....	5 46	York.....	10 00
Exeter and West Pittston, by Rev. S. B. Cooper.....	4 09	Cincinnati, Sunday-school of the Storrs Cong. Ch., by E. P. Foster.....	159 65
Fountain Springs, by Rev. E. T. Griffith.....	2 25	Mrs. R. Evans's Welsh Sunday-school class, by R. Evans.....	5 00
Philadelphia, C. Burnham.....	100 00	Columbus, Walter Crafts.....	101 00
Pottsville, Welsh Ch., by D. Davis.....	6 52	Ft. Recovery, by Rev. M. W. Diggs....	4 09
Riceville, Young Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. W. H. Westcott.....	3 00	Hampden, by Rev. H. A. N. Richards..	5 00
Sharon, by Rev. G. Henshaw.....	10 00	Hudson, Ladies of the Cong. Ch., by Rev. A. B. Christy.....	85 00
Sharpsburg, by Rev. W. McCracken....	5 00	Mt. Vernon, First Ch., by P. B. Chase..	69 09
MARYLAND—\$200.00.		Oberlin, First Ch., by H. G. Husted....	91 56
Maryland, A Friend.....	260 00	Special offering, \$20; Mrs. Sarah St. John, of First Ch., \$40, by H. G. Husted.....	60 09
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$150.00.		Second Ch., by E. Regal.....	194 70
Washington, Tab. Ch., \$5; W. C. Scofield, \$20, by Rev. W. C. Scofield....	25 00	Toldeo, Mrs. N. M. Landis.....	4 00
Ladies' H. M. S., of the First Ch., special, by Miss Lizzie Patterson....	25 00	INDIANA—\$20.00.	
Mrs. Walter Pitkin.....	100 00	Hebron and Hobart, Ch., \$10; B. Harper, \$5, by Rev. D. W. Andrews.....	15 00
WEST VIRGINIA—\$19.40.		Macksville, \$3; South Vigo, \$2, by Rev. J. Hayes.....	5 00
Ceredo, by Rev. A. H. Chittenden.....	19 40	ILLINOIS—\$400.43.	
ALABAMA—\$3.00.		Chicago, Ladies' Miss. Soc. Leavitt St. Ch., by Mrs. B. F. Leavitt, Treas.	
Marion, Mrs. A. W. Curtis.....	3 00	Woman's H. M. Union.....	3 43
ARKANSAS—\$5.00.		O. B. Green.....	100 00
Siloam Springs, by Rev. V. E. Loba....	5 00	Mrs. L. A. Bushnell, for Debt.....	50 00
FLORIDA—\$55.00.		Mrs. Nettie D. Field, for Debt.....	10 00
Altamonte, Rev. P. B. Fisk.....	20 00	E. H. Sargent, \$3; Mrs. M. H. Sargent, \$2.....	5 00
Daytona, J. Slough.....	10 00	Elgin, Ladies' Soc. of First Ch., S. C. Lowe, by Mrs. J. L. Palmer, in full, to const. S. C. Lowe a L. M.....	40 00
Winter Park, F. W. Lyman.....	25 00	Newark, Horace Dav.....	5 00
INDIAN TERRITORY—\$6.25.		Peoria, H. N. Briggs, \$5; M. E. Campbell, \$5.....	10 00
Doaksville, by Rev. A. Gross.....	3 00	Plymouth, Cong. Sunday-school, \$12; Mrs. R. C. Burton, \$5, by Rev. W. H. Chandler.....	17 00
Hopkins, by Rev. H. H. Bines.....	3 25	Ridge Prairie, St. John's Ch., by Rev. A. Kerr.....	10 00
NEW MEXICO—\$60.50.		Rockford, Second, by T. D. Robertson..	150 00
Santa Fe, J. L. Allison.....	50 00	MISSOURI—\$2,070.15; of which Legacy, \$2,500.00.	
Rev. E. L. Hood.....	5 00	Kidder, by Rev. J. M. Bowers.....	16 30
		Lamar, by Rev. H. J. Zereher.....	31 70
		Lebanon, by M. W. Serl.....	13 15

Neosho, First, by N. F. Mathews.....	\$9 00
Pierce City, First, by Rev. G. S. Ricker	49 00
St. Louis, Legacy of Mrs. Louisa C. Edgell.....	2,500 00
First Cong. Ch., by F. T. Knox.....	163 09
Pilgrim Ch., by G. L. Day.....	300 00

Erratum:—\$10 in the June Receipts, from W. H. M. S., should have been credited to the Ladies' H. M. Soc., 3d Church.

MICHIGAN—\$1,151.03; of which Legacy, \$284.50.

Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabil.	
Treas. Woman's Home Miss. Union:	
Addison.....	\$5 00
Alba.....	2 58
Allegan.....	2 00
Clinton.....	23 90
Cooper.....	2 00
Covert, L. M. S., \$8.84; Children, \$1.16.....	10 00
Detroit, Trumbull Avenue.....	1 55
Ladies' Union.....	50 00
Douglas, L. M. S.....	7 00
East Saginaw.....	7 00
Galesburg.....	10 00
Grand Blanc.....	12 00
Grass Lake.....	15 00
Greenville.....	15 26
Kalkaska.....	5 06
Litchfield, L. M. S.....	22 00
Lowell.....	10 00
Memphis, Y. P. S. C. E.....	6 44
North Dorr.....	8 60
Olivet, L. M. S.....	25 00
Stanton.....	11 21
Three Oaks.....	13 00
Vernon, L. Aid S.....	11 65
Wacousta.....	6 91
Watervliet, W. H. and F. M. S.....	7 28
West Adrian, L. M. S.....	10 00
For Children's Bohemian Fund:	
Grand Blanc, Children's Soc.....	8 00
North Dorr, Sunday-school.....	1 40
Northport, Sunday-school.....	10 00
Omena, Sunday-school.....	2 00
	<hr/> \$314 67

Adrian, On account of Legacy of Mrs. A. M. Lathrop, by A. L. Millard, Exr.....		284 50
Ann Arbor, First, by R. Campbell.....		85 00
First, J. A. Scott, for Debt, to const. Mrs. E. B. Pond and A. R. Hall L. Ms.....		170 00
Banks, \$5.55; Eastport, \$5.93, by Rev. P. F. McClelland.....		11 45
Benzonia, \$18.31; Homestead, \$4.52, by Rev. O. B. Waters.....		22 83
Breckenridge, by Rev. A. A. Wall.....		7 50
Bridgeport, by Rev. A. J. Van Camp.....		3 00
Canandaigua, \$2; Morenci, \$12.50, by Rev. H. Coate.....		14 50
Central Lake, by Rev. H. A. Kerns.....		5 25
Chase, by Rev. J. Maile.....		12 62
Coral, by Rev. L. P. Spelman.....		1 83
Dexter, D. Warner.....		20 00
Grand Island, by Rev. E. I. Ayer.....		10 18
Highland Station, by Rev. G. E. Lincoln.....		8 25
Hopkins, First, \$8.54; Hopkins, Second, \$4; Bradley, \$4.96, by Rev. W. De Puy.....		37 50
Kalamazoo, First, by Rev. W. A. Waterman.....		80 00
Kalkaska and Excelsior, by Rev. W. Sidebotham.....		3 00
Ludington, G. N. Stray, to const. himself a L. M., by Rev. L. Warren.....		50 00
Maple Rapids, Ch., \$1.50; Woman's Miss. Soc., \$9, by Rev. W. H. Shaanon.....		10 50
Mattawan, by Rev. H. B. Smith.....		19 82
Meriden and White Rock, by Rev. W. Seurr.....		8 00
Orsego, by Rev. J. R. Chaplin.....		2 50
Romeo, A. Friend.....		2 00

Sheridan, by Rev. A. H. Claflin.....	\$5 00
Tyrone, by Rev. J. F. Kellogg.....	5 28
Vicksburg, by O. B. Dunning.....	10 49
White Cloud, by Rev. E. S. Shaw.....	15 41

WISCONSIN—\$153.06.

Beloit, Mrs. E. C. Kimball.....	5 00
Clear Lake, by Rev. W. J. Warner.....	15 25
By Rev. M. Peterson.....	2 81
LaFrosse, G. H. Ray.....	25 00
Menasha, E. D. Smith.....	10 00
Reserve, Mrs. D. I. Miner, for Debt.....	5 00

IOWA—\$10.00.

McGregor, J. H. Ellsworth.....	5 00
Mrs. J. B. Ellsworth, special.....	5 00

MINNESOTA—\$1,767.86.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:	
Excelsior.....	\$15 83
Minneapolis, Plymouth.....	69 43
Pilgrim.....	100 00
Pilgrim, Sunday-school.....	50 00
A Friend.....	15 00
St. Paul, N. Anderson.....	2 00
Zumbrotta.....	8 52
	<hr/> \$238 78

Received by Mrs. J. N. Cross, Treas. Minn. Woman's H. M. S.:	
Alexandria.....	\$20 00
Mankato, L. M. S.....	28 16
Minneapolis, Plymouth.....	107 39
Plymouth, Y. L. M. S.....	10 50
Open Door.....	3 60
Fifth Avenue.....	1 15
Villard.....	1 10
Winona.....	50 00
	<hr/> \$221 90

Ada, by Rev. S. Stone.....	3 50
Aitkin, by Rev. A. J. Hayper.....	1 00
Appleton, by Rev. J. T. Marvia.....	5 00
Clearwater, A. V. Whiting.....	1 00
Hawley, by Rev. O. M. Smith.....	10 20
Lake Benton, \$5.50; Tyler, \$3.05, by Rev. F. C. Emerson.....	8 55
Leech Lake, C. P. Allen, M. D.....	30 00
Mazeppa, by Rev. A. D. Blakeslee.....	6 27
Minneapolis, First Ch., by W. F. Decker.....	22 89
Young Ladies' Miss. Soc. First Ch., by Susan H. Olmstead.....	8 28
E. S. Jones, Esq.....	1,000 00
Northfield, by C. W. Gress.....	145 67
Painesville, by Rev. E. E. Rogers.....	16 00
Rose Creek and Lyle, by Rev. J. S. Ronnee.....	1 00
Rushford, by Rev. W. W. Snell.....	8 08
St. Charles, by Mrs. L. N. Hone.....	8 10
Sherburne and Triumph, by Rev. E. Carter.....	4 64
Walnut Grove, by Rev. G. H. Smith.....	1 00
Worthington, Union Sunday-school, by G. O. Moore.....	5 00

KANSAS—\$509.97; of which Legacy, \$200.00.

Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.:	
Sabetha.....	\$8 00
Rev. J. C. Halliday, Thank-offering.....	49 00
Stockton.....	12 60
Wyandotte, First, Ladies' Soc.....	27 50
Woman's H. M. Soc.....	115 00
	<hr/> 203 10

Altoona and Village Creek, by Rev. T. V. Davies.....		8 65
Ash Rock, New Harmony and Mt. Airy, by Rev. R. S. Osborn.....		10 50
Blue Rapids, by Rev. E. Skinner.....		11 50
Cheney, by Rev. J. H. Lippard.....		2 06
Douglas, by Rev. G. Marsh.....		3 50
Dunlap, by Rev. G. P. Claflin.....		7 10
Fairview, by Rev. E. W. McCune.....		11 54
Hiawatha, by Rev. J. B. Richardson.....		7 16

Hill City and Edmonds, by Rev. N. R. George.....	\$2 40
Lebo and Pautlegg, by Rev. J. W. Phillips.....	6 65
Little River, by Rev. H. H. Gilchrist.....	3 75
Mt. Vernon, by Rev. G. Foster.....	7 56
Seneca, Legacy of Mrs. Agnes Baird, by Rev. G. C. Lockridge.....	200 00
Wakefield, by Rev. R. Kerr.....	8 00
Wano and Bird City, by Rev. E. Richards.....	7 90

NEBRASKA—\$376.76.

Received by Rev. J. L. Maile:	
Lincoln, First, by T. H. Leavitt.....	\$20 50
Omaha, by S. Burns.....	25 00
	45 50

Received by Mrs. D. B. Perry:	
Aurora.....	\$3 00
Blair.....	15 00
Crete, Thank-offering.....	10 00
Dover.....	2 00
Exeter.....	12 00
A Thank-offering.....	16 50
Young Ladies.....	7 00
Indianola, Thank-offering.....	14 50
Lincoln, First.....	48 25
Milford.....	5 00
Monroe.....	2 00
Omaha, First.....	50 00
Silver Creek.....	1 00
South Bend.....	2 00
Steele City.....	7 50
Sutton.....	5 60
Waco.....	4 70
Waverly.....	7 00
Wisner.....	2 10
	215 15

Crete and Highland, by Rev. J. Schaefer.....	3 00
De Witt and Plymouth, by Rev. D. E. Hathaway.....	12 00
Free water and Moline, by Rev. J. W. Hadden.....	3 00
Inland, by Rev. G. Grob.....	3 00
Neligh, by R. v. H. Griffiths.....	3 50
New Hope and Friedens, by Rev. G. Schenerle.....	20 00
Omaha, by Rev. A. B. Pennington.....	65 33
By Rev. F. H. W. Bruechert.....	1 00
Spring Creek and Nelson, by Rev. P. Weidman.....	5 25

NORTH DAKOTA—\$71.07.

Received by S. E. Judd, Treas. W. H. M. S.:	
Caledonia.....	\$5 67
Fargo.....	26 50
Grand Forks.....	6 50
Harwood.....	13 40
Walcott, Children's Band.....	1 00
	53 07

Bismarck, Miss Anna J. Maynard.....	10 00
Cooperstown, by Rev. G. B. Frost.....	8 00

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$199.42.

Gettysburg, by Rev. P. B. Fisk.....	3 75
Henry, by Rev. W. B. Pinkerton.....	20 00
Hermosa and Battle River, by Rev. F. A. Shaver.....	5 50
Howard and Winfred, by Rev. I. G. Gordan.....	2 09
Huron, by Rev. A. Wurschmidt.....	1 25
Iroquois and Esmond, by Rev. A. J. Drake.....	5 00
Lake Preston, by Mrs. S. Fifield.....	16 10
Mitchell, by Rev. A. A. Brown.....	37 43
Plankinton, by Rev. I. A. Shanton.....	3 25
Pinkwama and Lyonville, by Rev. W. H. Brearley.....	1 50
Ree Heights, by Rev. G. J. Bartey.....	97
Sioux Falls, by Rev. H. D. Wiard.....	46 00
W. M. S., by Mrs. Sue Fifield.....	27 65
Springfield and Running Water, by	

Rev. C. Seccombe.....	\$4 88
Templeton, by Rev. S. F. Huntley.....	2 00
Yankton, Woman's U. M. Soc., Mrs. Sue Fifield, Treas., by Mrs. C. G. Black.....	22 05

COLORADO—\$82.66.

Received by Rev. C. M. Sanders:	
Buffalo.....	\$15 00
Denver, Mrs. S. B. Packard.....	10 00
Mrs. L. H. B., \$5; R. Gregg, 25 c.....	5 25
	30 25
Canon City, F. A. Reynolds.....	25 00
Colorado Springs, Woman's M. Soc., by Mrs. Harriet P. Campbell.....	10 00
Highland Lake, by Rev. A. K. Packard.....	12 91
Otis and Hyde, by Rev. G. Dungan.....	4 50

WYOMING—\$4.75.

Big Horn, by Rev. S. J. Jennings.....	4 75
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MONTANA—\$5.00.

Helena, Rev. F. D. Kelsey.....	5 00
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CALIFORNIA—\$2,021.55.

Received by Rev. J. S. Hutchinson, Financial Agent:	
Berkeley.....	\$20 50
Bayward, Bible Class.....	1 25
Y. P. S. C. E.....	8 75
Los Angeles, First.....	1,334 90
Oakland, Plymouth Avenue Ch.....	3 15
Paradise Avenue Ch., by Rev. J. H. Warren, D.D.....	5 00
Sacramento, First.....	55 50
San Diego.....	5 00
Santa Cruz.....	1 00
Woodland.....	8 65
	1,493 20

California General Assoc., by Rev. J. H. Warren, D.D.....	53 10
Green Valley, by Rev. R. Taylor.....	6 00
Lorn, by Rev. W. F. Beckford.....	5 00
Los Angeles, Park Ch., by Rev. E. R. Brainerd.....	53 50
By Rev. J. H. Phillips.....	8 75
Mrs. H. M. McPherson.....	5 00
A. M. D.....	4 40
Modesto, by Rev. R. H. Thomas.....	2 00
Natural City, by Rev. E. D. Wear.....	40 00
Oceanside, by Rev. H. W. Daniel.....	1 00
Pomona, by Rev. C. B. Sumner.....	290 00
San Bernardino, Highland Ch., by Rev. J. D. Foster.....	6 00
San Jacinto and Perris, by Rev. D. McCuan.....	15 50
Santa Barbara, First, by C. P. Low, to const. Mrs. A. O. Perkins a L. M.....	84 60
Sierra Madre, by Rev. L. H. Frary.....	10 25
Sierra Valley, by Rev. C. E. Pail-rook.....	8 50
Soquel, Cal., by Rev. A. B. Palmer.....	15 00
Vacaville, by Rev. H. W. Jones.....	4 75

OREGON—\$83.50.

Albina, by Rev. T. H. Henderson.....	2 90
East Portland, by Rev. D. Staver.....	19 95
Hillsboro, by Rev. C. Derrick.....	5 15
Mt. Tabor, Dr. O. F. B'kun and wife, by Rev. G. H. Atkinson.....	1 00
Pendleton, by Rev. O. W. Lucas.....	5 00
Portland, First, to const. C. L. Fav a L. M., by Jas. Steele, Treas. Or. H. M. Soc.....	50,00

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$68.22.

Received by Rev. N. F. Cobleigh:	
Endicott.....	\$11 25
Farmington.....	3 80
Starbuck.....	1 50
N. F. Cobleigh.....	5 00
	21 55
Coupeville, by Rev. G. Lindsay.....	18 00

Hood River and East Hood River, by Rev. F. Balen.....	\$10 00
Lyle, by Rev. W. H. Henneck.....	2 50
Medical Lake, First, by Rev. C. Eels, D.D.....	10 00
Ritzville, by Rev. E. J. Singer.....	6 17
CANADA—\$5.00.	
Prescott, Ont., A Friend.....	5 00
Home Missionary.....	146 58
	\$42,197 74

Donations of Clothing, etc.

Albany, N. Y., Ladies' Soc. of First Ch., by Miss Kate McNaughton, two boxes and freight.....	\$360 00
Bethel, Ct., Ladies of Fairfield Co., by H. H. Seelye, box and freight.....	75 00
Bristol, Ct., by Henry Beckwith, communion set.....	
Bristol, R. I., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Anne W. Fitch, barrel and freight.....	90 00
Chicago, Ill., Ladies' Soc. of South Ch., by Mrs. R. O. Cassel, two boxes.....	195 42
Concord, N. H., Ladies' Soc. of South Ch., by Edna A. Cochran, two barrels, cash and freight.....	178 41
East Haddam, Ct., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Miss Carrie E. McCall, box and freight.....	98 00
Geneva, O., Industrial Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. G. W. Crosley, barrel, purse and freight.....	60 25
Keene, N. H., Ladies' Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. A. B. Heywood, barrels and cash.....	228 42
Lawrenceville, N. Y., Ladies' Soc., by Miss A. L. Frary, box.....	23 00
Palmer, Mass., Ladies of Second Ch., by Rev. H. W. Pope, box and freight.....	175 00
Peterboro, N. H., Ladies' Circle of Industry, by Mrs. S. F. Marsh, barrel and freight.....	54 00
Phillipston, Mass., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. S. W. Baker, barrel.....	27 54
Plainfield, N. J., Sunday-school, by Edward L. Suffern, barrel.....	
Plantsville, Ct., Ladies' Industrial Soc., by Mrs. Sarah L. Twitchell, box and freight.....	110 00
Port Leyden, N. Y., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Miss L. Williams, three packages and postage.....	15 00
Randolph, Mass., Young Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Clara W. Alden, box.....	
St Albans, Vt., Young People's Soc. Christian Endeavor of First Ch., by M. A. Stranahan, two barrels and box.....	200 60
Suffield, Ct., Ladies' Sew. Soc. of First Ch., through Woman's Home Miss. Union, Ct., by Mrs. W. L. Loomis, cash and freight.....	135 46
Talcottville, Ct., Ladies' Miss. Soc., through Woman's Home Miss. Union, Ct., by Mrs. Saml. H. Talcott, barrel and freight.....	86 00
Thompson, Ct., Friends of Soc., by Miss Ellen D. Larned, barrel.....	93 57
Waterbury, Ct., Woman's Benev. Soc. of Second Ch., by Mrs. G. C. Hill, box and freight.....	164 54
Woodbury, Ct., First Ch., by Julia E. Bull, box and freight.....	25 30
Woodstock, Ct., W. C. H. M. Union, by Frances H. Butler, box and cash.....	76 00
Worcester, Mass., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Union Ch., by E. H. Vaill, barrel.....	100 00

Angusta, South Ch. and Soc., by E. A. Nason, Tr.....	\$144 55
For North Anson.....	30 00
Baugor, Cent. Dist. S. S., by R. H. Hunt, to const. Heman W. Griffin a L. M.....	20 00
Bethel, A Friend, by Rev. S. S. Bowler.....	5 00
Brewer, Village Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams.....	4 73
Cumberland, Center Ch. and Soc., by Rev. E. S. Jordan.....	14 00
Cumberland Mills, Warren Ch., to const. Deas. Elsiea Newcomb, John E. Warren, James Graham and William P. Varnum L. Ms.....	85 25
East Sumner, Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams.....	19 00
Gray, Cn. and Soc., by Thos. Hancock.....	37 35
Maclias, Cong. S. S., by Gilbert Longfellow.....	10 00
Mercer, Ch.....	5 00
Minot Center, Ch. and Soc., by S. W. Shaw, Tr.....	15 00
Monmouth, Ch., add'l, Rev. R. M. Peacock.....	1 60
Newcastle, Second Cn., by Rev. C. D. Crane, to const. Miss Hannah Webb and Mrs. Lizzie Achorn L. Ms.....	71 00
Norridgewock, Two members of Ch.....	12 00
Princeton, Ch. and Soc. (\$20 of which to const. Dea. E. Tupper a L. M.), by S. G. Spomer.....	25 00
Saco, First Ch., by J. W. Littlefield.....	15 43
South Freeport, Ch. Soc., by Rev. C. L. Nichols.....	40 00
Sweden, Ch., by E. P. Woodbury, Tr.....	5 60
State Conference, annual collection.....	46 15
Union Conference, by Major L. A. Poor.....	37 00
Washington Conference, by G. A. Peabody, Tr.....	14 10
Wilton, Ch., by E. P. Packard (which with cont. to W. M. M. Aux, const. Rev. Frederick Newport a L. M.....	11 00
Woolwich, Ch., by Rev. H. O. Thayer.....	14 25
Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.....	55 00
Rev. John Dinsmore, for Anson Ch.....	15 00
Income from Stocks, etc.....	1,013 00
	\$1,813 10

Receipts from July 19th to Oct. 1st.

Alfred, Mrs. J. E. Pond, by Rev. J. E. Adams.....	\$2 00
Amnerst and Aurora Ch., by Charles Silsby.....	9 00
Bath, a member of Winter St. Ch., by G. J. Mitchell, Treas.....	160 00
Boothbay, W. H. Fisher, by Rev. J. E. Adams.....	10 00
Caribou, Ch., by Rev. C. W. Porter.....	15 00
Castine, Ch., by Dea. T. E. Hale.....	10 00
Dennysville, Ch., by Geo. A. Peabody.....	14 96
Dexter, a friend of home missions.....	5 00
Farmington Falls, Ch., by Rev. G. W. Jones.....	3 04
Frankfort, Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams.....	10 00
Freedom, Miss Sarah Perley, in part for a L. M.....	6 00
Gorham, Ch., by Joseph Ridlon, Treas.....	75 62
Hallowell, Legacy of Mrs. Margaret S. Field, add'l, by Jas. S. Field, Ex.....	114 33
Harpwell, Rev. John Dinsmore, for Ch. at North Anson.....	25 00
Kittery Point, First Ch., by E. F. Safford.....	28 00
Lincoln, Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams.....	5 00
Maclias, Center Ch., by A. L. Heaton, Treas.....	10 15
Marsfield, Ch., by J. H. Matthews.....	4 00
Norridgewock, Ch. and Soc., add'l, by C. E. Warren, Treas.....	18 00
Phillips, Ch., by Miss Cornelia T. Crosby.....	6 25
Portland, Williston Ch., Y. P. S. C. E.....	8 00
Pownal, Ch., by Rev. A. D. Smith.....	12 73
Rockland, Ch., by J. A. Shaw.....	27 00
Rumford Point, Ch., by Rev. W. J. Cole.....	8 60
Saccarappa, Second Ch., by H. P. Murch, Treas.....	28 82

Receipts of the Maine Missionary Society, from June 12th to July 19th, JOHN L. CROSBY, Treas.

Alfred, Ch. and Soc., by W. J. Conant, Tr.....	\$15 29
Anson, Cn., by S. Dinsmore, cl'k.....	7 00
Auburn, High St. Ch., for North Anson Ch.....	35 00

Upton, Moses Black.....	\$1 00
West Trenton, Mrs. Almema K. Thompson.....	5 00
Whiting, Ch., by W. Neil McKay.....	3 00
Wiscasset, Ch., by Rev. H. E. Morrow.....	4 00
Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary, by Treas.....	215 00
Secretary Adams, rec. for preaching.....	2 00
Income from stocks, etc.....	580 50
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	\$1,366 43
Previously acknowledged.....	1.83 10
Total, June 13th to Oct. 1st.....	\$3,179 53

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, for October. REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

Adams, First, by Edwin Humphrey.....	\$45 58
Andover, Ballardvale, by Rev. Saml. Bowker.....	5 00
Free, S. S., by J. Newton Cole.....	106 50
E. C. Mills, for A. H. M. S.....	100 00
North, by Jos. S. Sanborn, to const. Mrs. Carrie E. Halliday and Mr. Lawson Robinson L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.....	100 00
Ashby, Orth., by C. F. Hayward.....	17 72
Athol, Ladies' Sewing Society, by W. W. Norton, special.....	4 26
Attleboro, Second, by A. B. Carpenter, for A. H. M. S.....	100 00
Beverly, Dane St., by Henry Woodbury.....	182 86
Boston, A Friend, "C.".....	10 00
Special for Iroquois, Dak. parsonage.. A Friend, "S." for A. H. M. S.....	5 00
Allston, "Wide Awakes," by Fred B. Wheeler, special for Iroquois Dak. parsonage.....	12 00
"Wide Awakes," special for Geuda Springs, Kan., bell.....	5 00
Brighton, Evangl., by F. G. Newhall.....	261 39
Cash, "H. C." (of which \$5 for A. H. M. Soc. debt).....	10 00
Central, A Friend, for A. H. M. S.....	2 00
Charlestown, Wintrop, by Geo. S. Poole.....	137 71
A Friend.....	10 00
Dorchester, Second, by Miss E. Tolman.....	85 56
Agon., by Miss E. Tolman, for A. H. M. S.....	25 00
Mrs. Rev. Jas. H. Means, by Miss E. Tolman, for A. H. M. S.....	50 00
A Memoir, by Miss E. Tolman, for A. H. M. S.....	5 00
Miss E. L. Tolman, by Miss E. Tolman, special for Ch. at Wichita, Kan Village, S. S., by A. C. Hawes.....	10 00
Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Miss E. L. Campbell, special.....	32 50
4 50	
Mt. Vernon, by Jos. H. Tyler, in part.. Neponset, by C. W. Kimball.....	214 23
28 15	
Mrs. B. Perkins, for A. H. M. S.....	75 00
Miss M. L. Perkins, for A. H. M. S.....	10 00
Roxbury, Eliot, by A. McLean.....	201 41
Mrs. R. R. Cook.....	1 40
Walnut Ave., by C. O. Tufts.....	324 70
West, South, Evl., by J. H. Guild.....	73 66
Shawmut, Mrs. J. S. Ambrose, for A. H. M. S.....	59 01
Union, by J. A. Lane, for A. H. M. S.....	240 03
Boxford, West, by J. W. Andrew.....	8 72
Braintree, South, by H. E. Whitman.....	11 00
Bridgewater, Scotland, by Rev. C. W. Wood.....	22 50
Brookfield, by Rev. C. P. Blanchard.....	15 00
Brookline, Harvard, by H. B. Eager.....	53 35
Cambridge, "B," for A. H. M. S.....	13 00
Teacher, for A. H. M. S.....	50 00
Carter, Sabra, fund, Income of.....	25 00
Dana, by Rev. J. G. Willis.....	2 09
Dedham, Miss Sarah A. Durgin.....	2 00
First, S. S., by E. P. Burgess, for A. H. M. S.....	25 00

Easthampton, First, by L. E. Parsons, for A. H. M. S.....	\$107 18
Enfield, by L. D. Potter.....	50 00
Essex, South Conference, by Rev. F. F. Waters.....	116 77
Everett (addl.), by Geo. Sargent.....	1 00
Falmouth, East, by Rev. S. Morrison.....	15 00
First, by Rev. H. K. Craig.....	145 40
Waquoit, by Rev. S. Morrison.....	20 00
Woods Holl., by Rev. Prescott Fay.....	14 60
Fitchburg, Rollstone, by W. E. Chifford, to const. L. Ms.....	172 64
Haile, Sabrana Walker fund, Income of	62 50
Halfax, by Jabez B. Thompson.....	11 25
Hampden Benev. Association, by Chas. Marsh, Tr.: Agawam.....	\$31 75
Logmeadow, East.....	2 00
Lucbow.....	16 18
Palmer, First.....	4 20
Second.....	100 00
Springfield, First.....	100 00
Memorial.....	165 00
Olivet.....	42 54
South.....	119 61
Westfield, Second.....	138 73
Second, "Scattergood Soc.".....	25 00
Hanson, by I. C. Howland.....	745 01
Hardwick, Calvinistic, by Rev. C. M. Pierce.....	9 45
Harvard, by J. W. Bacon.....	9 00
Haverhill, Center, Rev. Francis Welsh, by Ezra Kelly, for A. H. M. S.....	52 25
20 00	
Hearth, Rev. B. B. Cutler, by Hon. Chas. T. Russell, for A. H. M. S.....	5 00
Holland, Wm. H. Harris.....	5 00
Holliston, by T. E. Andrews.....	163 40
Hopkinton, addl.....	50 00
Huntington, First, by C. H. Kirkland.....	3 00
Ipswich, South, by Rev. T. F. Waters.....	60 00
Kingston, Mayflower, by Zenas Crowell, for A. H. M. S.....	14 00
Mrs. E. G. Carpenter, by Zenas Crowell.....	10 00
Lakeville, by Rev. S. B. Andrews.....	2 28
Lexington, Hancock, by Walter Baker.....	21 50
Lowell, John St., by Wm. Mowrey.....	54 01
Manchester, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Rev. D. Marvin.....	25 02
Mansfield, Orth., by Rev. Jacob Ide.....	6 21
Medford, West, by E. C. Smith.....	25 66
Medway, West, Second, Mrs. E. C. T. Robbins.....	50
Merimac, South, N. H., A Friend, by H. H. Howard.....	5 00
Milton, Mrs. E. E. V. Field.....	10 00
Natick, A Friend, E., A. H. M. S.....	10 00
Needham, by Rev. J. F. Gleason.....	20 00
Newburyport, North, by J. B. Creasey.....	41 00
Newtown Center, Anonymous.....	100 00
First, by Chas. H. Bennett.....	131 20
Highlands, by John Stearns.....	160 12
Chas. P. Clark, Jr., Special for Iroquois Dak. parsonage.....	5 00
Newtonville, Miss Rebecca P. Goodale, by Miss Eliza A. Goodale, special for church in Wichita, Kan.....	10 00
Norfolk, Co. Conference, by C. W. Carter	33 57
North Adams, First, by Wm. F. West.....	73 26
Peabody, South, by Geo. F. Osborne.....	129 00
Pilgrim, Conference, by Zenas Crowell.....	18 43
Quincy, Ev., Mon. Con. Coll., by Rev. E. Norton.....	10 00
Reading, by S. G. B. Pearson.....	25 00
M. E. P.....	2 00
Rochester, A friend.....	1 00
North, by Rev. S. B. Andrews.....	3 85
Rockport, Pigeon Cove, by Rev. W. W. Parker.....	7 54
Sandwich, A Friend, "C.," by Rev. Jas. E. King.....	1 00
Somerville, Broadway, by G. W. S. Huse	12 33
Southboro, Second, by W. Loring.....	7 59
Stoneham, by Rev. D. A. Newton, to	

const. Mrs. Mary W. Cowdrey L. M. of A. H. M. S.	\$50 00	Berlin, Kensington, by A. Upson.....	\$2 00
Swampscott, by Rev. Geo. A. Jackson....	42 75	Bethlehem, by Wm. R. Harrison.....	27 35
Templeton, Baldwinville, First, by Miss M. B. Raymond.....	52 00	Branford, Sunday-school, by L. J. Nichols	25 00
Tisbury, West, by Ulysses E. Mayhew....	16 83	Bridgeport, Second, by Edward Sterling	82 65
Walpole, Mrs. E. P. Stetson.....	25 00	Bristol, by H. Beckwith.....	50 00
Waltham, Mrs. Sarah E. French.....	20 00	Burlington, by Rev. C. H. Smith.....	3 60
Warren, West., by Rev. G. H. Morss.....	20 00	Chaplin, by Rev. Francis Williams.....	15 00
Warwick, Trinitarian, by E. C. Chase....	31 00	Clinton, by Daniel W. Stevens.....	60 45
Wayland, C. M. L.....	5 00	East Windsor, First, by C. J. Rockwell..	25
Wellesley College, Proceeds of Mrs. Gale's Game "Famous Queens".....	5 25	Hartford, Talcott Street, by Rev. R. E. Wheeler.....	5 60
Westboro, A Friend.....	2 50	Mansfield, First, by Robert P. Barrows..	47 00
Westhampton, A Friend, by A. D. Montague.....	2 00	Naugatuck, by Miss Ellen Spencer.....	75 00
Westport, Pacific Union, by J. C. Macomber.....	4 64	New Britain, Bethany, by Prof. D. N. Camp.....	9 00
Wethersfield, Conn. "X".....	5 00	New Haven, Yale College, H. A. Newton Taylor, by J. Adams.....	5 00
Whitin, J. C. Fund, Income of.....	362 50	North Branford, by Charles Page.....	32 22
Whitman, by Wm. R. Vining.....	42 00	Norwich, Second, by Rev. Wm. S. Palmer	20 00
Miss Caroline H. Whitman, for A. H. M. S.....	50 00	Plainville, Rev. Arthur T. Reed.....	10 00
Wilmingon, by H. L. Bancroft.....	34 40	Portland, First, by Rev. John S. Bayne, \$23.65; Rev. John S. Bayne, personal, \$12.....	35 65
Winchendon, First, by C. J. Rice.....	23 80	Putnam Heights, by Thomas J. Taurber. Second, by H. N. Fenn.....	2 50 13 69
Winchester, First, by Eugene Tappan, Special for French Prot., Coll., Lowell, D. N. Skillings Annuity, by C. E. Conant	169 94 100 00	Ridgefield, Ridgebury, by Rev. R. S. Billings.....	10 00
Worcester, Park (of which \$5.00 for K. M. Tait's service), by L. B. Morgan.....	14 25	Stonington, First, by B. F. Williams.....	27 00
Piedmont, by Wm. Woodward.....	40 00	Thompson, by Dea. M. F. Iowne.....	25 13
Union, Chas. F. Bailey, by S. Newton.. Ruth E. Barber, by S. Newton, for A. H. M. S.....	1 00 2 00		\$599 99
Yarmouth, by Rev. John W. Dodge.....	70 00		
Home Missionary.....	\$6,564 59		
	5 40		
	\$6,562 99		
<i>Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss. Soc., in October.</i>			
Athol, Ladies, by Mrs. Jane S. Benjamin, box and cash (\$5).....	\$31 50	Alton, Ch. of the Redeemer.....	\$5 00
Boston, Dorchester Village, by Miss J. K. Wright, two barrels and freight.....	150 00	Chebanse.....	3 50
Bradford, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. W. K. Farrar, barrel and freight.....	56 37	Chenoa, Ladies' Society.....	5 00
Braintree, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. J. F. Hayward, barrel and freight.....	200 00	Chicago, New England Ch.....	25 24
Broomline, unappraised package of bedding, etc.; cash.....	1 00	Crete (special).....	15 07
Durham, N. H., unappraised barrel, by Miss A. Mather.....		De Pue (to sustain services).....	12 44
Lak-ville, Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. Caroline L. Ward, barrel and freight..	92 00	Dover.....	22 50
Leicester, Ladies' Char. Soc., by Miss E. E. Loring, barrel.....	154 00	Earlville, "J. A. D".....	50 06
Medford, West, Ladies, by Mrs. E. C. Hood, barrel and freight.....	47 00	Elgin.....	50 83
Newton, Eliot, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. A. E. Crosby, barrel and freight..	127 07	Elmwood.....	32 00
Oxford, Ladies, by Ellen A. Faine, barrel and cash (\$5).....	52 89	Galesburg, First Ch. of Christ "W." (special).....	55 40
Rockland, Sewing Cir., by Mrs. E. P. Torrey, barrel, unappraised.....		"J. D. W".....	33 40
Sterling, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss Clara F. Hills, barrel and cash (\$3).....	47 66	Mrs. Wm. Davis.....	5 00
Weymouth, Sea B, Second, Ladies, by Mrs. J. L. Dyer, barrel.....	97 25	Mrs. Boone.....	3 00
Worcester, Plymouth, Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. E. T. Hoppin, box.....	225 00	Galva, Sunday-school.....	41 48
Sundry books and magazines, unappraised, have been sent West and gratefully acknowledged.		Godfrey, Ch. of Christ.....	41 70
	\$1,161 65	Greenville, (special).....	15 00
		Hinsdale.....	49 00
		Huey, Clement Ch.....	5 00
		Ilim, Thank-offering, Ladies' Society...	6 15
		Knoxville, H. Rowles, Esq.....	5 00
		La Grange, Cheerful Givers (for Children's Bohemian Fund).....	5 00
		Lombard.....	8 30
		Naperville, R. H. Dickinson.....	25 00
		Oak Park.....	160 77
		Ladies' Benevolent Society.....	37 75
		Peoria.....	100 00
		Woman's H. M. Society.....	65 50
		Princeton.....	20 50
		Rockford, First Ch., W. H. M. Soc., for Bohemian work.....	18 91
		Second Ch. Ladies' Missy Society.....	5 00
		Second Ch., W. H. M. Society.....	25 63
		Rockton, David Carpenter.....	10 00
		Sandoval.....	5 00
		Springfield, Mrs. S. J. Dickerman.....	3 00
		Thawville, Ladies' Home and Foreign Missy Society.....	1 90
		Toulon, Ladies' Society.....	5 45
		Waverly.....	59 75
		Sunday-school.....	15 57
		Wilmette.....	13 75
		E. A. Paddock (special).....	2 00
		Chicago Theol. Seminary, Soc. of Inquiry (for Debt).....	10 00
		Bureau Association for special work....	125 00
<i>Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, in October, WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.</i>			
Avon, by Rev. N. J. Seeley.....	\$10 00		
			\$1,201 46

*Receipts of the Wisconsin Home Missionary Society,
for August and September. R. A. McCULLOUGH,
Treas.*

Antigo	\$30 39	Madison, \$159.98; Sunday-school, \$50. . .	\$209 98
Alderiv, \$5; Sunday-school, \$5. . .	10 00	W. H. M. S.	20 51
Appleton	185 13	F. J. Lamb, \$50; M. R. Doyan, \$25. . . .	75 60
Women, \$10; G. F. Peabody, \$25. . . .	35 00	Mazonianie, \$22; Sunday-school, \$1. . . .	23 00
Area, First, S. S.	3 64	W. H. M. S.	6 00
Women	7 25	Menominee	35 00
Second,	1 95	J. H. Knapp	175 00
Adamsville	5 00	Mill Creek	5 00
Aito, \$25; Sunday-school, \$5.	30 00	Mt. Zion, Eng.	7 45
Allen's Grove W. H. M. S.	1 00	Welsh	5 00
Burlington, \$24.75; Sunday-school, \$10. . .	54 75	Menasha W. H. M. S.	6 00
Brandon	46 10	E. D. Smith	100 00
W. H. M. S.	4 00	Milwaukee, Plymouth, \$100; S. S., \$50. . .	150 00
Beloit, First, S. S.	35 00	Grand Ave., \$36.39; Sunday-school, \$25. .	61 39
W. H. M. S.	50 00	Pilgrim, \$58; Sunday-school, \$16.03. . .	74 03
Second	89 00	W. H. M. S.	8 00
W. H. M. S.	6 00	E. D. Holton	50 00
Bethel in the Woods.	5 00	Hanover St., \$16.66; Sunday-school, \$20	36 66
Barneveld	6 50	Bay View	6 43
Boschell, \$2.50, Sunday-school, \$2.50. . .	5 00	Tabernacle, \$6; Sunday-school, \$3. . . .	9 00
W. H. M. S.	1 00	New London, \$17.50; Sunday-school, \$6. .	23 50
Bristol and Paris	44 86	New Chester	20 00
Sunday-school	5 80	New Lisbon	27 06
W. H. M. S.	25 00	W. H. M. S.	3 06
Big Spring	3 03	Ash Creek	5 00
Barraboo, \$16; Sunday-school, \$10. . . .	26 00	W. H. M. S.	10 00
Bloomington, W. H. M. S.	9 83	Oshkosh, \$32; Sunday-school, \$35. . . .	67 00
Blafes Prairie, W. H. M. S.	6 59	W. H. M. S.	11 00
Brodhead, W. H. M. S.	3 90	Philetus Sawyer	25 00
Clintville	26 32	Osseo	14 50
Clinton, \$17.09; Sunday-school, \$6.80. . .	23 89	Oconomowoc W. H. M. S.	5 00
W. H. M. S.	22 00	Pewaukee	6 00
Columbus, \$34; Sunday-school, \$5. . . .	39 00	Sunday-school	1 91
Darford, \$32.45; Sunday-school, \$8. . . .	40 45	W. H. M. S.	10 57
E. W. Peet	12 00	Pittsfield	8 30
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WHEN a teacher has a favorite pupil he gives him the hardest problem. He can trust him to solve it. God has thus treated the American nation. He has given us the hardest problem a nation ever had. It is a compliment to the Pilgrim Fathers, his favorite pupils whom he took out in his school-ship, the *Mayflower*, and left on a rock to solve it.

“Goethe says, “The greatest difficulties lie where we are not looking for them”; we may add, especially where we think ourselves out of them. Difficulties come with freedom. From man’s first freedom came the apostasy—ejection from Eden—and yet freedom is man’s eternal quest. In America he has it, in gospel measure; free speech for that tongue of his, whereby he blesses God and curses man; free use of that hand of his, whereby, with plow and harrow, he makes the earth mellow for the glad showers of God; whereby, with pickax he frets the veins of copper and silver and gold; whereby he lays a highway of iron for the chariots of travel that speed on fiery wings back and forth between the rising and the setting sun; whereby he builds over against each other drinking-hells and churches, a passage-way downward and a passage-way upward for the soul; whereby he lifts up the ax against the great trees, until he has converted the wilderness into a garden, so that children gambol where the wild beasts were; whereby he puts into the ballot-box the names of the men whom he will have to rule over him; free thought, too, whether it relate to this Republic or to the Republic of God!

It is this free man that has taken the place of the wild man in America; this free man who puts all material things under his feet; whose tread shakes the continents; whose scepter is over all sheep and oxen; whom fire and water and steam and lightning serve; who doubts everything and questions everything, and challenges everything and dares everything; who neither fears God nor regards man; who, in slouched hat, flannel shirt and cowhide boots, goes tramping into freedom’s sacred places; it is this free man that constitutes at once the difficulty and the danger of America’s problem of civilization. We have made this man in our own image; we have set him up, a king in freedom’s palace. What will he do there? It depends upon the question whether we can make him a Christian or not.

It is the ideal things which are the most difficult and dangerous. Commonplace things are safe enough. It is easier to run the papacy than a Congregational church. So far as responsibility is concerned it is easier to be a slave or a serf than to be a freeman. The slave has his master to think for him; the serf has his lord. The freeman thinks for himself.

There can be no doubt that, we have the ideal theory of government; that, at last, the circle is rounded, and ends where the Hebrews began; that the American idea is the attempt to realize the dreams and aspirations, the hopes and prayers of humanity, the world over, through the long generations of time. This is the bloom of the age-plant of the race. And where did we get it? We got it from the Republic of God; where there is one Father, even God Almighty, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. We have taken ultimate classification of the human race. The various tribes and kindreds and families of the earth we have reduced to a common denominator. Because God made them, in God's name we guarantee them their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and their equality here, under our flag. It is the most daring attempt ever made; it is the most dangerous, thus to attempt to mold a Republic among fallen men, where every man, in order to be a citizen, becomes a temple of God, on the fundamental principle of the Republic of God—that God is our Father and we are all brethren. It is a flight very close to the sun, and we may well thin of our wings.

The first great duty of Americans is to save America for America's sake. All that a man hath will he give for his life, and this is a life-and-death struggle.

The second duty, which is like unto it, is to save this America for the world's sake. We have got the attention of the world; we have got the eye and the ear of the world. When I consider the first duty, I speak as an American; when I consider the second duty, I speak as an American Christian. As an American I see that America is lost unless she can be Christianized, because only Christianized America is possible in the long run. As an American Christian, I see that the world is lost if America is lost. I speak as a man. God can save the world out of America lost, as he saved the Gentile world out of Judaism lost. But if the light in us be darkness, how great is that darkness. God has given to America to lead the other nations. And if the blind lead the blind they both fall into the ditch.

I believe in the doctrine of elect nations: as for example, the Jews, the Greeks, the Romans, England, Germany, America: that these nations have a rôle given them by the God of nations; that God affords them their opportunity to fulfill this rôle, called them to the kingdom in their own peculiar period, gives them their day of visitation, when he takes the field with them. We sit down coolly and calculate our population in the year of our Lord 1900. What do we care about population—we who took the continent with 101 souls! Whether that population be Christian—that is the question for us; and that will depend upon whether we know the day of our visitation; whether we remember the pit from which, in the Old World, God digged us, and

the rock from which in the New World we have been hewn. We are children of the Pilgrims. We have inherited the name, the polity of the Pilgrims; shall we be true to their rôle? They came here, not to make creeds or polemics, but to take the continent for God. They came here in feebleness, a feeble folk, but dwelling among the rocks. They took the seas' baptism: they took the wilderness and the baptism of blood—then, their Canaan, if we can hold it. The possibility of the continuance of the American nation is to be found just where we got the original idea—at the foot of the Cross. We can solve the problem by getting the key to the problem of Him who holds all keys; who opens and no man shuts; shuts and no man opens; and who, from Plymouth Rock to the Golden Gate, has made this great continent the theater on which the last great battles of freedom have been fought; yes, and the theater on which the victories of freedom, God helping us, are yet to be enjoyed by our children forever.

This free man of America, who has crowded out the wild man of America—the Jacob the Esau—whom the Pilgrim Fathers fondly hoped to Christianize, but it took too long; this free man of America, who, by this principle of human equality found at the foot of the Cross, carries a republic under his hat and has men for armies and navies in his loins, who is as well-furnished intellectually as are your senators and your judges, who has no studied eloquence, but talks right on to your confusion, as Mark Antony did over Caesar's dead body, ready to hold this continent against all odds of evil, if once the kingdom of God is set up in him—ah, make him a free man in Christ Jesus, and America is safe, and the world is safe! For I think the world is a part of the American Home Missionary problem. I can prove it. Because our fathers were faithful in a few things, God has made them rulers over many things. They thought they might save the souls of a few Indians. God has given them this whole continent; God has turned toward them the eyes of all the earth; more and more the American idea in State is to prevail in all the earth, and, if we are true, with it, also, the American idea in Church.

The opportunity of America is wonderful. It may be as brief as it is wonderful. What if America, Christianized, prove unworthy of her heritage; where will she turn? It seems almost as if this passage of the Bible were in some sense for her: "And it shall come to pass, in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's House shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all the nations shall flow into it." This flocking of the nations hitherward, as though the Lord of nations turned their hearts; as though our banner were Freedom's magnet; this exaltation of our civil polity, of our material attractions; this wealth of the precious metals, of the forests primeval, of the productive earth laid at our feet—this

dominion of the earth's forces—does it not seem to tend to one thing, to give us the leverage by which to move the earth? If we stand in God, we can do it. Are not our gold and silver God's? Are not our sons and daughters God's? By the act of the Pilgrims, is not this continent God's? All that the nations ask is to be fed from the crumbs that fall from the Master's table here. We have only to eat and to distribute. And I say that, with all America's resources and America's possibilities and America's temptations, she is safe, only as she takes the world, not upon her shoulders, as Atlas did, but upon her heart, as did her Master; only as she loves it as God loves it. So that to Americans, the Home Missionary problem and the Foreign Missionary problem are one and the same. The first and great commandment is America: the second, and that which is like unto it, the World, by America! God's few are mightier than the world's many. Numbers are often the source of weakness. They beget pride, and turn the heart away from God. It is not salt alone that he wants; it is salt that has not lost its savor. It is not Gideon alone that he wants; it is Gideon and the sword of the Lord!

Doubtless it is a grand thing to get money—the sinews of God's war as well as man's. But God wants consecrated money. Money that is laid on the altar of God with prayer and thanksgiving goes infinitely further than money left by bequest, when a man can no longer keep it; money parted with only as the result of a grim necessity, because the doctor's skill can go no further; Death standing at the door, saying not, "Deliver, or die," but "Deliver, and die." The woman with her two mites represented more in the exchange of God than the gift of a whole synagogue. Not merely as meaning more, God looking at them, but as being more, as one of God's forces, as being more really adapted to his work, as freighted and guided by God's purpose. It is not the weight of the missile hurled, it is the vigor; it is love-power and faith-power and sanctified will-power behind it, that wings it to the work. The stripling David selected five smooth stones from the brook. Every one of them was a giant-killer, because of the man who held the sling. Sinews of war, indeed! The sinews are in the arm of the giver. "Thou comest to me with a sword and a spear and with a shield." That was one man. Here was a man whom God's angels had charge to keep, who should tread on the lion and the adder "But I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts; the God of Israel whom thou hast defied" "And David put his hand in his bag and took thence a stone, and slung it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead, and he fell upon his face to the earth." This Philistine of No God in America is going down before David's sling. Think of it. Here was a whole army idle, to see God save a nation by one man, and that man a boy; a shepherd's boy with a sling!

Great in the minds of our benevolent societies as is this Diana of Ephesus, with her silver shrine; great as is the god of wealth, it is the widows with all their living, and the children with their mite-boxes, upon which this country and the world must depend. Much has been said about the failure of legacies. That suggests waiting for dead men's shoes. Would it not be better to look to the shoes filled by the little people of God—the children? And as to saving the country, let the rich look to saving themselves. It is a narrower question than the country. "How hardly shall the rich man enter into the kingdom of God!" A man earns his hundred thousand dollars, scrimps, pinches, cramps his soul for twenty or thirty years, denies himself, denies his family, denies the church, to be the mere money-maker. He retires from business. Look at his dimensions as the angels do. It would take more than nine such men to make a man after the type of the first Adam, to say nothing of the Second. He does not know he has got a country. He is eaten up of worms, as Herod was; the worms of self-conceit, narrow-mindedness and ignorance. His place, his horses and carriages, his investments, this is the round of his thoughts. What is the money of such a man worth, with no prayers behind it? God loveth the cheerful giver. God prospers the gift of the cheerful giver. Do not believe that money is always money. It is sometimes lead, which, like a millstone, sinks a man to perdition. God wants money that increases as it goes, as the mountain brook does. God wants money that never ceases its office of benediction, because it is winged by prayer; that has a beatitude after the giver rests from his labors, and his works do follow him: that goes on to other generations when a man gives up his account.

"All Christendom seems to have risen and subscribed the Declaration of Freedom and Equality, and joined the song of liberty. He is blind who does not trace the hand of God in it all. What if God should intend so to pour out of his Spirit in the latter days that here, where are gathering all the kindreds and tribes of the people, here, in this Republic of Man, should be set up the moral and spiritual conditions of the Republic of God; of that city descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, and light like that of a jasper stone, clear as crystal." If that is not to be the consummation, if God does not mean to plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas, if he does not mean to make America Christian, and the world Christian by America, s t because it is too great a thing for us, or too great a thing for God?

OUR MITE BOXES are doing a wonderful work for us. It begins to tell all along the line. At the meeting in S. this week, the reports were very enthusiastic concerning them. We think next year will tell a different story from any which has been told heretofore. The work will be more steady and continuous, and we can reach so many with the mite boxes that we could in no other way.—*Michigan.*

MONTANA.

WHAT a change from the balmy air of California, the land of fruits and flowers, to the frosts and snows of Montana! Here, in the midst of the mountains nearly 6,000 feet above the level of the sea, is abundance of snow, and the cold, bleak winds are exceeding sharp, while California rejoices in an atmosphere made fragrant by many blossoms. But we find here something better and more enduring than flowers and blossoms, for here is the greatest mining camp in the world—a stirring, bustling city of 20,000 souls. True many of them are rushing through life in mad haste to become rich, while many more are intent only on extracting the sweets of sin from the flowers of wickedness and fruits of evil; but the Lord is not without witnesses even in Butte. Notwithstanding the difficulties and troubles of the past, around Plymouth Church are gathering hearts that are warm and true, and hands that will lift the burdens by and by. Under the fostering care of the American Home Missionary Society the power of the gospel is made manifest in the Silver City of Montana. We need the loving, helpful hand of the Society still. Bear with us a little longer; our skies are brightening—better days are surely coming. There is a good spiritual interest, and steady growth is apparent in every department of our work. A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized. Starting with a dozen members it has gone steadily forward until fifty are now enrolled as new witnesses and new workers for the Master. Our first communion season was a glad day in the history of this little church, for it witnessed the accession of twelve new members. With an abiding faith in the promise, "Lo, I am with you always," we are content to work and wait the Master's will.—*Rev. J. B. Clark. Butte City, Montana.*

A PRACTICAL TEST.

We have been asked to give a certain experience in home missionary work in the hope that it may be helpful to others.

We closed our second year of labor with the First Congregational church of Sheldon, Iowa, Aug. 1st, 1885. The first year we had \$250 home missionary aid and the second year \$200. At the close of our second year the Iowa Home Missionary Society was heavily in debt, and there was no hope of an early payment of the fifty dollars due us for our last quarter's work. We were greatly interested in the prosperity of our State Home Missionary Society, and did not feel willing to add to the burden of debt that was already so embarrassing. What could we do? Our salary of \$800 had not been large and we thought we needed all that we had been receiving. The church had received

some additions, but it had been also weakened by removals, so the prospect was very little better in that direction for the immediate future. We looked over our resources, and, for the sake of helping forward the work of Christ in the whole field, we said, "We will not have the application for further aid sent to the Society until the close of the next quarter. We will get along with what comes to us from the weekly contributions of the church and from other sources." This was a mutual agreement. We are one in financial affairs as well as in other respects. We did this with prayer, and a willingness to forego an anticipated visit to children and friends, if necessary. Committing ourselves to the Lord in this, as in all other things, we went forward.

At the end of three months our books showed that our income had been nearly equal to the average income for three months under the Home Missionary commission. We then said, "We do not dare to go back to the old way; we will try this plan another three months." The trial was made, and with the same results. We were very frequently surprised by the coming to us of help when we were not expecting it, and we often wondered at the dealings of the Lord with us. We went on in that way through the year, and now more than eleven months of the second year have passed and we are still walking in the same path. We can say that the Lord has greatly blessed us.

We do not say that this is the best way for all. We do think, however, that the Lord's work can be greatly helped by Christians and ministers making a more practical test of the Lord's promise, "My God shall supply *all* your need." They will find that it applies, not exclusively to the things of the Spirit, but of the body also—*Rev. L. W. Brintnall and Wife, Sheldon, Iowa.*

SHIFTING ITS GROUND.—It is evident that the American Home Missionary Society is shifting its ground, is making a "new departure." It is coming more and more to regard its work as the Lord's business, to be carried on by true business principles. The Home Missionaries are not objects of charity. The cause of missions does not have for its vital fluid the tears of starved women and children. The Society is the agent of the churches to see to it that America is held for Christ Jesus—and in doing this it is to employ the best men it can get; pay them as well as it can; pay them promptly, and expect the money to be forthcoming—and it will come.—*Rev. Dr. Merrill, in The Church Builder.*

EVEN SENT.—Many thanks for these timely homemissionary leaflets. They were timely indeed, and heaven-sent. I was in that frame of mind which makes it possible for a pastor to say, "How I beset my

people all last year to give to the Lord, and this year they shall not be so bothered!" God forbid! Yea, rather, God give me such tact that I may get around the 'bothering' without ceasing the besetting. Yes, these leaflets *are* timely and good. I wiped my eyes over some of them, and prayed, and vowed new consecration to a work beside which the grandest of earth's temporary works grows pale and small. I want fifty copies of No. 31 'Heaven Sent' for my people, for which please find stamps inclosed."—*A Home Missionary in Oregon.*

PLYMOUTH CHURCH, WICHITA, KANSAS.—The following resolution was passed at a meeting of this church, Sept 15th, 1887.

Whereas. The Plymouth Congregational Church of Wichita, Kansas, has after an existence of two years and a half reached a condition when in the judgment of its members it can provide for its own support, and

Whereas. This gratifying result could not have been attained without the fostering care and opportune and generous aid rendered us together with the blessing of God, by the American Home Missionary Society, be it therefore resolved that we sincerely and heartily convey to the officers and supporters of the above-named society our appreciation of and gratitude for the aid so cheerfully given. We assure them that this noble society has by the efficiency of its work endeared itself to us—that we fully sympathize with its objects and aims, and that so far as we are able we shall deem it to be both our privilege and duty by our prayers and contributions to assist in carrying on its work, and in this way manifest our gratitude for the assistance rendered us in our time of need.

FROM THE EXTREME FRONTIER.

AFTER twenty-eight years of missionary labor, I have been persuaded to give a little of my experience. For the first ten years of my ministry I supported myself and family by taking charge of a secular business. I studied God's Word after business hours, and preached to those who were too poor to pay anything toward the support of the gospel. On the Sabbath I walked about twenty miles, and preached sometimes twice and sometimes three times during the day. How cheering the thought to me now that God used me as his instrument to lead souls to the Savior, many of whom have gone to their reward.

During the next seven years I gave up my secular calling, and labored in two large cities, giving my whole time to the work of the church. I went from house to house, talking with the poor, the drunken, and the degraded, during the six working days, and preaching the gospel in mission rooms and on corners of the streets to the most vile and wretched, who could not be induced to attend the worship of God in churches. Five years of this time was spent in New York City, where I was much persecuted by the Romanists for daring to come into their neighborhoods to preach Christ crucified. One day, after much abuse from a furious mob, I was arrested by the police, taken to the

police station, and put in confinement. The Lord took care of me. Some unknown friend went to the mayor of the city and presented my case, which led to the sending of a permit to preach the gospel in any part of the city, and power to call upon the police in any district to protect me. I saw many precious souls brought to Jesus.

In my visits among the poor I found an old man of seventy-four years alone in a little shanty. I was impressed with his appearance, though he was ragged and very poor. I spoke kindly to him, and he began to weep, and said, "How is it, sir, that you can come and talk with such a poor degraded man as I am? I was once a physician, and had a good practice, but I lost it through gambling and liquor. I have spent seventy thousand dollars, brought myself and family to want, and my poor wife is broken-hearted. It is something new to me to receive a kind word from anybody. I hear the boys who stand on the corners of the streets say, as I pass them, 'There goes that old drunken Doc!' and it makes me wish I was in hell, for I am fit for no place else." I said, "Stop, doctor, you are mistaken. There is enough left in you yet for God to make a good man out of, if you will let him do it." Oh, how he wept and thanked me for my kind words! I invited him to attend our mission-room services. He did so, was truly converted, and two years afterward died in peace.

At the end of five years, my health having failed in New York City, I was urged to come to the western frontier. I came, not knowing what I should do, but God made the way plain, step by step, and I have been in home mission work ever since. Never has my soul been drawn out in fuller sympathy for the welfare of the church and souls for whom Christ died than it is now. All along I have felt that God was with me; and in one instance he showed me unmistakably that he was able to deliver me from harm. I discovered some plans made by an organized band of thieves to wreck a train of cars for the purpose of robbery, and also to commit a burglary on a bank in a neighboring town. When they found out I had their names and plans, they waited the arrival of the train of cars upon which I was to return from a preaching service at ten o'clock in the evening, designing to shoot me between the depot and my home. By a peculiar circumstance I was kept from returning on that train, and the next day a furious storm came up: so that I was snowed in nine days. During this time the band was broken up and all left the country.

This happened on the extreme frontier. And now a word in regard to the difficulties and hindrances of God's work at the front. The people generally are very poor, driven to the front by their poverty. It is true that in the towns there are persons who have some money, and they have come to make more. During the working days they are pushing their business, and during the Sabbath many of them spend

their time fixing up their books, playing cards, and doing things which are no better. They are making money rapidly, and will spend dollars for dancing and other amusements, when they will not spend cents for the work of Christ, which secures to them the preservation of life and property. Ministers live with scanty tables and aching hearts, while these get rich, and their eyes swell out with fatness. One says the minister is a disgrace to the people if he does not appear in character with his profession. Another says he ought to go out to work for his living. Another that he ought not to be paid anything because he dresses too well. And the greater part of those named will give fifty cents to go to a dirty little show when they will not give one cent toward the minister's salary; hence the few who do their duty in this direction are led to groan with their ministers and their families under the hardships to be endured.

Where our churches have been established the people are better off. They have house and stable room, and are glad to receive their minister and a part of his family for a day, and when he leaves they put a sack of vegetables into the hind end of his buggy, or something else to help his family; but out here people have not half house and stable room enough for themselves, so that the minister must go to the hotel and livery stable, and pay from one dollar and a half to two dollars per day for himself and horse. It is easy among better surroundings to talk about how to get hold of the people, organize, build new churches, etc., but not quite so easy to do it under such disadvantages. It is one thing to be in the factory molding bullets and making fire-arms, and another thing to be in the front of the battle combating with the enemy. We are much encouraged by thinking of the dear friends who are helping us, and earnestly pray God to increase their number ten-fold; but little do they know of the many perplexities with which we contend.

Oh, what will the future reveal! Let no one suppose that the spirit of anarchy and disloyalty is confined to our great cities. The agents of Satan are working untiringly *out here*, and unless the power of the gospel is used to counteract these fiendish designs, not only life and property, but our Christian institutions, will be endangered.—*A Home Missionary.*

“BROUGHT THROUGH.”

THE friends of a Home Missionary in Florida, who was stricken down with yellow fever while ministering to the victims of that terrible scourge, will give thanks that he is again able to be at his post. He writes: “Many thanks for your words of cheer. We have indeed passed through a severe ordeal. Most of our people fled at the first

outbreak of the fever, but I had already decided that, should the dreaded scourge prevail, my post of duty would be here. The M. E. pastor remained with me, but was taken with the fever at once, so that all the ministerial service for three weeks fell on me. I did what I could in visiting the sick and giving sympathy to the afflicted, trying at the same time to take proper care of myself. But at last my turn came; but by a kind Providence I was brought through, and am now at work once more.

“Some of my experiences with the sick have been very precious, others exceedingly sad. The outlook now is a little more encouraging. If you only could send us down a touch of that frosty weather you are having at the North, it would help us out. The effect of the fever on our little church will be discouraging for a time. Our congregation is a good deal scattered, and a part of the flock may never come back again. But we trust that God will bring some good out of this apparent evil.”—*Rev. Sidney Crawford, Tampa, Fla.*

GOLD DUST.

FROM MICHIGAN.—I being a widow nearly eighty years of age, and not having means at my command, am not able to do much to help in the missionary work; but wishing to do something, I inclose one dollar. Let it help as much as it will.

FROM MASSACHUSETTS.—I send you two dollars for the A. H. M. S., as a thank-offering. My husband was sick thirteen weeks. We have nothing but our hands with which to earn a living. We are both past sixty, but during this time of trial I have been able to get a little sewing to do. Our kind Heavenly Father gives us the precious privilege of doing *a little*. I wish we could multiply it one hundred-fold.

FROM ONE WHOSE WORKS DO FOLLOW HER.—I inclose one dollar, the gift of a beloved sister, Mrs. Mary R. Watrous, Thomaston, Conn., who, instead of laying up for herself treasures upon earth, laid up treasure in heaven, by very many works of benevolence and mercy. She wished to have this money given to the dear Savior, whom she had loved and served over fifty years. Last summer the Ladies' Charitable Society, Madison, Conn. (her native place), constituted her a Life Member of the A. H. M. S. Now she has gone to her reward.—*C. S. K., April, 1887.*

FROM ILLINOIS.—Will my Christian friends accept the inclosed as my thank-offering that so many are interested in home missionary work. It is small, but I give it as a cup of cold water in Jesus' name, with the wish that it was a thousand times as much. I pray from my heart that God will bless every effort put forth in this blessed cause. I have been an invalid for twelve years, during seven of which I have

been confined to the bed. My mother, seventy years old, and myself are all alone. I have been a member of the "Shut in Society" six years.

FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Please find inclosed five dollars for the A. H. M. S. I would it were many thousands to make up your loss in legacies. I have an income of only one hundred dollars, ten of which I have sent this year to your Society, whose interests lie nearest to my heart. I do not earn any money, my time being fully occupied with household duties, and the care of an invalid husband. Oh, that *more* of the wealth of Christians might be poured into your treasury to save our country in its present peril! How much better to pay out money for God's cause than to pay it out for war, and anarchy, labor-strikes, and all other devices of Satan. Oh, for more money with which to Christianize the heathen in our own country! "God save America to save the world!"

NOT A BAD BEGINNING.

LET me say just a word from our new Lincoln church. Little sunbeams are what make up our daylight, and here is a little beam to help brighten the Society's dark day. Last week we organized with twenty-five members. The list is not yet closed, and at our communion next Sunday we hope to have the number over thirty. Sunday afternoon we held, with members of the State Association, a fellowship meeting. It is my determination that this shall be a missionary church—not a mission church—the distinction is a marked one. Therefore, we took our first collection as a church on last Sunday for the A. H. M. S. It amounted to \$18.50, not a bad beginning. You will find that other Nebraska churches will do likewise, and many sunbeams will break through the clouds till the day is full of God's sunshine. May He bless the Society and its work.—*Rev. E. S. Ralston, Lincoln, Neb.*

GIVING.

WE are, as all who know us will testify, very poor. We number nine in the family, and are living on the produce of thirty-five acres of land; but we recognize the Lord as he directs us: "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." The following are the results of the past two months:

For calves, butter and vegetables, sold, \$44.70; contributions to different branches of God's work, \$4.47. Had any one of us been sick, the ten per cent would not have paid our doctor's bill; yet, from the child of six years upward, we all have had pleasure in distributing this money for the good work. In this, as in all other demands which God makes

upon us, his yoke is easy and his burden light. Let me recommend this divine way of supporting the gospel, to my fellow-Christians of every name and however circumstanced; and let me assure them that in adopting it, they will be placing themselves under the open windows of heaven, out of which shall pour floods of blessing on themselves and on the world.—*R. A.—Illinois.*

A STRATEGIC POINT.—I know of no part of our great country where work for the Master can more effectively be done than in Southern California, and where it will react so speedily and mightily for the good of other localities. Money and work expended there are sure to bring fruitage in grand work for Christ, not only all over the state, but far beyond it. That is the strategic point for home missionary operations, and now is the hour.—*The Religious Herald Connecticut.*

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES.

THE Conference of Secretaries of the State Congregational Home Missionary Societies, auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, convened for its fifteenth annual meeting at the Congregational House, Boston, Mass., at 9 A. M., Tuesday, November 15th, 1887. Present, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Bangor, Me., Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society; Rev. Joshua Coit, Boston, Mass., Secretary of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society; Rev. Charles C. Creegan, D.D., Syracuse, N. Y., Secretary of the New York Home Missionary Society; Rev. Edward H. Greeley, D.D., Concord, N. H., Secretary of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society; Rev. Alexander McGregor, Pawtucket, R. I., Secretary of the Rhode Island Home Missionary Society; Rev. William H. Moore, Hartford, Conn., Secretary of the Missionary Society of Connecticut. Also by invitation, Rev. Joseph B. Clark, D.D., a Secretary, and Rev. William G. Puddefoot, a General Missionary, of the American Home Missionary Society.

Mr. Adams was made Moderator, and Mr. Moore, Scribe. Prayer was offered by Dr. Creegan. Messrs. Coit and Creegan were made a Business Committee. The report of the Registrar, including a program, was made and accepted. The report of the Treasurer was made and accepted. Mr. Moore was made Registrar and Treasurer for 1887-1889. The report of the Business Committee was made and accepted. It was *voted*, That the sixteenth annual Conference be held at the Congregational House, Boston, Mass., beginning at 9 A. M., Tuesday, November 20th, 1888. It was *voted*, That the Registrar offer the minutes for publication in *The Home Missionary*. The minutes were approved. There were three sessions:—Tuesday, from 9 to 12:30, and from 2 till 5; and

Wednesday, from 9 A. M., till 1 P. M., opened with prayer by Dr Greeley and closed with prayer by Mr. Coit.

At these sessions the following topics were considered:

GENERAL.—1. Ways and means in the work of the American Home Missionary Society. 2. Missionary Conventions—(a) Do they pay? (b) How should they be conducted?

STATE WORK.—3. Should a Secretary spend all his Sundays among the churches? 4. When may a field be said to be destitute of the means of grace? 5. What is our duty to a community that will hear our missionaries gladly, but will not pay anything worthy of mention? 6. How far shall we urge a good plan upon a reluctant people? 7. Shall we press installation on young men serving our churches who seek ordination? 8. How should demands for increase of salary be met? 9. Appeals for money—(a) How to be made? (b) What classes of motives to be presented? 10. Special appeals to our churches—(a) Should they ever be resorted to? (b) If so, when and with what restrictions? 11. The work in cities—(a) Where does the prime responsibility for it rest? (b) What is the proper relation of home missionary societies to it? 12. The duty of our ministers and churches to the foreign population among us. 13. State missionaries—(a) Are they to be employed? (b) If so, for what precise work and to what extent? (c) What are the special qualifications demanded in their work?

WILLIAM H. MOORE. *Registrar.*

ONE by one we go,

In the sweetness none may know.

Not pressing through the portals of the Celestial Town,
An army of fresh immortals, by the Lord of battles won;

But one by one we come

To the Gate of the Heavenly Home;

That all the powers of Heaven may shout aloud to God,
As each new robe of Life is given, bought by the Master's blood;

And the Heavenly raptures dawn

On the pilgrims, one by one;

That to each the Voice of the Father may thrill in welcome sweet,
And round each the Angels gather, with songs, on the shining street,

As one by one we go,

To the glory none may know.

DIED.—Oct. 26th, Mrs. Helen Strickland Mack, wife of Rev. Charles A. Mack, Glen Ullin, Dakota. Suddenly, without one hour of warning, this devoted wife and mother was taken from her husband and three little children. In the local paper we read; "With wisdom and courage and love she aided her husband in his trying work, while yet she was the center and light of his home. Without display she used the noble talents God gave her in ministering to the needs of church and society, and mourned that she could do so little. Bringing from her New England home a reverence for all that is sacred, having gained by study and association large views of life, and having attained by the grace of

God to a high spiritual consecration, she took up home missionary work with an intelligence and devotion which made her presence a power for good, and her name beloved." Among the resolutions prepared by the Ladies' Aid Society of this home missionary church on the frontier are the following: "*Resolved*, That in the death of Mrs. Helen Mack we have lost a valued member, a wise counselor, and a zealous Christian worker. *Resolved*, That we labor more faithfully and earnestly for the best interests of this community, remembering her devoted and consistent example."

DIED.—Nov. 26th, of typhoid fever, Rev. Nelson Farr Cobleigh, our General Missionary in Washington Territory. Mr. Cobleigh was born in Littleton, N. H., in 1844, and graduated from Amherst College in 1868. He preached in Vermont and New Hampshire for several years, and went to Walla Walla, W. T., in 1881. He was for some time pastor of the Congregational church of that city, and was called from that pastorate by the A. H. M. S. to take up the duties of general missionary for Eastern Washington and Oregon. He was untiring in his labors and devoted to his work. His death will be felt throughout that whole section of country. Superintendent Atkinson writes: "Brother Cobleigh was the Moderator at our late 'Mid-Columbia Association.' He seemed to be in his usual vigor. His brief address on our home mission work was one of his best. There was no waste of words. His clear, strong statements of the duty to which the Lord calls us still ring in our ears. He left the meeting and hastened to take the train to fill his appointment at Dayton on the Sabbath. We did not know that he felt ill. We did know that he came to the Association from a long, hard trip of over six hundred miles, and looked bronzed with the wind and sun. After the weary night ride to Dayton he preached twice, collected subscriptions on Monday, and was taken by a friend to the train in an exhausted condition. He walked half a mile or more home, with satchel in hand, to save hack hire, laid down upon his bed to rise no more. It was his last work. 'In pain all over,' was the answer to his wife's questions. The strong fever wasted the unbroken constitution in spite of the hopes cherished by physicians and friends to the contrary. Knowing that he must go, he said to his wife, 'I am ready. I would like to stay longer for your sake. Who will care for the work? The Lord will care for you.' In moments of semi-consciousness, struggling with a sense of overwork, he said, 'Let us rest! Let us rest here!' He spared not himself. He has fallen in the midst of the conflict. He has entered into rest."

DIED.—Nov. 9th, Eliza, wife of Rev. Emanuel Richards, Bird City, Kansas. Mrs. Richards was born in England, April 6th, 1826, was married in 1858, and came to this country in 1871. The last few months of her life were those of intense suffering, yet she bore her affliction with the fortitude of a true Christian. To her family and friends, to whom she endeared herself by her uniform, amiable disposition, her loss will be keenly felt. Her aged husband, upon whom the blow has fallen with almost crushing force, has the sympathy of a large circle of friends. When nearing death Mrs. Richards uttered these words: "I'll soon cross over." In half an hour she exclaimed, "I hear the chimes!" Her last words were, "I'm going to Jesus and our little Annie," and peacefully passed away.

"THE decease in this city, on Oct. 4th, of Mrs. Harriet Newell Minor, wife of Deacon Charles M. Minor, at the age of sixty-seven years, calls for more than passing mention. The deceased was daughter of the late Rev. Jonathan Kitchell, and sister of the Rev. H. D. Kitchell, D.D. She was born in Bolton

N. Y., Aug. 27th, 1820, and married in 1841, at Thomaston. Deacon and Mrs. Minor came to Bridgeport in 1850, and were among the original members who formed the Park Street Congregational Church. They had three sons, who died many years ago. A peculiarity of Mrs. Minor was her attachment to the little book called 'Daily Food.' She learned her first text in it when ten years old, and maintained the daily practice of meditating on its precious lessons for fifty-seven years. The last year of her life was one of great suffering meekly borne, and she passed away with full confidence in her Redeemer, her last message to a surviving sister being, 'Underneath are the Everlasting Arms.' The funeral was held Oct. 7th, Rev. H. C. Hovey, D.D., officiating, and the interment was in Mountain Grove Cemetery."—*Bridgeport Daily Standard*.

THE telegraph wires bring us the sad news, as we go to press, of the sudden death of another faithful missionary, Rev. Wilson E. Webb, White City, Kansas. "Went home last night from a glorious revival!" Marvelous transition! While presenting a crucified Savior on earth he was called to meet a risen Savior in glory.

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

A NEW organization has been formed, called THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF NEBRASKA. President, Mrs. T. H. Leavitt, Lincoln; Vice-President, Mrs. A. F. Sherrill, Omaha; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. L. F. Berry, Fremont; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Bell, Lincoln; Treasurer, Mrs. D. B. Perry, Crete.

"Every new baby," says the secretary, "is entitled to be registered, and although our organization is but an infant of days, we want to be added to the list of State societies. We are born, and we mean to live!"

We extend most cordial greeting to this new State Union. When may we thus welcome the women of Wyoming, Washington Territory, Utah, New Mexico, Montana, Indian Territory, Idaho, District of Columbia, Arizona, Oregon, California, Nevada, Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Vermont?

At the recent annual meeting of the Ohio Woman's H. M. Union, the following officers were chosen for 1887-8: President, Mrs. J. G. W. Cowles, Cleveland; Vice-President, Mrs. E. H. Votaw, Geneva; Secretary, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin; Treasurer, Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts, Columbus. This Woman's State Union receives and disburses funds for all the Congregational benevolences except the foreign. Any Aid Society, Sewing Circle, or other similar organization already existing, can, by contributing five dollars annually to the State Treasury, become auxiliary to the State society. No restrictions are placed upon

any local society. Each may work in the manner and for the object which commends itself most strongly to its members.

YOUNG ladies who are looking for something interesting for the next missionary meeting, should apply to Mrs. A. F. Eastman, Canandaigua, N. Y., for her valuable leaflet recently issued, and entitled "Coming Out."

WHO IS TO BLAME?—I do not blame the officers of the Society at all. They have done what they were directed to do by the churches; but I do very much blame those churches that are giving nothing and those pastors who are not enough interested in the work to tell their people of the needs of the Society. People are not going to give to a cause in which they are not interested, and they are not interested in a cause of which they know nothing. Aside from giving as a Christian, I do not see how, as an American, one can fail to see the imperative need of giving and working now before it is too late to save our country for Christ.—*A Connecticut woman.*

TWO NEW SUBSCRIBERS A MONTH—A Home Missionary wife in Dakota has determined to obtain two new subscribers a month for *The Home Missionary*. To carry out this plan will require time, strength and patience on the part of this earnest woman; but what will she achieve for the Master? Gold for his treasury, extended information concerning his cause, and more prayerful effort for the incoming of his spiritual kingdom.

YOUNG PEOPLE WAKING UP.—A young lady writes: "It seems to me that all the young people of my acquaintance are waking up to the urgency of doing some work in our land for Christ. Half a dozen of us girls are reading together Professor Drummond's 'Natural Law in the Spiritual World.' The boys seem anxious lately to talk over serious matters with us. Of course, our words are crude enough, but, nevertheless, we do some earnest thinking in these days."

"DON'T STOP ANYWHERE!"

AT 4 P. M. we had the devotional exercises. Mrs. Goodell had handed slips of paper to the congregation with verses of Scripture about the Good Shepherd, and as each was read had something to say. Then Mrs. K. offered prayer, the reports were read and Mrs. B. read the appeal from the A. H. M. S. Then was Mrs. Goodell's opportunity. I just wish you could have heard her! I wish the New York Secretaries could have heard her. There were sixty-four ladies present. Mrs. Goodell had seventy-five small envelopes addressed to herself and she proposed our taking them, and having the next meeting a thank-offering meeting. She laid the matter right on to every heart, and w

looked to see her caught up in the Lord's chariot. She asked for nickels, dimes, and *if* one felt she *could* give two dollars—then she stopped and *looked*. One lady couldn't help speaking, and said, "You wouldn't limit us to that?" "Oh, no, and I'm so glad you spoke—it gives me courage. Maybe some could bring a *five* and bring it in *gold*; it is for the Lord—even a ten dollar gold piece is beautiful, and—so—is—a twenty dollar piece—and shall I stop *there*?" A voice—"No! don't *stop* anywhere!" "Well, I won't: it shall be from a nickel *on—on—as* the Lord has blessed *you*. I won't even take a vote on it, I *see* the answer in your faces. You will help me in this. Why, I haven't taken up a religious paper for two or three weeks without seeing that appeal: it haunts me, yet I would not get away from it if I could, for it opens such a *privilege* and you must share it with me,' etc., etc. Not one but took an envelope. There were six left. Mrs. G. held them up and said, "One of these is mine," and pocketed it. "Here are five left," she added, if any will take them for friends. D. asked for one for her mother who was absent, and the others went off in a hurry. As we bade Mrs. G. good-night she said, "I ought to have had faith to bring one hundred envelopes!"

THE WAY OUT.

YES, the First Congregational church of our little city had a missionary society, comprising both a home and a foreign department, and this society had been in existence for several years; but its growth had not been so prodigious as to cause remark or interested comment. The minister's wife, in her quiet, timid way, had deplored the condition of things, and wondered greatly why the quarterly contributions were so small, and why really so little interest was manifested in the society so dear to her heart. If she had only thought, dear soul, the one "why" would have answered the other. They had small contributions because they had small interest, and their interest was small because they allowed it to cost them so little. It cost *her* much of real self-sacrificing giving, and was correspondingly dear to her heart.

Something must be done, she felt certain, or the little society, for the credit of its fifty members with the twenty-five dollars given yearly, would better die. She was timid, and feared making aggressive suggestions, or saying anything which sounded like fault-finding, and her only resort was prayer. (Blessed resort! Would that more were driven to it.) And the Lord answered it in a way she had not heretofore dreamed.

A touching little story of self-sacrifice was read at their next meeting, and she was moved by the blessed Spirit to say, in a trembling but earnest voice, made so by the full heart, "Dear sisters, we are not

living up to our privileges; we are not claiming the blessing laid up for us; we have not, I fear, learned yet to give until we feel it, and gained the blessing which comes from such giving. Can we not make of this coming year a better one in the history of our missionary society than we have ever yet known, by resolving to give an amount that will cost us something of sacrifice? Let us think about it and pray over it until our next meeting, and then come prepared to pledge our gift for the year. And, for the good it will do the others as well as ourselves, let us frankly tell *what* we sacrificed that we might increase our gift. Dear sisters, your hearts are so warm and tender toward anything that you become really interested in, that I know you need only to think more of this blessed work that our Master has commissioned us to go forth in His name and do, and you will count no sacrifice great that will aid in its advancement."

Here her voice entirely failed her, but she had said enough. And the prayer at the close, by Mrs. B., the poorest in dollars of all the sisters, but rich in God's grace and the spirit of giving, sent all the ladies home with an already newly awakened interest in the missionary society. Only about ten of the fifty members had been present at this meeting, but the minister's wife, forgetting her timidity in her zeal, found it possible to see or get word to all the members, telling them what the next meeting was to be, and begging them to be present if possible.

Well, the day came so much prayed for, by a few at least, and brought together thirty of the sisters, and crowded the small parlors of the parsonage to overflowing. A restful solemnity seemed to pervade the meeting at the outset, and the well-chosen words from the Book on the blessedness of giving, closing with these matchless words, "For even Christ pleased not himself," followed by the prayer of deep thankfulness that so many had gathered with the new purpose, and to get to themselves great blessing, made all feel that there was really no such thing in Christ's cause as self-sacrifice, for the pleasure resulting made it a joy rather than a sacrifice.

The little woman began the testimony meeting, and her voice was jubilant. "Dear sisters, it seems to me that I haven't any story of self-sacrifice to tell. I have had such joy in my planning to give that it has really cost me nothing. I had been thinking that I must have a new cloak this winter, but when I began to think of the thousands of souls hungering for the bread of life, I found I didn't *need* a new cloak at all; but had only *desired* it all the time, when my old one repaired a little would really do much better than any I could afford to buy. I had laid by the money, little by little, for this, and to-day I consecrate the ten dollars saved in this way, and feel very rich in doing it."

Then followed, one after the other, the testimony of nearly all gath-

ered there. A few could not yet see the need of making such a fuss about the missionary meeting and the contributions; for their part they gave all they were able to and were not to be forced into giving what they couldn't afford.

We will take time to give only a few of the many confessions—for such they were. One sister pledged the price of a new set of parlor curtains which she had decided upon because the old ones were faded. Another deferred a visit she had intended to make, and the money was pledged with heartfelt prayers to speed some missionary on his way.

Another gave the price of a pretty table-scarf she was about to make, "not needed, but so pretty. And that tells the history of many of our expenditures, I fear, dear sisters," she added. Another found time to do some work that she had before hired done, and so increased her gift. Still another was able to earn a nice little sum in a way that prayer for this meeting had disclosed to her.

Then followed one of the most surprising testimonies of all, and it was listened to breathlessly. It was this: "You all know that I have just been getting the furniture for our new house. Well, after the meeting here last month, and I had prayed for *this* meeting, somehow many of my selfish desires looked very sordid to me, and I sat down and calculated honestly the difference between the price of the things I had, until then, thought I *must* have and what I really needed. I rose from my calculations with a happy determination, which, I am ashamed to say, dear sisters, has not been fully met. I had money sufficient for my first plans, and, led on by the adversary, I took it to the city with me when I went to buy my furniture. Tempted, in several instances, above that I was able to bear with the feeble hold I have had on the Lord for the past few years, the sum I brought back, I grieve to say, is not half the calculated difference. The things bought with this honest conscience money will never be enjoyed by me, and I pray God they may be perpetual reminders of my weakness, save as I rely on him, and that the daily sight of them may strengthen my purpose to live more entirely for him." Her eyes were streaming with tears as she finished, and her voice was broken, while the low-spoken and tearful responses from many of the sisters said plainly, "Lord, is it I? Lord, it *is* I!"

Good Mrs. B. said that she was able to get so few things that were not necessities that at first she thought her small yearly pledge could not be increased; but when she came to prayerfully consider the question, she found that she was quite often tempted to get things, inexpensive it is true, but not quite necessary, and she gladly pledged the sum she felt sure would cover all these trifles. Another, less able, gave the contents of her rag-bag for the year.

Widow C. had dispensed with desserts on her dinner-table, for her-

self and children, five days in the week for this month, and it had worked so nicely, the children entering so heartily into the spirit of the small sacrifice, that she had decided to make it the rule for the year and thus increase *her* gift. Another did her own washing for two weeks, and should do it whenever it was within the limits of her strength, and the dollar saved weekly should be the Lord's not hers. Dear old Sister Strong broke in here with, "Well, I have always been well enough to do my own washing, and lately an opportunity has been given me to do a little washing for another, and I have been laying this by for something I should want very much and could have no other way. This something has come, and I so gladly give it to help on this good cause. Another had thought to get some new curtain fixtures to replace the old cords and tassels that had done service so long, but concluded that these would answer another year, and so her mite was increased. Another gave up a new winter bonnet, brightening up the old one.

One of the young ladies took the place in the home kitchen, of Bridget, who was called away for a few weeks. She declared that so far it had been a real vacation to her, and one-half the money earned should go into this treasury; and further, she added, she had in the last month learned to pray with real earnestness for missions, and her interest for them was increasing daily.

Of course as these testimonies were given the few cold ones looked incredulous and determined, but we will venture to say that they carried new thoughts home with them, forced upon them by this meeting.

And what was the outcome of all this? Why, the outcome is not half revealed yet. Never was such a year known in the history of this missionary society. Three hundred dollars was their contribution for the year, and their influence was felt among the fathers and brothers so that the annual contribution of the church for the cause of missions was more than doubled. This was in 1886, and the present year began even more prosperously.—*A Kansas Pastor's Wife.*

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

LITTLE RUTH.

HER papa is a home missionary in Missouri. Her mamma writes us this pleasant message:

"I send you one dollar and ten cents from our little Ruth. She had been reading in *The Home Missionary*—which we all enjoy reading so much—about those little girls who earned money of their own to give, and she became very anxious to do something herself. She is just nine years old, but she felt sure she could do *something*. So she

washed dishes every day for six in the family, and earned five cents a week. Then she did chamber work and ran on errands, for which she received ten cents a month. In this way she has earned all this money herself and gladly sends it to help some little boys and girls in our own land to hear about Jesus. Ruth is very happy about this, and says again and again, "I earned it all myself!"—*Missouri.*

QUESTIONS.

[We hope to print a few answers next month. A hint to those who "cannot find the answers." Look among the "Publications of the A. H. M. S." in this magazine, and you will find one title which is made up of sixteen small letters and six capital letters. (I do not count in the name of the man who wrote the book.) Send a postal to "The Editor of *The Home Missionary*, 34 Bible House, New York," asking for this book, and if you write out your *full* address you will receive it. If your eyes are sharp you will "find the answers."—*Editor.*]

27. How many BOHEMIANS and POLES are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries are preaching it to them under Superintendent Schaufler's care?

28. How many GERMANS are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries have been preaching it to them under Superintendent Albrecht's care?

29. How many SCANDINAVIANS are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries are preaching it to them under Superintendent Montgomery's care?

30. Why are there so many people in this country who never hear the gospel preached?

31. Where has Superintendent Albrecht gone?

32. What is the name of the new Superintendent who has taken his place?

33. What Society does this magazine represent?

34. Are you trying to help it?

35. Why?

36. How are you helping this Society?

37. How old is the American Home Missionary Society?

38. In what year was it born?

39. Were there any other missionary societies in our country then?

40. What were their names?

41. Where did these societies send missionaries?

42. Why was this American Home Missionary Society started?

43. Who first suggested such a society?

44. Where was he going at the time?

45. In what was he riding?

46. Who were his companions?

47. What effect did his suggestion have upon his companions?

THE HYACINTH MISSION CIRCLE.

DEAR HOME MISSIONARY:—If I remember rightly Illinois has been rather behind among the states represented in the Young People's Department, so I shall write you about our girls' Home Missionary society. We call it "The Hyacinth Mission Circle." It was organized May 7th, 1887, with Annie Davis, secretary. There are thirteen members, most of whom are near fourteen years of age, though several are much younger. The membership dues are one cent monthly. As all live in the country, where there is much work to be done at home, and as some of the members have to walk a distance of nearly two miles, the meetings are held but once a month. The first half-hour is occupied with a program similar to the following:

1. Singing; 2. Roll call (members answering by repeating texts of Scripture, which have been selected by a committee and distributed at the previous meeting); 3. The Lord's Prayer, repeated in unison; 4. Selections read from *The Home Missionary* and appropriate recitations by the little ones; 5. Collection; 6. Secretary's report; 7. Business; 8. Singing.

Then we spend an hour at work, which, so far, has been piecing a quilt, which, when finished, we will sell if we can; if not, will send it to a Home Missionary, or to a school. The girls have worked so industriously that fifty-three of the required fifty-six blocks are pieced, and we have already begun joining it. We are very much interested in our society, and though our contributions will be small, we will try to do what we can.

As we wish to become auxiliary to the A. H. M. S., I inclose the constitution of our society.

Please send me eight copies of Miss Eddy's S. S. concert exercise leaflet, and we will try to give the concert here in our neighborhood. We live some five or six miles from Greenville, which is my post-office. Hoping that the contributions of the A. H. M. S. may climb up near the million this year, I am,

Cordially your friend,

Charlotte A. Lovett, Greenville, Illinois.

CONSTITUTION OF THE HYACINTH MISSION CIRCLE.

ART. 1. The name of this society shall be the Hyacinth Mission Circle.

ART. 2. The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected semi-annually.

ART. 3. The object of this society shall be to work and collect money for the American Home Missionary Society, and to learn of the work which the said Society is doing.

ART. 4. Any person may become a member of this society by the payment of one cent monthly.

ART. 5. All money raised by this society shall be sent to the Treasurer of the American Home Missionary Society.

ART. 6. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any time by the vote of the society.

A GIRL'S LETTER FROM DAKOTA.

DEAR HOME MISSIONARY:—My father is a Home Missionary in Dakota, and we owe grateful praise and thanks to God for every blessing we enjoy. Will you please remember with us our dear father when you pray, and ask our Heavenly Father to crown his efforts with success? All of our family except papa are living in Yankton, enjoying good privileges, and having been deprived of such blessings for so long before, I assure you we highly appreciate them now. I was a very delicate little girl when we came to the territory, and we have lived in the wilds of the West, thirty miles from a railroad or trading-point, for five years, until this fall father thought we ought to be brought nearer civilization, that we might be fitted for a useful future. And now that we *have* the opportunity to fit ourselves for usefulness, may God help us to improve it and become as useful in his service as our worthy father and mother before us have been.—*Florence R*——, *Dakota*.

THE WORK AT HAND.—VII.

A Story for Girls.

BY MRS. LOUISA P. HOPKINS.

THE BEGINNING OF A HOME MISSIONARY CHURCH—Mrs. Perkins talked fast and freely of her experiences, and related the account of her husband's loss in the wrecking of his smack upon the bars. The night before he sailed a dog howled, the wind blew the door open, she heard knockings, and she knew it all meant "a call." At daylight her husband rose, and said it was time to stir, for he must get everything ready to catch the tide over the bar, as he meant to get a big haul of fish that day. "I told him," said the woman, "that he should not go, for I knew them knockings was 'a call,' and he would never come home again; but he haw-hawed, and said they could knock for him the next night, too, if they wanted to, for he should be coming back about that time. And after he'd got his breakfast, and was rigged for the bar, he shoved me off as I held on to him, and said, 'I guess I'll be back sooner 'n I'm wanted.' So he took the baby up and hugged her in his tarpaulin, and give her to me, and that's the last time I ever see my husband; for his boat went to pieces on the South breaker that next night, and I've been a poor widder ever since. Then I got this tobacker from Cap'n Brown that owns the house, and its all the way I live."

• Poor little ghost-frightened children! They looked pallid and awe-struck, as if their blood had never moved freely in its channels, and

Lucia, with her imaginative temperament, would have petted them to happy, childish cheeriness with all her heart, as she appreciated the superstitious terrors in which they had been nursed. Words of kind sympathy were said that eased the nervous strain of the recital and gave vent to the excited feelings in tears of relief; and when the widow heard all their plans of help and comfort, and felt that her children would be clothed and their urgent needs supplied, how her face lightened and the sallow cheeks of the little girls flushed with bright hope and expectation!

So these young maidens passed through the village, entering within every door and leaving a sweeter and more cordial feeling than they had found, gaining the promises of the mothers and the good-will of the children, so that about forty members were by noon enrolled in their Sunday-school class. And as they hastened away, with their errand for that day accomplished, a holy presence seemed to accompany them, so that while the bodily senses drank in beauty and light from outward nature, the spiritual senses received almost as palpably strength, joy and beauty from divine companionship.

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AN EDUCATED MINISTRY.

No branch of the Church of Christ has been more charged with the maintenance of a high order of preparation for the Christian ministry than our own. The Congregational churches of America have been foremost in founding Christian colleges, *and that for the purpose chiefly of the thorough training of ministers*, especially the older colleges.

Although for many years the Home and the Foreign fields have needed more ministers than our seminaries could furnish, and the temptation to hasty training of ministers, especially in the West, has been great, still for the last ten years on the average about *two-thirds* of our theological students *have been college graduates*. But the *last Year-Book* shows that *only fifty-five per cent* were graduates of colleges that year: that Oberlin Seminary had but *twenty-six college graduates*, Chicago but *twenty-seven* (out of 120 students), and Bangor and the Pacific Seminaries *but two each*. This is a very serious decline in our average of thoroughness in training for the ministry. It is sadly confirmed by these further facts:

In four years, "*special*" students (those taking a *short course*, usu-

ally without college training and without Hebrew) have increased *seventy-one*, while regular course students have increased but *fifty*. Worse yet, *last year* the regulars *fell off* six, though the "specials" (largely foreigners) gained thirty-three.

While grateful for more men in training, even thus brief, for preaching to the foreign element—which is already more than half the entire population of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, etc.—we have occasion for concern that so few are found to take regular and thorough courses of education for the highest of all callings, that of ambassadors for Jesus Christ, to beseech men to be reconciled to God and to instruct them out of his oracles, as "*able*" men and "workmen that need not be ashamed." "rightly divining the Word of truth."

To meet this lack of graduates and less than graduates from our seminaries, we have been obliged to import scores of men from foreign lands, especially England and Canada, whence many excellent ministers have come to us, and to get hundreds from other denominations. For the year ending April 1st, 1886, of the *fifteen ministers* added to our Michigan roll, *eight came from other denominations*, and *but two from our seminaries*, and even *those two did not stop to graduate*.

Our high average of preparation *hitherto* has been largely owing to the inducements held out for the past seventy years by the American Educational Society, which *has conditioned* its offer of aid (usually \$75 a year) upon the *taking of a full course of study*, and has thus aided over 7,000 students for the ministry, including usually about two-thirds of all in our seminaries. That it aided last year less than one-half is because the regular course students are falling off. I find *three* young men ready to take a short course to every *one* man for a *full* course. This is partly because we do not offer aid enough. Other denominations often offer more.

The rewards of the Christian ministry, though great and glorious enough to satisfy the ambition of an angel, are "*not of this world*." And it is an unreasonable strain upon the faith of a young man, poor already in pocket, to go to this "warfare at his own charges," to serve through academy, college and seminary *ten years' unpaid apprenticeship*, while his old schoolmates are earning a living and more at any earthly calling. The churches should *be glad* to share his expenses while thus training for public service in their pulpits, and especially since the records show that our aided students, notwithstanding *some* failures, *average* higher scholarship and *one-third more pastoral service* than the unaided. (See *Princeton Review* for July, 1883, etc.)

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,821 78
Connecticut, Waterbury.....	10 00
Massachusetts, Great Barrington.....	20 00
New York, Brooklyn.....	10 00
Fairport.....	5 00
New York.....	25 00
	\$1,891 78

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,111 73
Connecticut, Hartford.....	50 00
Meriden.....	50 00
Stonington.....	10 00
District of Columbia, Washington.....	25 00
Massachusetts, Boston.....	195 00
Michigan, South Haven.....	10 00
Montana, Billings.....	38 57
New York, Brooklyn.....	137 50
Rhode Island, Tiverton.....	45 00
	\$1,672 80

MISSIONARY BOXES.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.

2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.

3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.

4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise, as "fast freight," by railroad, taking *two* receipts from the Company.

5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of *freight* (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.

6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for *freight*, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in **THE HOME MISSIONARY**.

7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.

8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding *the name of the place from which it comes*.

9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a *list of contents* to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the *size* of each adult, and the *age and sex* of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.

10. *These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society.* It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

WOMAN'S STATE H. M. ORGANIZATIONS.

New Hampshire Female Cent Institution, org. 1805, Miss Anne A. McFarland, Concord, Sec.	Wisconsin, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead, Sec.
Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. 1872, Mrs. H. L. Chase, Minneapolis, Sec.	North Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Nov., 1885, Miss S. E. Judd, Fargo, Sec.
Nebraska Woman's Home Miss. Association, org. Oct., 1874, Mrs. E. H. Baker, Sutton, Sec.	South Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Sept., 1884, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood, Sec.
Maine, Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, org. June, 1880, Mrs. Gertrude A. Denio, Bangor, Sec.	Connecticut, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Jan., 1885, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Hartford, Sec.
Michigan, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1881, Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lansing, Sec.	Missouri, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1885, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3100 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Sec.
Kansas, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1881, Mrs. Addison Blanchard, Topeka, Sec.	Illinois, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1885, Mrs. C. H. Tantor, Chicago, Sec.
Ohio, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1882, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin, Sec.	Iowa, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. June, 1886, Miss Ella Marsh, Grinnell, Sec.
New York, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. C. Creegan, Syracuse, Sec.	Nebraska, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Nov., 1887, Mrs. L. F. Berry, Fremont, Sec.

APPOINTMENTS IN NOVEMBER, 1887.

Not in commission last year.

Bissell, F. A., Cameron, Mo.
 Howells, Edward D., Cedarville, Ft. Bidwell and Lake City, Cal.
 Jones, George J., Findlay, Ohio.
 Morgan, John, Cheltenham, Mo.
 Pierce, William W., Springfield, Ohio.
 Pringle, William W., Modesto and Turlock, Cal.
 Sherk, Thomas, Fredonia, Kan.
 Turk, George R., Atlanta, Ga.
 Wark, W. O., Sand Bank, N. Y.
 Whitelsey, Charles T., Carrington and out-stations, No. Dak.

Re-commissioned.

Appleton, Fayette G., Lake Henry and Hartland, So. Dak.
 Baker, George, West Ferndale, Semiahmoo, Mountain View, Enterprise, Blaine and Excelsior, Wash. Ter.
 Butler, Milford C., Red Cloud, Neb.
 Douglas, Chnton, Faulkton and Mirarda, So. Dak.
 Edwards, Stephen, Georgetown and out-stations, New Mex.

Fisk, Perrin B., Altamonte and Lake Brantley, Fla.
 Goodsell, Dennis, Westminster, Ocean View and Alauifitos, Cal.
 Herrick, Henry M., Winona, Minn.
 Hill, Edward, Platteville, Col.
 Houbang, Horace W., Riverside and Valley District, Cal.
 Hull, Irvine T., Talmage and Verden, Neb.
 Hullinger, Frank W., Windsor, Mo.
 Jones, David J., Alden, Penn.
 Jones, William, Custer City, Dak.
 Kelsey, Francis D., Helena, Mon.
 Kent, Thomas, Stanton and Pilger, Neb.
 Klossner, Johannes, Scotland, Petersburg, Newburg, Seimenthal, Hoffungsthal and Johannesthai, So. Dak.
 Libby, Edgar H., Dustin, Richmond and out-station, Neb.
 McCracken, William, Sharpsburg, Penn.
 Nelson, Andrew G., Sauk Rapids, Minn.
 Palmer, A. Burton, Soquel, Cal.
 Renth, Jacob, La Grange, Mo.
 Rowley, George B., West Carthage, N. Y.
 Smith, Henry H., Mattawan, Mich.
 Stevenson, William D. J., Lake Side, Willow Valley and Lybolts, Neb.
 Wmrschmidt, August, Redfield, So. Dak.

RECEIPTS IN NOVEMBER, 1887.

MAINE—\$558.87.

Auburn, George T. Little \$25 00
 H. W. Perkins 10 00
 Augusta, Mrs. E. B. Skeele, a Thank-offering 10 00
 Bath, Winter Street Ch., by G. J. Mitchell 250 00
 Hallowell, Mrs. Simon Page 20 00
 Kennebunkport, Martina J. Ross 150 00
 North Edgecomb, by Rev. C. G. Holyoke 10 02
 Orono, by Rev. C. B. Watben, in full to const. Ebjah Wyman a L. M. 26 85
 Portland, Bethel Ch., by Z. R. Farrington 25 50
 West Cong. Ch., by Rev. S. R. Perkins 3 00
 Seabrook, by Rev. A. Smith 7 00
 West Brooksville, by Rev. W. J. Shelton 5 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$476.39; of which Legacy, \$100.00.

Antrim, Mrs. Mary W. Hohnan 5 00
 Bedford, Dea. J. P. George 2 00
 Bennington, by C. J. Kimball 13 53
 Concord, Mrs. M. F. Smith 5 00
 A Thank-offering 5 00
 Dover, First Cong. Sunday-school, for Debt, by F. R. Brown 25 00
 East Jaffrey, by J. B. Twiss 24 50
 Gorham, by G. P. Wright 1 00
 Great Falls, Mrs. E. A. Tibbets 1 00
 Hancock, A Birthday Gift, from Mrs. Persis Symonds 1 00
 Hanover, Ladies, by Mrs. C. B. Blaisdell 44 00
 Haverhill, A Friend, for Debt 1 50
 Loudon, R. S. Jones 10 00
 Nashua, E. Spalding, \$100; Lucy Spalding, \$50 150 00
 North Hampton, Cong. Sunday-school, for Sunday-school work, special, by F. R. Drake 20 00
 Mr. and Mrs. E. G., \$20; J. L. Philbrook, \$5 25 00

Orford, by Rev. G. I. Bard \$5 00
 Reads Ferry, On account of Legacy of Mrs. John Wheeler, by J. Wheeler, EX 100 00
 Troy, Trinity Ch., by E. Buttrick 12 00
 Walpole, First, for Debt, by W. G. Barnett 20 56
 West Hampstead, N. Ordway 5 00

VERMONT—\$330.07.

Bennington, Miss Anna C. Park, \$25; Mrs. G. W. Harman, \$5; Mrs. Olin Scott, \$5; Mrs. S. H. Brown, \$5; Mrs. A. B. Valentine, \$5; Mrs. D. Carpenter, \$2; Miss S. E. Park, \$1; J. N. Hall, \$1; Miss Alma M. Pratt, \$1, to const. Mrs. Olin Scott a L. M. 50 00
 Brattleboro, A Friend 100 00
 Cambridge, Mrs. C. Safford 5 00
 Castleton, A Friend 5 00
 Chester, Mrs. J. N. Moore, freight 1 00
 Cornwall, E. R. Robbins, for Debt 10 59
 Fairlee, A Friend, for Debt 2 00
 Greensboro, Rev. S. Knowlton 20 00
 New Haven, A Friend 1 00
 North Pownal, A Friend 50 00
 Norwich, H. Button 2 00
 Randolph, Mrs. H. M. Hayden 1 00
 St. Johnsbury, North Ch., Memorial from S., by W. C. Tyler 14 00
 South Royalton, Mrs. J. R. Jones, for Debt, by E. Foster 50 00
 Waterbury, by Rev. C. M. Sheldon 8 48
 White River Junction, Mrs. L. E. Allen 10 00

MASSACHUSETTS—\$12,027.82; of which Legacy, \$786.50.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.:
 Groton, Mass., of which Legacy of George Farnsworth, \$786.50 1,750 98
 Of which from Old South Ch., Boston, for Debt, \$150; Plymouth Ch., Framingham, for Debt, \$86.12; Cong. Ch., Everett, for Bohemian work, \$27.62 6,318 01
 Amherst, Woman's H. M. Assoc., by Mrs. M. Henshaw 119 00

Young Men's Miss. Assoc., by A. L. Brainerd.....	\$13 00	Providence, Beneficent Ch., by W. P. Goodwin.....	\$20 80
Mrs. Olive C. Stearns.....	100 00	W. F. Pitkin.....	5 00
J. F. K.	10 00	Rev. I. R. Prior.....	40
A Friend.....	5 00	Tiverton Four Corners, Cheerful Workers of Cong. C., special, by Ella Humphrey.....	45 00
Boston, Woman's Home Miss. Assoc., by Miss Sarah K. Burgess, Treas., special.....	195 00	Westerly, by H. Campbell.....	21 27
Bethia L. Saukey, A Thanksgiving offering.....	50 00	CONNECTICUT—\$3,422.69; of which Legacies, \$1,061.80.	
Boston Highlands, A Friend in need..	100 00	Miss. Soc. Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec.....	120 00
Brockton, First Ch., Ladies' Praying Circle, by Mrs. E. F. Gardner.....	5 00	Received by F. T. Jarman:	
Brookfield, R. B. Montague, for Debt	5 00	Mt. Carmel.....	\$54 21
Campello, A Friend.....	50 00	New Haven, United Ch.....	300 00
Dorchester, Mrs. W. Baker, special....	100 00		354 21
Gardner, G. R. Lowe, \$5; from a Friend, \$2.....	7 00	Received by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Sec. Woman's Home Miss. Union of Conn.:	
Georgetown, Memorial Ch., by L. P. Palmer.....	42 52	Hartford, First Ch. Aux., Mrs. Emily Jewell, \$25; Miss Charlotte A. Jewell, \$25.....	\$50 00
Gilbertville, Mission Circle, for Debt, by J. Simmons.....	10 00	Meriden, Sunday-school, First Ch. Aux., special.....	50 00
Granville, Young People's Soc. of Christian Endeavor, by W. S. Griswold.....	8 62	Stonington, First Ch. Aux., special.....	10 00
J. H. Seymour, for Debt.....	6 80		110 00
Haverhill, Algernon P. Nichols, of which \$100 for Debt.....	200 00	Bloomfield, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. J. H. Deming, freight.....	4 00
Hawley, Rev. H. Seymour.....	2 00	Brooklyn, W. Woodbridge and wife, of which for the Debt, \$10.....	20 00
Hillside, Mrs. Mary E. Gough.....	50 00	Chaplin, Mrs. M. H. Dorrance, \$4; H. T. Crosby, \$6; Miss J. W. Crosby, \$10.....	20 00
Holden, by W. H. Flagg.....	10 00	Chester, I. O.....	15 00
Housatonic, Mrs. H. E. Turner and daughter.....	30 00	East Haddam, A Friend, by Rev. G. L. Edwards.....	10 00
Lowell, by Mrs. J. J. Colton, Pawtucket Ch., freight.....	2 00	East Hartford, First, by E. A. Williams	288 70
Eliot Ch., A Friend.....	5 00	Enfield, The Gleaners' Mission Circle, by Mrs. F. B. Gowdy, in full, to const. Mrs. John Abbe a L. M.....	25 00
Manomet, Mrs. E. Cleaveland, \$5; G. W. Pierce, \$5.....	10 00	Greens Farms, Dea. T. B. Wakeman, \$5; L. P. Wakeman, \$4.....	9 00
Middlefield, by Rev. J. A. Woodhull....	18 50	Hadlyme, Ch., \$9.13; R. E. Hungerford, \$5, by R. E. Hungerford.....	14 13
Milton, A Friend.....	5 00	Haupton, A Friend, A Thank-offering, special.....	5 00
Northampton, A Friend.....	798 75	A Friend.....	5 00
North Andover, by J. S. Sanborn, to const. Miss Ella Currier and Miss Lizzie Crockett L. Ms.....	100 00	Hartford, Mrs. T. E. Perkins.....	500 00
North Attleboro, Mrs. Lucy A. Adams..	4 00	A Friend.....	100 00
North Brookfield, Mrs. Parker Johnson, \$4; Abbie W. Johnson, \$5.....	9 00	Lyme, First Ch., a special gift, by H. Beckwith.....	44 30
Plainfield, by S. W. Clark.....	16 06	Madison, On account of Legacy of Sarah M. Woodford, by B. T. Dudley, Ex.....	61 80
Roxbury, C. D. M., A Thank-offering..	2 00	Ladies' Cent Soc., by Mrs. B. T. Dudley, to const. Miss Mary A. Sualer a L. M.....	54 50
Sheffield, by H. Dutcher.....	16 22	Meriden, A. W. S.....	10 00
Sherborn, Ladies' Benev. Soc. of the Pilgrim Co., by Althea Bickford, freight.....	2 00	Milford, E. B. Platt, A Thank-offering..	5 00
Shirley Village, A Friend.....	1 00	Millington, by Rev. G. L. Edwards....	2 00
South Deerfield, Ch., \$10.46; Sunday-school, \$3.60, by Dea. C. A. Stowell....	14 06	New Haven, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of First Ch.....	5 00
South Hadley, Mount Holyoke Sem. Teachers and pupils, a Thanksgiving offering, for the Debt, by Miss E. Blanchard.....	170 00	Ladies' Aid Soc. and Young Ladies Mission Circle of the United Ch., by Miss Julia E. Ufford.....	9 44
Springfield, On account of Income from Mission Farm of the late Levi Graves, by D. W. Wells, Trustee.....	103 00	"A Minister and his Family".....	29 00
Mrs. H. L. Olmsted, for Debt.....	20 00	Alfred Walker.....	10 00
Rev. E. Clarke, for freight.....	1 00	New London, A Friend.....	100 00
Wellesley, M. A. Stevens.....	5 00	Norfolk, Mary A. Curtiss, for Debt....	10 00
Whitinsville, Mary A. Batchelor.....	1,000 00	Northfield, add'l., by H. C. Peck.....	15 00
Williamsburg, Mrs. Sophia K. Nash, to const. her a L. M., by W. A. Hawks....	50 00	North Haven, Mrs. G. W. Brockett....	4 40
Williamstown, Rev. J. H. Hewitt and wife, special.....	10 00	Norwich, Buckingham Sunday-school, by F. J. Leovens.....	25 00
Worcester, A Friend.....	3 20	Norwich Town, First Ch., A Friend....	50 00
RHODE ISLAND—\$645.52.		Pomfret, Legacy of Mrs. Mary P. Sabin, by E. P. Hayward.....	1,000 00
Received by Edwin Barrows, Treas. R. I. Home Miss. Soc.:		Putnam, Ladies of Second Ch., by Mrs. H. G. Shaw, freight.....	3 00
Providence, Beneficent Ch.....	\$190 74	Rocky Hill, Ch. R. H., by W. G. Robbins.....	16 25
Central Ch., to const. Mary T. Barrows a L. M.....	50 00	Salisbury, Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. M. H. Williams.....	64 36
	240 74	Simsbury, An Extra Contribution from Friends, for the Debt.....	30 00
Barrington Center, Cong. Sunday-school, Birthday Fund, for Debt, by A. P. Bourne.....	13 00		
Pawtucket, Mrs. Maria E. Edwards....	200 00		
Peace Dale, Cong. Ch., \$84.98; Sunday-school, \$14.33, by J. A. Brown.....	99 31		

South Norwalk, First, by S. G. Ferris..	\$51 29
Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Miss E. G. Platt.....	120 00
Southport, E. C. Birge.....	2 00
Stamford, Rev. D. M. Moore, in Memoriam, for Debt.....	5 00
Washington, Ch., \$27.31; Ladies' Soc., \$25, by F. N. Galpin.....	52 31
Waterbury, Primary class of the Second Cong. Ch., by Mrs. G. C. Hills, for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	10 00
Weston, by Rev. A. S. Park.....	12 00
NEW YORK—\$23,924.65; of which Legacy, \$20,090.00.	
Received by Rev. C. C. Creegan:	
Camden, Ch. and Sunday-school.....	\$51 40
Copenhagen, Rev. J. W. Cuthbertson.....	5 00
Cortland, Mrs. M. A. Scell.....	5 00
East Aurora, W. H. Forrest.....	10 00
Hancock.....	20 25
Heron.....	3 30
Morrisville, A Thank-offering.....	10 00
Richville, English Ch.....	10 00
Syracuse, Good-Will Ch.....	42 00
	156 95
Received by Mrs. L. H. Cobb, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union of N. Y.:	
Binghampton, Ladies' H. M. Soc., to const. Mrs. Julius E. Rogers a L. M.....	50 00
Fairport, Aux., by Mrs. C. H. Dickinson, to const. Mrs. Maria Parsons a L. M.....	50 00
Homer, Mrs. B. W. Payne, Ladies' Aux.....	5 00
	105 00
Brooklyn, Tompkins Avenue Ch., by P. Palmer.....	500 00
Central Ch., by J. H. Pratt.....	270 17
Chuton Avenue Ch., by T. S. Thorp.....	674 27
Puritan Ch., by E. Nash.....	118 00
Puritan Ch., mon. con., by C. C. Hall	22 00
South Ch., by J. Crowell.....	250 00
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of the Ch. of the Pilgrims, by Julia M. Colton.	137 50
Two Friends, \$9; M. D. Trowbridge, \$5.....	14 00
Mrs. Mary Ellison, for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	10 00
Buffalo, First Ch.....	26 00
Cambridge, S. M. Odell.....	10 00
Certland, by Rev. A. T. Swing.....	6 00
Eldred, by Rev. H. P. Hamilton.....	15 42
Eldridge, by A. B. Frazee.....	12 00
Ellington, by Rev. A. W. Taylor.....	5 00
Fairport, Misses S. E. Dowd and E. E. Dickinson, for Children's Bohemian fund.....	5 00
Flatbush Mrs. S. K. Thurston, \$2; Mrs. P. S. Harris, \$2; T. W. Harris, \$1.....	5 00
Flushing, Cong. Sunday-school, by W. H. Lendrum.....	20 97
Ithaca, R. P. Felton.....	1 00
Jamesport, Ch., Rev. W. Hedges.....	2 00
Jamestown, A Friend.....	100 00
Madison, by Rev. B. D. Peck.....	5 95
Moors, Mrs. M. E. Churchill, \$1.50; Miss Alice Kingsley, 25c., her Sunday-school class, 25c.....	2 00
Moravia, First, by R. Brown.....	59 50
Mt. Sinai, by S. H. Miller.....	12 13
New York City, On account of Legacy of Sarah Burr, by J. H. and S. Riker, Exs.....	20,000 00
Broadway Tabernacle, Ladies, by Miss Nellie Taylor, special.....	25 60
Olivet Miss. Assoc., for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	25 00
S. T. Gordon, \$150; Mrs. C. R. Robert, \$50.....	200 00
Orleans, Rev. A. H. Parmelee.....	2 00
Parishville, by Rev. O. C. Barnes.....	2 00
Pekin, Miss Abigail Peck.....	20 00
Phoenix, by J. I. Van Doren.....	18 19

Vernon Center, R. Woodruff.....	\$1 00
West Bloomfield, by M. J. Peck.....	37 00
Yonkers, Dr. Rand, \$25; S. P. Holmes and W. C. Foote, \$20, by Rev. W. C. Foote.....	45 00
NEW JERSEY—\$136.90.	
Jersey City, Tabernacle Ch., by E. M. Doane.....	71 03
Manchester, by Rev. E. P. Allen.....	8 06
Morristown, N. Y.....	2 00
Newark, E. Pomeroy.....	25 60
J. B. Peck.....	10 00
New Brunswick, Mrs. M. H. Parker.....	10 00
Newfield, Miss Abby Moody.....	5 00
Westfield, Ch. mon. con., by J. R. Conolly.....	5 75
PENNSYLVANIA—\$48.41.	
Carbondale, by Rev. D. L. Davis.....	10 00
Ebensburg, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. G. Hill.....	6 00
Pittsburgh, A Friend.....	2 00
Riceville, by Rev. A. B. Sherk.....	2 63
Seranton, Plymouth Ch., by T. Eynon.....	20 00
West Spring Creek and Spring Creek Station, by Rev. F. W. Westpfahl.....	2 78
Wilkesbarre, by Rev. F. Gwynne.....	5 00
MARYLAND—\$106.00.	
Baltimore, First Ch., add'l, by M. Hawley.....	100 00
Frostburg, by Rev. W. Jones.....	6 00
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$25.00.	
Washington, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of First Ch., by Lizzie Patterson, special	25 00
GEORGIA—\$51.60.	
Atlanta, First, for the Debt, by E. Kent	24 60
F. H. Peck, M.D.....	25 00
Savannah, A Worker.....	2 00
ARKANSAS—\$7.00.	
Eureka Springs, by Rev. R. H. Read...	7 00
FLORIDA—\$79.41.	
Received by Rev. S. F. Gale:	
Interlachen.....	\$25 00
New Smyrna.....	2 41
Tangerine, Dea. T. Jewett.....	50 00
Winter Park, Ladies' Soc., Mrs. N. Barrows.....	2 00
	79 41
INDIAN TERRITORY—\$15.56.	
McAllister and Lehigh, by Rev. W. Hicks.....	5 00
Vutifa, by Rev. N. M. Wheat.....	5 00
Prof. J. McCarthy.....	5 56
NEW MEXICO—\$200.00.	
Santa Fé, J. L. Allison.....	200 00
TENNESSEE—\$41.00.	
Knoxville, Pilgrim Ch., by S. C. Roney..	41 00
OHIO—\$39.46.	
Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, October:	
Castalia, J. C. Prentice.....	\$ 6 00
Chardon, Young Ladies' Benev. Soc.....	5 00
Edinburgh.....	13 87
Geneva, by W. D. Webster.....	31 90
Madison, Central Ch., by L. H. Kimball, of which \$2 from Mrs. R. Brewster.....	18 54
Mesopotamia.....	2 43
Strongsville, by R. Gibbons.....	10 00
	87 74
November:	
Austinburgh, L. J. Deming, in full, to const. self a L. M.....	\$30 00
Brookfield, English, by Rev. Ivor Thomas.....	40

Cleveland, First, regular coll.	
\$15.15; special, \$38.05.....	\$53 20
Euclid Ave., by T. M. Bates.....	22 00
Dover, by A. E. Weston.....	19 00
Hampden, Dea. J. H. Shattuck.....	1 00
Huutsburgh, Ch., \$15.80; Sunday-school, \$10, by A. W. Strong.....	25 80
Ironton, by Mrs. D. W. Williams.....	29 50
Newport, Welsh Ch.....	20 50
New Straitsville, Welsh Ch., by W. Morgan.....	3 00
Rock Creek, by Rev. S. R. Roseboro.....	17 07
Toledo, Central Ch., by Miss E. Manning.....	16 60
West Austintown.....	1 46
West Wilhamsfield, by Rev. T. L. Brown.....	12 00
Received by S. P. Churchill, Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland, October:	
Chardon, L. B. S.....	\$5 00
Columbus, by Mrs. E. J. Manoney, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union.....	64 75
Fredericksburgh, Sunday-school	10 00
Great Barrington, Mass. L. H. M. Band.....	25 00
North Monroeville, P. M. Circle, First Ch.....	10 62
Received by Phebe A. Crafts, Treas. Ohio Woman's H. M. Union:	
Atwater, "Willing Workers".....	\$6 75
Binton, Mrs. L. R. Boughton.....	5 00
Cleveland, First, Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 69
Painesville, Woman's H. M. Soc.....	26 00
Plano, Home Miss. Soc.....	5 00
Brooklyn Village, by J. Singleton.....	43 84
Cincinnati, Walnut Hills, Cong. Ch., by C. A. Stevens.....	10 50
Walnut Hills Cong. Sunday-school, by J. C. Noyes.....	30 25
Cleveland, Grace Ch., by Rev. J. H. Hull.....	30 00
Hull.....	5 00
Collinwood, by Rev. C. L. Hamlen.....	10 50
Oberlin, H. A. Deming.....	25 00
Oxford, Mrs. C. B. Hutchings.....	5 00
Paddy's Run, by J. Scott.....	32 50
Painesville, Cong. Miss. Soc. of Lake Erie Sem., by Phebe A. Crafts.....	50 00
Pittsfield, First, by J. E. Davis.....	7 08
Seville, T. B. Dowd.....	5 00
Wadsworth, M. Jennie Hard.....	90
Wakeman, Second, by A. J. Barney.....	14 25
Wellington, First Ch., by T. F. Rodhouse, to const. Mrs. R. Craddock a L. M.....	110 00
INDIANA—\$30.90.	
Fremont, Ch., \$12.80; Chs. and Individuals, \$16.10, by Rev. J. R. Preston.....	28 90
Terre Haute, Mrs. Mary H. Ross.....	2 00
ILLINOIS—\$111.60.	
Adams, Two Friends.....	1 60
Chicago, Rev. J. Porter a Thank-offering.....	50 00
Morrison, R. Wallace, to const. H. E. Burr a L. M.....	50 00
Rantoul, Ladies' Miss. Union of the First Ch., by Rev. J. L. Fonda.....	10 00
MISSOURI—\$456.98.	
Received by Mrs. Ida L. Cook, Treas. Missouri Woman's H. M. Soc.:	
Kansas City, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of Clyde Ch.....	\$2 12
St. Louis, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of Pilgrim Ch.....	200 00
Aurora, Rev. S. G. Elliott, to const. himself a L. M.....	202 12
himself a L. M.....	50 00

Eldon, by Rev. J. Verter.....	\$2 50
Hamilton, \$30.25; Mite Box coll., \$5.70, by Rev. R. J. Matthews.....	35 95
Hannibal, by Rev. G. T. Holcombe.....	7 91
Honey Creek, Kahoka, by Rev. T. C. Johnston.....	2 00
North Springfield, First Ch., for Debt, by A. R. Sprague, to const. E. C. Harwood and P. H. Harwood L. Ms.....	100 00
St. Joseph, Tabernacle Ch., by T. H. Elfred.....	42 25
Thayer and Curry, by Rev. E. S. Curry	3 00
Verdella, Ch., \$9; Rev. R. T. Marlow, \$2.25, by Rev. R. T. Marlow.....	11 25
MICHIGAN—\$1,779.29.	
Received by Rev. L. Warren, Oct. and Nov.:	
Alpena, A member of the Cong. Ch.....	\$25 00
Alendale, Ch. and Sunday-school.....	88 66
Bay City.....	18 46
Charlotte.....	50 00
Clinton.....	17 00
Cooper.....	12 23
Covert, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
East Tawas.....	6 20
Flat Rock.....	4 99
Galesburgh, A Friend.....	75 04
Grand Blanc.....	28 09
Manistee, A Friend.....	25 00
Middleville.....	4 45
New Haven.....	35 00
Oakwood, A Friend.....	10 00
Olivet.....	12 90
Oxford.....	15 00
Rockwood.....	5 60
Saugatuck.....	9 74
Tawas City.....	6 10
Romeo, Miss Mary A. Dickison.....	30 00
Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas. Woman's Home Miss. Union:	
Almont.....	\$5 00
Alpena.....	41 10
Blackmar.....	4 00
Breckenridge.....	3 00
Ceresco.....	7 50
Detroit, Mrs. Jane Bates.....	1 00
Dowagiac, W. H. M. S., \$5; Mite Boxes, \$8.16.....	13 16
Eaton Rapids, Mite boxes.....	6 25
East Saginaw, W. H. M. S., \$92; Y. L. M. C., \$28.....	120 00
East Tawas.....	3 15
Essexville.....	5 00
Flint.....	25 00
Greenville.....	9 18
Hartford, Mite Boxes.....	3 36
Hubbardston.....	9 00
Lansing, W. H. M. S., \$32.56; S. S. M. S., \$17.35.....	49 91
Manistee.....	63 53
Mattawan.....	10 00
Memphis.....	5 00
Munger.....	73
North Adams.....	19 00
Olivet, Jewel class.....	1 00
Oxford, Ladies' Aid Soc.....	25 00
South Haven, W. M. S., special \$10; Ladies of the Ch., \$1.65.....	11 65
Union City.....	11 00
Victor Ch., \$3; W. H. M. S., \$8.80.....	11 80
Waterliet.....	5 00
From Beacou Fund.....	15 05
Bohemian Fund:	
Great Barrington, Mass., Sunday-school, "result of Mrs. Lane's talk".....	20 00
Ada and East Paris, by Rev. W. P. Wilcox.....	504 87
Wilcox.....	11 30

Addison, by Rev. J. H. Cooper.....	\$30 00
Alba, by Rev. R. M. Burgess.....	5 00
Alma, by Rev. J. Van Antwerp.....	12 00
Ann Arbor, First, C. L. Ford, by R. Campbell.....	25 00
H. R.....	10 00
Armad, Ch., \$11.76; Sunday-school, \$2.17, by E. D. A. Trne.....	13 98
Angusta, by Rev. J. D. Shults.....	10 61
Baldwin, by Rev. R. Vivian.....	4 25
Bangor, by Rev. A. B. Cochran.....	3 00
Cedar Springs and Sand Lake, by Rev. C. E. Herrington.....	5 00
Chesaning, by Rev. W. H. Millar.....	5 00
Chio, First, by Rev. F. C. Wood.....	10 00
Detroit, Fort Wayne Ch., \$15; Cong. Sunday-school, \$10, by J. R. Walker.....	25 00
Hay Lake, Rosedale and White Settlement, by Rev. J. W. Holt.....	12 19
Hudsonville, by Rev. J. C. Ablett.....	4 15
Inlay City, Contents of Mrs. Stapleton's Mite Box, by Rev. R. Stapleton.....	6 00
Kalamazoo, First, add'l, by Rev. W. A. Waterman.....	77 00
Kalamo, by Rev. E. Ewell.....	22 00
Lake Linden, Ch., \$87; Cong. Sunday-school, \$15, by Rev. J. W. Savage.....	102 00
Lamont, Ch. and Sunday-school, by B. Luther.....	22 50
Leonidas, A. Floyd Kingsley.....	1 00
Moline, Mrs. E. W. Ayers.....	1 00
Olivet, by G. W. Keyes.....	50 00
Onondaga, by Rev. P. M. Crips.....	8 00
Pentwater, by Rev. L. F. Waldo.....	5 50
Pinekey, by J. A. Cadwell.....	11 50
Pottersville, \$4; A. Van Auken, \$16, by Rev. A. Van Auken.....	20 00
Reed City, by H. C. Clark.....	33 02
Romeo, Miss Mary A. Dickinson, of which for Debt, \$25.....	50 00
By W. Loud.....	62 70
Rondo, s3c., Wolverine, \$2.63, by Rev. M. W. Tuck.....	3 46
Standish, by Rev. D. Curry.....	2 59
Traverse City, First, by J. G. Johnson.....	5 00
Union City, by Rev. H. N. Burton.....	62 00
A Friend.....	100 00
Williamston, by Rev. J. Claffin.....	9 00

WISCONSIN—\$120.33.

Beloit, First, by O. E. Wheeler, for Debt.....	58 59
Brookville, Chester and Hayward, by Rev. O. H. Myhren.....	5 00
Grantsburg, by Rev. A. Bryngelson.....	50
Lake Geneva, First, special coll. for Debt, by M. A. Pendleton.....	33 75
Mrs. Mary J. Barnard.....	10 00
Marieland, by Rev. D. Magnus.....	3 36
Peshigo, by Rev. T. W. Spanswick.....	5 00
Tomahawk, by Rev. G. A. Hood.....	2 22
Union Grove, Clara Kantsky, for Debt.....	2 00

IOWA—\$162.25.

Cherokee, F. C. Whitmore, to const. Rev. W. A. Evans and Rev. L. R. Fitch L. Ms.....	100 00
Des Moines, Income of Green Co. Farm, by S. A. Merrill.....	31 25
Garner, W. C. Wells.....	5 00
Grimmel, R. M. Haines, by Rev. T. O. Douglass.....	1 00
Waterloo, J. H. Leavitt.....	25 00

MINNESOTA—\$336.11.

Received by Rev. J. Morley:	
Alexandria, Cong. Sunday-school.....	\$9 75
Excelsior.....	30 29
Glencoe.....	10 70
Minneapolis, Plymouth Ch.....	46 00
Pilgrim Ch.....	50 00
Lyndale Ch.....	6 73
Northfield, Friends.....	90 00
Wayzata.....	1 00

Zumbrota, to const. Mrs. Edna Chapman a L. M.....	\$58 99
.....	\$297 46
Afton and Lakeland, by Rev. J. Chandler.....	2 50
Chester and Salem, by Rev. P. K. Pergrine.....	5
Claremont and Dodge Center, by Rev. F. S. Van Eps.....	3 84
Freedom, by Rev. W. Fisk.....	6 70
Glyndon, Ch., \$8.69; Cong. Sunday-school, 6 c.....	9 29
Granite Falls, by Rev. L. W. Chaney.....	16 72
Maz-ppa, by Rev. J. Bradshaw.....	8 00
Meator, by Rev. W. W. McArthur.....	7 00
Northfield, Rev. D. Magnus, \$10; Anoka Liv. Mission Ch., \$3, by Rev. D. Magnus.....	13 00
Minnesota Friends.....	100 00
St. Paul, Plymouth Ch., by W. Burrows.....	28 00
Silver Lake and Minneapolis, by Rev. G. S. Bascom.....	25 50
Stillwater, by Rev. J. W. Carlson.....	3 20
Upsala, \$6; Zumbrota, \$8.90, by Rev. D. Magnus.....	9 90

KANSAS—\$39.43.

Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Treas; Kan. H. M. Soc.:	
Woman's H. M. Soc. of Kan., to const. Mrs. Ellen F. Thayer a L. M.....	\$122 95
Fredonia.....	10 00
Lawrence, Ladies' Soc. of Plymouth Ch.....	40 00
Sabetha, Cu.....	6 60
.....	178 95
Alma, by Rev. W. C. Wheeler.....	8 00
Atwood, by Rev. C. B. Taylor.....	5 00
Axtell, by Rev. E. M. Bell.....	5 00
Center Ridge, \$2.75; Scatter Creek, \$2.65, by Rev. J. Wilde.....	5 40
Dover, Woman's Board, \$8; Wakarusa, \$6.50, by Rev. L. H. Platt.....	14 50
Grand Springs, by Rev. J. S. Embleton.....	2 00
McPherson, by Rev. H. D. Heir.....	26 00
Maize and Colwich, by Rev. H. Myers.....	2 50
Mound City, by Rev. O. E. Lake.....	3 50
Neosho Falls, by Rev. M. D. Tenney.....	8 15
North Lawrence, by Rev. T. F. Norris.....	5 00
Parsons, by Rev. C. L. McKesson.....	22 50
Russell, by Rev. A. M. Pipes.....	3 10
Seneca, by Rev. G. C. Lockridge.....	28 50
Severy, \$2; Western Park, \$3.33, by Rev. J. Cooper.....	5 33
Stockton, A deceased missionary's son.....	1 00
Wabunsee, First Ch. of Christ, by J. F. Willard.....	27 0
Westmoreland, by Rev. R. C. Morse.....	13 00
Wyandotte, by S. F. Mather.....	25 00

NEBRASKA—\$441.17.

Received by Rev. J. L. Maile:	
Bertrand, by F. L. Knapp.....	\$11 85
Camp Creek, by G. T. Lee.....	2 00
Clarks, by Miss E. K. Henry, \$42; special, \$5.....	47 00
Harvard, by Rev. E. Southworth.....	31 55
Hay Springs, by Rev. B. F. Diefenbacher.....	7 75
Nebraska City, by Rev. A. Clark.....	5 50
Verdon, by Rev. I. T. Hull.....	14 26
York, by Miss Clara Smith.....	21 76
By H. Seymour.....	110 00
.....	251 67

Received by Mrs. D. B. Perry:	
Albion.....	\$2 95
Amora.....	1 00
Crete.....	1 00
Columbus.....	3 00
Fremont.....	10 09
Genoa.....	6 50
Groversville.....	5 00
Irvington.....	12 00

Lincoln.....	\$2 00	
Nebraska City.....	12 00	
Omaha, First Ch., Willing Workers.....	10 00	
Plymouth.....	3 50	
Weeping Water.....	5 60	
	73 95	\$325 62
Alpine, Ch., \$7; Maeon, \$4.25, by Rev. W. H. Houston.....	11 25	
Avoca, by Rev. G. W. Mitchell.....	15 50	
Bladin and Campbell, by Rev. D. O. Smith.....	10 00	
Cortland and Pickrell, by Rev. H. Bates David City, by Rev. J. Oakey.....	15 00	
20 00		
Freewater and Moline, by Rev. J. W. Hadden.....	2 00	
Friend, by Rev. J. Lich.....	9 30	
Strang and Shirkley, by Rev. J. G. Robertson.....	25 00	
Stratton and Trenton, by Rev. G. W. Rich.....	7 50	

NORTH DAKOTA—\$33.00.

Dwight, by Rev. J. A. Wells.....	18 00
Inkster, by Rev. C. Y. Snell.....	15 00

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$78.55.

Buffalo Gap, by Rev. E. E. Frame.....	6 56
Clark, by Rev. L. Kingsbury.....	3 85
Eden, by Rev. R. Norton.....	5 00
Elk Point, by Rev. L. P. Sabin.....	20 00
Powell, by Rev. J. T. Lewis.....	4 50
Scotland, by Rev. J. Klossner.....	4 00
Theodore, \$8; Bowdoin, \$3, by Rev. W. Macready.....	11 00
Tulare, by Rev. L. J. C. Geick.....	1 00
Valley Springs, by Rev. W. H. Watson.....	15 14
Volga, by Rev. H. O. Lawrence.....	6 50

COLORADO—\$54.73.

Denver, by Rev. A. W. Coffman.....	2 00
M. E. Thalheimer, for Debt.....	10 00
Highland Lake, by Rev. A. K. Packard South Pueblo, by Rev. R. B. Wright.....	17 73
22 00	
Whitewater, Mrs. Oneste, by Rev. C. M. Sanders.....	3 00

MONTANA—\$38.57.

Billings, Sunday-school, by Rev. S. A. Wallace.....	38 57
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CALIFORNIA—\$559.25.

Received by J. S. Hutchinson, Financial Agent:	
Martinez.....	\$15 00
Oakland, Plymouth Ave. Ch.....	6 25
Santa Cruz.....	31 00
San Francisco, Plymouth Ch.....	200 00
	252 25
Alpine, \$2.05; Escondido, \$8.70; Pailay, \$7.70; Spring Valley, \$3.55; Sweet Water, \$10, by Rev. M. F. Platt.....	32 00
Belmont, E. L. Reed and daughter.....	30 00
Edgemont and Eagle Rock, by Rev. E. Cash.....	5 00
Halleck and Victor, Chs., for Debt, by Rev. E. B. Howell.....	16 00
Los Angeles, Association, by Rev. J. T. Ford.....	29 00
By Rev. F. A. Field.....	7 50
Monrovia, by Rev. D. H. Colcord.....	13 00
Oakland, by Rev. W. H. Cooke.....	5 00
Jocklin, by Rev. J. F. Tobey.....	5 00
San Diego, by Rev. J. H. Harwood, D.D.....	140 00
Santa Barbara, Mrs. J. Bates.....	10 00
Santa Rosa, by Rev. E. Jose, through Rev. J. H. Warren.....	4 50
Stockton, Rev. J. C. Holbrook, D.D.....	10 00

OREGON—\$8.50.

Received by Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D.D.:	
Arlington.....	\$2 00
Mt. Tabor, Dr. O. F. Botkin and wife.....	1 00
	3 00

Albany, by Rev. H. V. Rominger.....	\$2 50
Brewster and Portland Heights, by Rev. L. Kelsey.....	3 00

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$97.86.

Anacortes, by Rev. H. J. Taylor.....	10 00
Christopher, by Rev. O. L. Fowler.....	20 00
Eagle Harbor, by Rev. W. E. Dawson.....	10 00
John River and Wynooche, by Rev. O. A. Thomas.....	2 50
Pine Valley and Lyle, by Rev. W. W. Henneck.....	1 50
Tacoma, by Rev. A. P. Powelson.....	26 36
Union Flat, by Rev. J. Davies.....	18 00
Washougal, by Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D.D.....	4 50
West Kittitass and South Mountain, by Rev. W. B. Morse.....	5 00

FRANCE—\$62.00.

Paris, Miss Alice Byington, \$60; Miss Adèle Brewer, \$3.....	63 00
Home Missionary.....	168 18
	\$48,065 55

Donations of Clothing, etc.

Black Rock, Ct., Miss Sarah J. Bart- ram, barrel and freight.....	\$105 00
Bloomfield, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. J. H. Deming, barrel.....	55 41
Brattleboro, Vt., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. F. A. Wells, box.....	100 00
Brooklyn, N. Y., L. M. S. S. of Clinton Ave. Ch., by A. E. Anderson, box.....	
Buffalo, N. Y., First Ch. and North Evans Ch., by Miss Sarah J. Calhoun, box and freight.....	113 02
Canandaigua, N. Y., Ladies of Ch., by Miss Mary C. Tousley, two boxes, cash and freight.....	420 00
Canton Center, Ct., Benev. Soc. through W. C. Home Miss. Union, by Mrs. Wm. G. Hallock, barrel and freight.....	51 90
Chester, Vt., Mrs. J. N. Moore, two pack- ages.....	19 00
Chicopee Falls, Mass., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Second Ch., by Rev. R. B. Hib- bard, box and freight.....	154 02
Cincinnati, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Columbia Ch., by Miss Emma Snyder, barrel and freight.....	40 34
Claridon, O., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. J. P. Ladd, box, cash and freight.....	29 42
Cleveland, O., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Euclid Ave. Ch., by Mrs. J. W. Moore, barrel and freight.....	136 40
Dover, N. H., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Hannah Wyatt, box.....	225 79
East Hartford, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., through W. H. M. Union of Ct., by Mrs. N. S. Nash, barrel and box.....	140 30
East Orange, N. J., Ladies' Aid Soc. of Grove St. Ch., by Mrs. S. H. Ryder, barrel.....	112 50
Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Trinity Co., by H. E. Halsey, box, package and cash.....	271 00
Franklin, N. Y., Ladies' Benev. Soc. and S. School, by Mrs. Geo. H. Bailey, bar- rel and cash.....	90 00
Granby, Ct., Ladies' Social Soc. of Second Ch., by Mrs. J. N. Loomis, barrel and freight.....	80 00
Hancock, N. H., Ladies' Sew. Circle, by Mrs. D. F. Bigelow, half barrel.....	16 00
Holls, N. H., Ladies' Reading and Char- itable Soc., by Mrs. Levi Abbot, barrel Homer, N. Y., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Ellen F. Phillips, two barrels and freight.....	98 45
Ithaca, N. Y., Ladies' Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. Cynthia Morgan St. John, box Jackson, Mich., Ladies of Ch., by Mrs. L. Kussick, box.....	150 00

Jamestown, N. Y., Ladies' Sew. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. P. H. George, box and freight.....	\$60 00
Little Compton, R. I., Ladies' Sociable of United Ch., by Rev. W. D. Hart, barrel, cash and freight.....	79 75
Lowell, Mass., Ladies of Pawtucket Ch., by Mrs. J. J. Colton, barrel.....	80 00
Lowell, Mich., W. H. M. S., by Mrs. J. T. Husted, barrel and freight.....	40 45
Lyme, Ct., Mrs. S. H. Sill, barrel and freight.....	45 00
Lyme, N. H., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. L. A. Churchill, box.....	
Lyndon, Vt., Ladies, by Mrs. L. H. Quimby, two boxes, cash and freight.....	118 45
Mendon, Ct., First Ch., by Mrs. W. L. Horne, box.....	200 00
Midletown, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Miss C. M. Bacon, barrel, cash and freight.....	80 00
Milton, Vt., Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. L. W. Landon, barrel and freight.....	103 12
Montclair, N. J., Ladies' Aid Soc., of First Ch., by Mrs. J. R. D. Noyes, box.....	125 00
Newark, N. J., Home Miss. Soc. of Belleville Ave. Ch., by Mrs. W. L. Starr, two boxes and freight.....	306 00
New Britain, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of First Ch., by A. C. Strickland, barrel.....	97 47
New Haven, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mary E. Bennett, box.....	207 37
New Richmond, Wis., Willing Workers of First Ch., by Rev. R. A. Bull, box.....	70 00
New York City, Pilgrim Ch., by Rev. Dr. Virgin, box.....	300 00
Mrs. Parker, package.....	
Norwalk, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Assoc. of First Ch., by Miss E. W. Brown, cask, cash and freight.....	128 32
Norwood, N. Y., Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Miss Mary F. Hale, box and freight.....	69 30
Oberlin, O. Ladies' Soc. of Second Ch., by Mrs. M. E. Ellis, barrel and freight.....	44 45
Old Saybrook, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., through Woman's H. M. Union of Ct., by Agnes A. Acton, box.....	102 07
Orange, N. J., Mrs. M. W. Conant, comforter and package.....	
Owego, N. Y., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. D. H. Bloodgood, box.....	60 00
Pittsford, Vt., Mrs. B. P. Manley, box and freight.....	68 06
Plainville, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc. Woman's C. H. M. Union, Ct., by Mrs. W. S. Neall, barrel.....	57 00
Pontiac, Mich., Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. J. H. Campbell, box.....	88 57
Portland, Me., Ladies' Soc. of Second Parish Ch., by Miss Annie Berry, box and freight.....	25 00
Pongheepsie, N. Y., Ladies' Soc. of First Ch., by Emma H. Bourne, box.....	69 00
Punnam, Ct., Ladies of Second Ch., by Mrs. H. G. Shaw, barrel.....	29 99
Randolph, Mass., Mrs. William Porter, box and cash.....	32 00
Rockford, Ill., H. M. Soc. and Social Union of Second Ch., by Mrs. R. C. Rowland, two barrels and cash.....	161 00
Sherborn, Mass., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Pilgrim Ch., by Althea Bickford, barrel.....	40 12
Sherburne, N. Y., Miss Electa A. Rexford, package.....	8 00
Springfield, Mass., Mrs. H. C. Rowley, box. Rev. Edward Clarke, package.....	
Suffield, Ct., Three Members of Young Ladies' H. M. Circle Aux. W. Home Miss. U. Ct., by Mrs. H. L. Kelsey, package.....	7 36
Swanton, Vt., Mrs. James H. Babbitt, box and freight.....	110 50
Three Oaks, Mich., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. J. H. Hatfield, box and freight.....	102 90

Upton, Mass., Rev. A. J. Dyer, box hymn books.....	
West Haven, Ct., Young Ladies' Miss. Circle, by Ella S. Monldrop, box and freight.....	\$132 93
Wilton, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. Edward Olmstead, barrel and cash.....	39 83
Windsor, Ct., Young Ladies, by Miss Anna M. Sill, barrel and cash.....	34 00
By Mrs. E. F. Grabbil, Treas. Woman's Home Miss. Union of Mich.: Detroit, Ladies' Union, box.....	
Dundee, Ladies, box.....	21 00
Jackson, Dorcas Soc., barrel.....	150 00
Lowell, W. H. M. S., barrel.....	40 45
Pontiac, L. M. S., barrel.....	88 57
Three Oaks, W. H. M. S., barrel.....	102 00

Receipts of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society, from Jan. 1st, to Oct. 1st, 1887, L. D. STEVENS, Treas.

Ackworth.....	\$7 10
Amherst.....	59 85
Andover.....	5 00
East.....	10 50
Atkinson.....	10 66
Barnstead Center.....	6 16
North.....	8 10
Parade.....	20 00
Bradford.....	4 00
Bethlehem.....	13 00
Charlestown, \$10; Sml. Co. Conf. of Chnrches, \$3.65.....	13 65
Chatham.....	2 00
Chester.....	20 00
Chesterfield.....	3 50
Chichester.....	4 57
Concord, Estate of Geo. B. Woodwell.....	8 75
Cornish, lust. on Legacy of Sarah W. Westgate.....	25 33
Dalton.....	15 50
Derry, East.....	26 92
Epsom.....	8 00
Franklin.....	20 00
Goffstown.....	54 51
Gorham.....	5 44
Great Falls, First, to const. W. D. Knapp L. M.....	30 06
Hampton.....	15 50
Hanover, Ch. at Dartmouth Coll.....	150 00
Harrisville.....	8 75
Henniker, \$83.40; for A. H. M. S.....	110 65
Hudson, to const. Miss Abby Flanders a L. M.....	5 00
Keene, First Ch.....	25 00
Kensington.....	7 00
Kingston.....	8 57
Lempster, Two Ladies.....	5 00
Lisbon.....	18 03
London.....	5 00
Lyndeboro.....	25 60
Manchester, Hanover St. Ch.....	49 37
Milton, for A. H. M. S.....	15 00
Nashua, First.....	36 50
Nelson.....	8 82
Newington.....	11 00
North Hampton.....	20 00
Northwood.....	12 65
Pelham, \$25 for A. H. M. S.....	65 00
Randolph.....	2 11
Walpole.....	41 62
Wentworth.....	6 60
N. H. Cent Society.....	1,540 63
	\$2,528 73

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, for November. REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

Alford, by Rev. J. Jay Dana.....	\$7 96
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Andover, Rev. F. W. Greene, with priv. gifts to const. himself L. M.	\$20 00	Dornell	\$92 70
Arlington, anon., for A. H. M. S.	500 00	Lincoln, First, by Rev. H. J. Richardson	20 00
Ayer, by Levi Wallace	14 88	Ladies' Sewing Circle, by Miss M. C. Flint	32 52
Barre, Sunday-school, by Rev. J. H. Gaylord, for A. H. M. S.	6 60	Littleton, by J. F. Houghton, for A. H. M. S.	20 00
Boston, "B. and L.," special for Iroquois, Dak., parsonage	5 00	Longmeadow, Individual, by T. P. Carleton, for French Prot. Coll.	1 00
B., special for Iroquois, Dak., parsonage Central, by J. N. Denison	3 00	Matblehead, First, by N. P. Sanborn (of wh. \$36.86 special coll.), to const. Florence G. Couway, Mary J. Hawkes and Ella F. Dinsmore, L. Ms.	112 00
Dorchester, A friend "B.," special for Iroquois, Dak., parsonage	2,715 00	Mass. "K. S.," to const. E. L. Washburn, of New Haven, Conn., and C. E. Washburn, of Natick, Mass., L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.	100 00
Fri. nds, special to Rev. Chas. A. Mack, Glen Ullin, Dak.	10 00	Maynard, by Rev. D. H. Brewer, (of wh. \$10 from Sunday-school)	200 00
Jamaica Plain, by S. B. Capen	30 00	Meuway, West, Second, by S. Newman Metcalf	25 50
Mt. Vernon, by Jos. H. Tyler (add'l)	1 00	Millford, First, by Clark Ellis	24 28
Old South, by Geo. R. Chapman (of wh. \$150 for A. H. M. S.)	255 00	Mrs. E. A. Underwood	3 00
Park St., Sunday-school class of boys, special for Rev. J. F. Smith, Chapman, Kau., by Chas. A. Richards	1,817 00	Mullis, Church of Christ, by E. bridge Clark	31 55
Roxbury, Eliot, by A. McLean	10 00	Newburyport, First, by Edward Perkins Whitefield, by Eben Sumner	35 19
Union, by Albert Gay (add'l), for A. H. M. S.	7 00	Thank-offering from an aged lady, A. H. M. S. Debt	15 03
Braintree, South, by H. B. Whitman	50 00	Newton Center, by Chas. H. Bennett, special, for A. H. M. S.	20 60
Bridgewater, A friend, to const. Geo. H. Martin L. M.	21 50	Newtonville, Central, by E. W. Green, to const. Rev. Pleasant Hunter, Mrs. Pleasant Hunter and Henry C. Hayden L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.	254 15
Friends, "H. B. W."	43 87	Norwood, First, by Rev. E. Mendell	150 91
Byfield, by E. P. Noyes	5 00	Peabody, South, by Benj. N. Moore, special, for A. H. M. S.	225 40
Chelsea, Miss A. M. Dutch	17 35	Rochester, First, by G. B. Haskell	200 00
Union Service, for A. H. M. S.	10 00	Rockport, Pigeon Cove, by Rev. W. W. Parker (add'l)	44 00
Chester, N. H., Emily J. Hazelton, to const. Miss Emma M. Moore, of Chester, N. H., L. M. of A. H. M. S.	10 00	Salem, South, Union Service, for A. H. M. S.	50
Concord, Trin., by Thomas Todd	50 00	Saugus, by J. E. Stocker	16 50
Conway, by Francis Howland	38 54	Somerville, Individual, to const. Mrs. Geo. P. Hammond, Col. Springs, Col. L. M.	3 00
Cumington, by C. E. Porter	20 00	Miss M. C. Sawyer, special, for Iroquois, Dak., parsonage	30 00
Danvers, Maple St., A friend, by Eben Peabody	36 36	Southboro, Pilgrim, by Rev. D. E. Adams Southbridge, Mrs. Mary F. Leonard, for A. H. M. S.	20 00
Douglas, by Rev. James Wells	20 00	South Hadley, First, by L. M. Gaylord	44 57
Mrs. Jesse Sherman, by Rev. James Wells, special for Iroquois, Dak., parsonage	8 00	Spencer, S. S. Class No. 26., by Mrs. J. W. Temple, for A. H. M. S. Debt	100 00
Everett, by Geo. Sargent, for Chicago Bohemian work of Rev. E. A. Adams	21 80	Stockbridge, Thanksgiving day coll., by D. N. Williams	44 00
By Geo. Sargent, special for French Prot. Coll., Lowell	2 00	Stoughton, First, Int. on Sanford Gay property bond, by S. Clapp	40 00
Fairhaven, by Rev. F. H. Kasson (add'l), Friends	27 62	Sudbury, South, Ladies (in clothing account), \$3.00	
Fitchburg, C. C., by Wm. K. Bailey	27 62	Taunton, East, Mon. Con. Coll., by Rev. E. W. Allen	3 00
Foxboro, Orthodox, by Horace Carpenter Framingham, Plymouth, by F. B. Horne, for A. H. M. S. Debt	5 00	Waltham, Trin., by Geo. H. Whitford	46 18
South, Ladies' Association, by Miss C. A. Kendall, for the A. H. M. S. Debt	5 00	Wenham, by Wm. E. Porter	8 00
Groton, Est. of Geo. H. Farnsworth, by Ezra Farnsworth, EX. for A. H. M. S. Hampden Benev. Association, by Charles Marsh, Tr.:	192 70	West Boylston, First, by E. B. Rice	17 27
Mousop	55 00	Weymouth, South, Second, by Rev. H. C. Alvord	41 00
Springfield, O. F. Swift	86 12	Williamsburg, Haydenville, Y. P. S. C. E., by A. S. Hosford, for A. H. M. S.	15 50
West Springfield, First	9 00	Williamstown, South, by J. C. Torrey, for A. H. M. S.	20 00
Mittineague	994 48	Sunday-school, by J. C. Torrey, for A. H. M. S.	15 00
Park St.	68 15	Wchester, First, by Eugene Tappan	38 00
	60 29	Sunday-school, by Eugene Tappan, special, for French Prot. Coll., Lowell	75 10
	186 03	Mrs. Moses A. Herrick, special, for "Jane Molineux Room," in Fr. Prot. Coll., Lowell	100 00
Harvard, Rev. C. C. Torrey, for A. H. M. S.	\$10 60	Woburn, First, Young Men's Miss. Club, for A. H. M. S.	3 00
Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. C. C. Torrey, for A. H. M. S.	10 00	Y. P. S. C. E., for A. H. M. S.	31 88
Hinsdale, by C. J. Kittredge	61 10	Worcester, Central, by E. H. Sanford	244 11
Holliston, A friend, by Rev. Geo. M. Adams, D.D.	1 00	Plymouth (of which \$112.65 for Woman's Dep't), by Jonas White	364 31
Mrs. Elizabeth S. Burnap, by Rev. Geo. E. Adams, D.D.	10 09		
Hopkinton, Woodville, Mrs. M. G. Adams and A friend, for A. H. M. S.	6 00		
Hyde Park, Clarendon Hills, by Rev. A. H. Johnson	14 00		
First, by J. Emery Piper, special Coll., for A. H. M. S.	63 29		
Kingston, Mayflower, by Zenas Crowell, for A. H. M. S. Debt	17 85		
Laneboro, Thank-offering for R. M. Tait's Services, by Rev. L. Harlow	5 00		
Lawrence, Mrs. E. M. Garland	25 00		
Leominster, Orthodox, by M. E. Mc-			

Union, B. D. Allen, by S. Newton, for A. H. M. S.	\$1 00
Chas. E. Stevens, by S. Newton, for A. H. M. S.	5 00
Wrentham, Jennima Hawes.....	50 00
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	\$10,590 72
<i>Home Miss. Mag.</i>	9 60
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	\$10,600 32

Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss. Soc., in November.

Agawam, Feeding Hills, Ladies, by Miss Julia A. Bailey, barrel, freight and cash Andover, South, Ladies' Char. Soc., by M. E. Towle, barrel.....	\$69 34 104 55
Beverly, Washington St., Ladies, by Mrs. H. A. Simonds, barrel.....	50 00
Boston, A Friend, Suit and lady's cloak, unappraised. Box of clothing, for Scandinavian students, unappraised. Mrs. E. C. Parkhurst, two shawis, unappraised, Park St., Ladies, by Mrs. J. E. Parker, two barrels, freight and cash.....	 197 00
Boxford, Ladies, by Mrs. A. R. Gage.....	137 59
West, Ladies, by Miss Anna P. Park, barrel and freight.....	116 50
Byfield, So., Ladies' Benev. Soc. and Mission Band, by Mrs. A. M. Burnham, barrel and freight.....	71 55
Charlestown, Winthrop, Sewing Cir., by Miss S. A. Flint, barrel and freight....	170 00
Concord, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. H. J. Hubbard, barrel.....	114 00
Danvers Center, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss Lily S. Rice, barrel and freight...	105 00
Fitchburg, C. C., Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. E. L. Packard, barrel.....	117 00
Framingham, South, Ladies' Assoc., by Miss Cynthia A. Kendall, barrel and freight.....	86 29
Franklin, Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. Wm. Rockwood, barrel.....	65 55
Groton, Union, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. Caroline E. Blood, barrel and freight.....	156 23
Haverhill, North, Ladies, by Mrs. H. A. Wentworth, barrel and freight.....	90 00
Holyoke, Individual gift to Puget Sound Academy, melodeon.....	62 50
Hopkinton, Ladies, by S. B. Crooks, three barrels and freight.....	219 00
Ipswich, First, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss Lucy R. Farley, barrel and freight Lawrence, Lawrence St., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. Susan J. Quimby, barrel and freight.....	75 00 91 21
Trinity, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. C. W. Walker, barrel and freight.....	129 25
Leominster, North, Ladies, by Miss Lucy E. Shedd, barrel and freight.....	48 45
Lincoln, H. M. Cir., by Mrs. J. A. Bemis, barrel.....	86 38
Littleton, J. C. Houghton, two packages, unappraised. Lowell, Kirk St., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. M. A. Shattuck, boxes and freight Malder, Ladies, by Mrs. Daniel Copeland, barrel and freight.....	 273 84 104 75
Medway, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss Mary E. Fisher, box and barrel.....	131 71
Millbury, Second, Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. E. S. Ewell, box.....	220 00
Millis, Ch. of Christ, Ladies, by Mrs. E. O. Jameson, barrel (unappraised). Newbury, First, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss A. M. B. Little, two barrels and freight.....	 100 00
Newburyport, Whitefield, Tyler Mission Cir., by Nellie A. Noyes, barrel and freight.....	118 11

Newton Center, First, Ladies, by Miss H. S. Cousins, barrel and freight.....	\$103 85
Newton, Ehot, Ladies, by Mrs. A. E. Crosby, two barrels and freight.....	236 21
Newtonville, Central, Sewing Soc., by Mrs. E. E. Stiles, barrel and freight....	91 06
Northfield, Trin., Ladies' Sewing Cir., by Mary T. Dutton (omitted last month), Cash for freight.....	5 00
Palmer, Second, Ladies, by Rev. H. W. Pope, box and freight.....	175 00
Pittsfield, First, Ladies' Free Will Soc., by Mrs. M. B. Davis, three barrels.....	277 43
Randolph, First, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. Wm. Porter, box and freight.....	30 00
Salem, Crombie St., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. H. B. Williams, barrel and package.....	100 00
Shrewsbury, Ladies' Sewing Cir., by Mrs. Lewis E. Colton, barrel and freight.....	80 85
Somerville, Winter Hill, Ladies, by E. S. Hayes, barrel and freight.....	103 01
Sudbury, South, Ladies, by Mrs. J. C. Howe and H. G. Burr barrel (Cash, \$8). Walpole, So., by John O. Ellis, overcoat, unappraised. Welfare, First, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. B. Kemp, package of pulis.....	 9 00
Westboro, Ladies' Sewing Cir., by Miss Susan Miller, barrel and freight.....	90 38
Westfield, Second, Ladies (reported by Rev. L. H. Blake), barrel and freight..	96 00
Westminster, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. L. C. Mann, barrel.....	45 00
Whitinsville, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss L. S. Whitin, barrel and freight.....	148 19
Worcester, Central, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. C. L. Sumner, two barrels and freight.....	131 71
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	\$5,150 95

Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, in November, WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.

Ashford, Westford, by Dea. C. W. Brett	\$3 34
Barkhamsted, Riverton, by H. A. Lord	30 25
Bridgeport, West End, by Rev. Geo. F. Prentiss.....	14 00
East Granby, by James R. Viets.....	10 00
East Windsor, Sunday-school, for A. H. M. S., by J. B. Noble.....	50 00
Broad Brook, by S. B. Adams.....	20 83
Fairfield, Southport, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Perry.....	37 50
Glastonbury, First, by E. H. Andrews...	231 00
Haddam, Haddam Neck, by William Bramard.....	5 75
Hamden, Mt. Carmel, by F. T. Jarman.	10 47
Hartford, Park, by William Very.....	58 44
Litchfield, Northfield, by H. C. Peck....	15 00
Manchester, First, by Rev. S. W. Robbins.....	89 10
Middlebury, Legacy of Charles Boughton, by George A. Boughton, Ex.....	200 00
New Hartford, Nepaug, by C. F. Loomis	20 00
New Haven, United, by F. T. Jarman....	71 45
Dwight Place, by Robert Crane.....	98 47
Old Saybrook, by Rev. Robert Chapman, quarterly.....	51 35
Redding, Georgetown, by Rev. S. J. M. Merwin.....	21 79
South Windsor, A Friend.....	5 00
Stonington, Second, by Joseph E. Smith.	34 00
Thomaston, by P. Darrow.....	32 10
Wethersfield, by S. F. Willard.....	126 22
Windham, Willimantic, by E. A. Barrows	31 60
Windsor, First, for A. H. M. S., to const. Myron G. Marsh, of Windsor, Ct., a L. M., by S. H. Barber.....	70 00
Woodstock, First, by Henry T. Childs...	38 31
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	\$1,405 37

Boxes.

Bridgeport, First, Ladies' Soc., a box with \$25 cash.....	\$65 00
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Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society,
in October, AARON B. MEAD, Treas.

Alton, Cheerful Workers.....	\$34 00	Genoa Bluffs, \$17.50; Woman's Soc., \$2.20; S. S., \$2.....	\$21 70
Ashkum, S. S., \$1.80; Woman's Miss. Soc., \$1.75.....	3 55	Genwood, Woman's Soc.....	5 15
Batavia.....	61 60	Gomer, Welch.....	4 00
Chicago, First Ch., \$100; Mrs. M. M. Wilson, \$6; South German Ch., \$5.....	111 00	Grandview, Ger.....	50
Crescent, Woman's Miss. Soc.....	19 00	Grant, S. S.....	5 00
De Pue (for support of services).....	20 00	Griannel, W. H. M. U., \$74.79; Friends, \$30.....	104 79
Dongola (for support of services).....	43 30	Hampton, A Friend.....	1 00
Galesburg, First Ch. of Christ, "W.," special.....	17 00	Hastings.....	4 54
Godfrey, Church of Christ, special.....	30 26	Harlan, Woman's Soc.....	7 15
Highland.....	34 50	Hillsboro.....	7 40
Hinsdale, Woman's Miss. Soc.....	9 55	Humboldt.....	16 40
Jacksonville.....	47 20	Hull.....	100 10
Lyonsville.....	6 76	Iowa City, Woman's Soc'y.....	10 00
Melville, special.....	7 38	Jamestown, S. S.....	5 00
Mendon, special.....	9 40	Kellogg.....	12 00
New Windsor.....	5 00	Keokuk, Swedish Mission.....	4 15
Oak Park, Ladies' Benev. Soc., \$12; Hon. H. W. Anstin, \$10.....	22 00	Keosauqua, A Friend.....	1 00
Ottawa.....	87 86	Lake Side.....	3 75
Payson.....	7 50	Lansing Ridge, Ger.....	5 00
Plainfield, Ladies' Miss. Soc.....	6 00	Lansing.....	10 25
Princeton, Rev. Flanel Bascom.....	10 00	Larchwood.....	2 80
Providence.....	31 66	Le Mars.....	13 45
Ridge Prairie, Evan. St. John Ch.....	2 00	Magnolia, \$18.37; Woman's Soc'y, \$2.60; S. S., \$10.....	30 97
Rockford, Second Ch., \$49.36; A Friend, \$20.....	69 36	Manson.....	12 40
Rosemond, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Warner.....	5 00	Magnoketa.....	127 37
Seward (Winnebago Co.) S. S.....	2 50	Muscataine, Ger.....	15 00
Somonank, Ladies' Miss. Soc.....	3 85	Marion, Woman's Soc'y.....	20 00
St. Charles, Rev. George H. Smith.....	5 00	Mason City, Woman's Soc'y.....	9 17
Toulon, special.....	63 34	McGregor, Woman's Soc'y.....	28 65
Ullin (to support services).....	36 00	Mitchell.....	13 37
Rev. Albert Ehrhidge, special.....	15 00	Mitchellville.....	7 25
Mrs. L. Haskell, Tolono.....	10 00	Mt. Pleasant.....	6 00
Henry Blood, Esq.....	50 00	Nashua.....	20 70
		New Hampton, \$86.44; Woman's Soc'y, \$19.10; S. S., \$5.....	100 54
		Newton, A Friend.....	1 00
		Oakland.....	3 20
		Ogden, A Friend.....	3 00
		Old Man's Creek, Welch.....	10 00
	\$577 57	Onawa, Woman's Soc'y.....	12 25
		Osage, W. H. M. U.....	4 40
		Ottumwa.....	15 00
		Otho.....	11 00
		Parkersburg.....	2 50
		Perry.....	20 00
		Pilgrim, A Friend.....	25 00
		Polk City, \$15.74; A Friend, \$20.....	35 74
		Prairie Hill.....	2 98
		Quasneton.....	6 00
		Red Oak, \$12.55; A Friend, \$10.....	22 58
		Reimbeck, \$54.82; Woman's Soc., \$10.05.....	64 87
		Rockford, \$38.35; Woman's Soc., \$5.97; S. S., \$20.....	64 32
		Rockwell.....	16 30
		Sheldon, Woman's Soc.....	4 22
		A Friend.....	5 00
		Silver Creek, \$8.75; Friends, \$3.75.....	12 50
		Sionx City, First.....	127 11
		Pilgrim, A Friend.....	1 00
		Stacyville, Woman's Soc.....	6 50
		S. S.....	10 00
		Stuart, Woman's Soc.....	10 00
		Storm Lake, A Friend.....	20 00
		Strawberry Point.....	5 00
		Sherrill's Mound, Ger.....	10 00
		Sioux Rapids.....	5 00
		Shenandoah, Woman's Soc.....	18 00
		Talmage.....	10 00
		Traer, Woman's Soc.....	35 00
		Tabor.....	13 00
		Tipton, \$5; S. S., \$5.....	10 00
		Toledo.....	37 50
		Victor, \$4; Woman's Soc., \$2.15.....	6 15
		Waterloo.....	53 50
		Waverly.....	7 00
		Wayne, \$7.50; Woman's Soc., \$5.....	12 50
		Warren.....	6 00
		Washta.....	4 72
		West Burlington.....	10 00
		Wittemburg, Woman's Soc.....	14 30
		Wells, Woman's Soc.....	3 25

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May, June, July, August, September and Oc-
tober. J. H. MERRILL, Esq. Treas.

Alden, \$15.25; Woman's Society, \$5.30.....	\$20 55		
Algona, Woman's Soc.....	5 00		
Alton.....	7 00		
Belmond, \$20; Woman's Soc., \$5; S. S., \$2.....	27 00		
Bethel, A Friend.....	5 00		
Britt.....	1 48		
Cedar Falls, Woman's Soc.....	9 60		
Cedar Rapids.....	97 50		
Woman's Soc., \$13.90; Mission S. S., \$3.43.....	17 33		
Center Point.....	4 50		
Charles City, Woman's Soc.....	10 00		
Cherokee, \$13.50; Friends, \$5.....	18 50		
Chester Center.....	15 75		
Clay, \$18.12; S. S., \$2.88.....	21 00		
Colesburg.....	23 75		
Cromwell, Woman's Soc.....	8 60		
Denmark \$20; S. S., \$10.....	30 00		
Davenport, Ger.....	14 00		
Deborah, Friends.....	3 00		
Des Moines, Plymouth, \$50; Woman's Soc., \$43.85.....	83 85		
Pilgrim, \$14.75; North Park, \$8.....	22 75		
Dubuque, Young Ladies' Soc.....	11 15		
Dunlap, \$5; Woman's Soc., \$10.....	15 00		
Durant.....	12 45		
Eagle Grove.....	6 50		
Eldon.....	5 00		
Edgewood.....	6 85		
Emmetsburg.....	30 83		
Elk Creek.....	5 10		
Fairfax.....	14 00		
Fairfield.....	69 50		
Fayette.....	2 00		
Fountainelle.....	7 00		
Ft. Atkinson, Ger.....	10 00		
Ft. Dodge.....	12 00		

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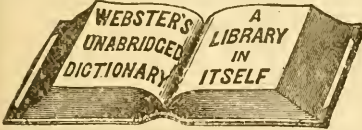
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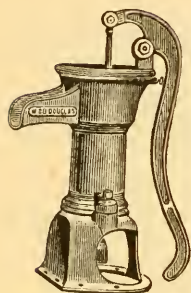
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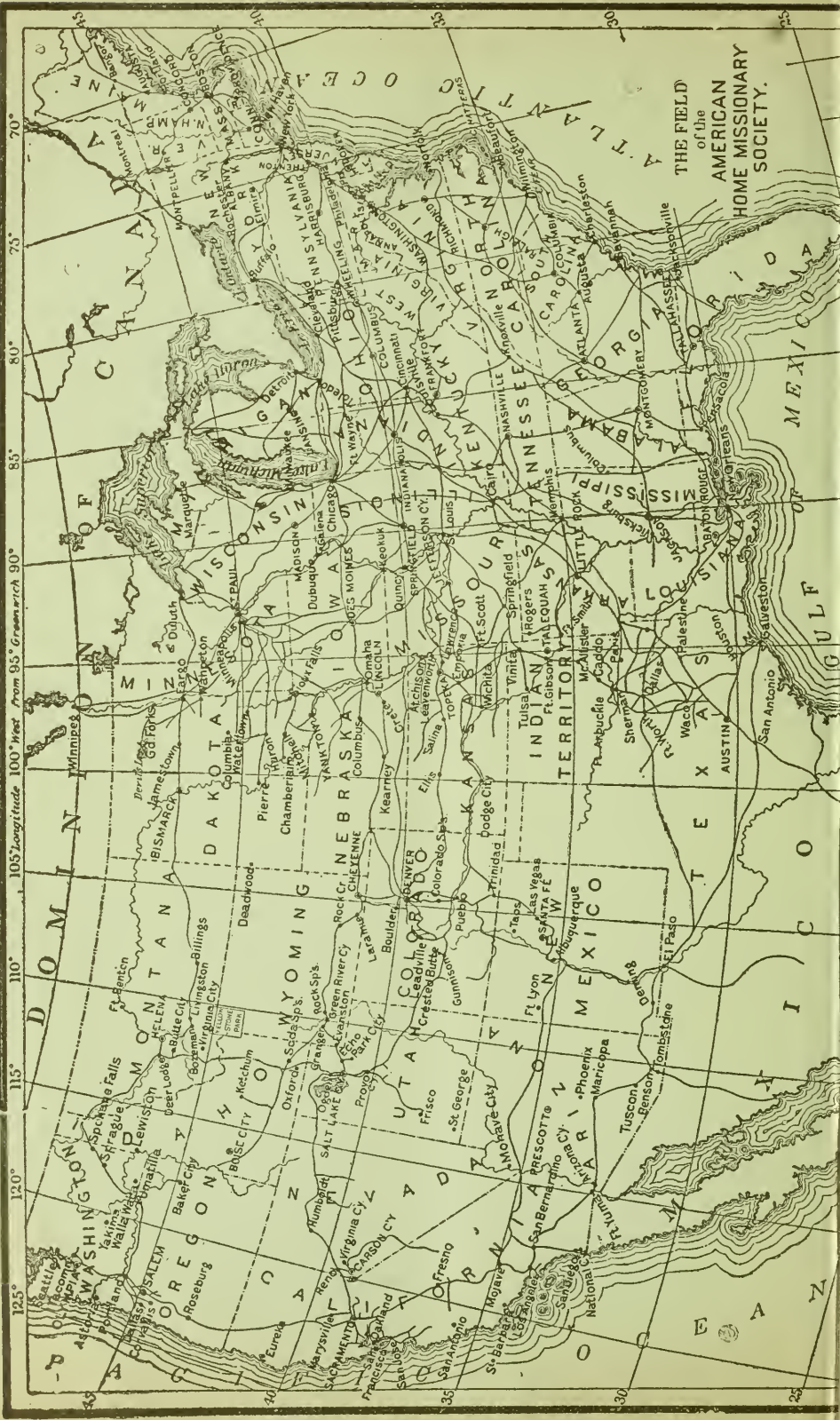
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TREASURY NOTE.

In some respects the skies are brighter: (1) In the receipts of the first nine months of the Society's fiscal year—April, 1887, to January, 1888—there has been a gain in donations and legacies of more than \$22,800 over the same months last year. (2) The money is on hand for the notes to banks, falling due in January and February. (3) We are notified of a number of recent bequests, several of them of considerable amounts. (4) The work in nearly every part of the field is going forward as prosperously as could reasonably be expected under the restricted outlay. (5) Cheering letters from the Society's friends exhort to patience and perseverance for the time, and give assurance of enlarged offerings.

BUT: our friends should bear in mind, (1) That notes for \$25,000 will fall due in March. (2) That, meanwhile, not less than \$35,000 a month will be needed to meet daily maturing dues to the missionaries. And, (3) That the "Swett Exigency Fund" should be made good, as a reservoir of resources for the dry summer months.

One common mistake our friends should avoid making: that of supposing that the mere announcement of a legacy, however large, to the Society, helps its treasury. The help comes when the bequest is PAID. In the case of at least two of the largest bequests now known, the testators have given their executors five and eight years, respectively, for the settlement of their estates. Though we hope for more, there is no certainty that a dollar more will be received from legacies during the rest of this fiscal year. But even should nothing come from this source, all needs can be met, and the year may end free of debt, if pastors will lay the matter earnestly before their people, and if the many friends of Home Missions will awake to the imperative demands of the hour.

May we not hear from them promptly, and with offerings befitting the emergency? The time is short, and the pressure is urgent.

NOT TOO LATE.

Is trying to account for the debt of the American Home Missionary Society a good pastor recently told his people that those who had died

during the past year had either neglected to remember the Society in their wills, or *else they were still living*. To any who are "still living" we would suggest that it is not too late now for them to show what their wills are in this matter. Mr. Puddefoot remarks that the recent unprecedented falling off in legacies may be an evidence that God does not intend hereafter to run a live business with dead men. Surely there never was a time when the living should be so *thoroughly alive* to the great needs and opportunities, the privileges and responsibilities of the hour as just now.

THE REV. MORITZ E. EVERSZ since his acceptance of his appointment as Superintendent of the work among Germans, as the successor of the Rev. Geo. E. Albrecht, has been in Germany for purposes of study and travel. He has now returned, and will at once enter upon the active duties of his position. He may be addressed at Milwaukee, Wis., for the next few months.

REV. J. B. DREW, St. Paul, Minn., wants 150 copies of the "Beecher Plymouth Hymn Book," for use in his two new missionary fields. Please send them to him *via* Minnesota and Northwestern Railroad, St. Paul, Minn.

REV. GEORGE MARSH, Elk Falls, Elk County, Kan., has Sunday evening congregations of 200 people and can furnish them with only *three* Gospel Hymn Books. He is holding meetings every evening, and even a second-hand supply of Gospel Hymns would be a godsend to him.

I AM very sure that prayers are offered for us, for I feel their warm breath every time I enter my pulpit. To know that hundreds of prayers are ascending for us is no small stimulus to the missionary in this new field.—*Rev. H. H. Bement, Colvin, Dak.*

"It may not be sinful to be poor, but it is terribly inconvenient." This from a Home Missionary in the upper corner of Washington Territory, in charge of six parishes, miles apart, whose horse has given out through overwork, and who has a chance to secure another for fifty dollars, but who has not fifty cents to spare.

GOOD NEWS FROM OREGON.—In view of the present state of our treasury the church at Albany, Oregon, passed a resolution, November 1st, to declare itself self-supporting. The pastor, Rev. H. V. Rominger, says, "The church has a good spiritual outlook. A flourishing Y. P. S. C. E. has just been organized, and by this action of self-support we hope to be stronger than ever before."

THE temperance literature sent to my address has been received. A full knowledge of the rapid growth and evil influences in our new town could alone convey an idea of the value of such a gift, which through God's blessing greatly aids the missionary in his efforts to save our young men from the destructive influences of the dram-shop and gambling-hell which curse almost every corner.—*From the Front.*

I HAVE BEEN reading Superintendent Hood's story of North Wisconsin, and it makes my blood tingle with desire to be in such a work. But if this is the place chosen for me by the Lord, I want to stay here, although sometimes I can scarcely persuade myself that where such large and needy fields are waiting there, it is duty to stay here.—*A New Jersey Pastor.*

Do not throw the whole blame upon our church-members. *Our pastor has never presented the cause of Home Missions to the people.* The other day I handed him your leaflet, "An Experiment in Systematic Giving." He read it, and said, "That would be a good plan where it could be carried out." "Yes," said I, "*An effort* would be necessary to the accomplishment." Please accept the inclosed check.

A MESSAGE of sympathy to a Home Missionary brings the following response: "After reading your kind words my wife said she felt as though she could work her finger-nails off in the missionary cause. A *line* sometimes does more for us than you can possibly imagine. We had a perfect New Year's surprise this morning. A beautiful letter from a lady who proposes to send us, for a year, *Harper's Monthly, Weekly, Bazar* and *Young People*. What a dear, good woman she must be! We also received a most delightful letter from another lady promising us *The Christian Union* for a year. These acts of delicate, tender and loving kindness can but inspire a missionary pastor with fresh zeal in his work. Last evening our Y. P. S. C. E. brought in to our tabernacle over 200 miners to whom I preached. It was a grand opportunity for seed-sowing."

FROM THE EARL OF SHAFTESBURY.—The fact is, that everything in the way of religion and charity that is done in this country, is done by a small knot of chosen persons, whose names you will find repeated in the catalogue of every charity that spreads its benign influence to relieve the wants of the country. The contributors to religious purposes are found to be the same in all associations; and if you take fifteen societies, I will undertake to say the names of the same persons will be found in ten of them. The great mass of the public stand aloof, and contribute nothing towards the general exertions; and it is most distressing to see that when there is any purpose of profit or of interest, the money is dealt out in rapid thousands; but when it is a question of religion and charity, you have to collect your funds by tardy units.

THE FINANCIAL COAT.

WHEN a boy passes his fourteenth year he suddenly runs up to manhood in size. In spite of you his growth will continually exceed the development of his clothing. His arms project from his coat-sleeves to the elbows, his feet drift away from the hem of his pants until his boot-tops come into view. A line of white about his waist marks the point at which vest and pants fail to unite.

The boy's clothes are as comfortably large as they ever were, but the boy is sticking out all around. The clothes are not too small—the boy is too big! He has simply outgrown his garments.

Something like this has happened to the Home Missionary Society. It seems to be outgrowing its financial coat. And although an attempt has been made to enlarge the garment to meet the growth, the enlargement has not kept pace with the rapid growth of the work. As a result the hands and arms are out up to the elbows, and the feet, to the boot-tops, and the barren line of white at the waist is terribly conspicuous.

It is simply impossible to keep a healthy, hearty boy from growing. So [it is impossible to keep healthy missionary work from continual growth.

What are we going to do about it? Shall we cut the boy down, or enlarge his garments? The first method would be fatal to the boy, whose chief aim is manhood. Anything that stints his growth, destroys his manhood.

Manhood is the ideal in all our home missionary work. Shall we pursue a policy that weakens and destroys our ideal? There is only one answer. WE MUST HAVE MORE MONEY. The financial coat must be enlarged. This healthy, lusty youth must have a chance to grow to a vigorous, glorious manhood.—*Rev. S. H. Cheadle, Tacoma, W. T.*

THE SCANDINAVIANS.—I.

BY REV. M. W. MONTGOMERY, SUPERINTENDENT.

A RICH LETTER.—In history nothing is so fresh and rich as the original documents. I often think that many historians give to their readers only a second-hand pleasure by withholding from them the *originals*. It is from these, from the very letters, idioms, punctuation marks, errors, and every other feature, that real history walks before us like a panorama of the present. My ideal historian writes little himself, and is sparing of "digests," but keeps trooping before his readers the men and women of his times, living their drama of real life, all unconscious that the curtain has been lifted, and they play, love, do, fight and die, in the full gaze of all mankind.

Below is a characteristic Scandinavian letter. That the readers of *The Home Missionary* may share the pleasure I have had in reading it (and I receive very many like it), I have copied it *verbatim et literatim*. It is worth a volume of second-hand description of the work among the Swedes. Swedish national characteristics and idioms peep out in every sentence. There is the beautiful Swedish method of beginning a letter with a greeting and a verse of Scripture; then comes the modest politeness which shrinks from exposing its imperfect English, and will not be so inpolite as to address you in the second person, but says, "May the Lord direct Bro. M——"; there is the revival among them, which has not yet stopped for a day; the religious enthusiasm, the simplicity and good sense, and the irrepressible ejaculations of praise. But I must draw the curtain and let you see for yourselves:

WOBURN, MASS., Nov. 28th, 1887.

REV. M. W. MONTGOMERY, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir! Grace be unto you!!

"The peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus!"

Having been asked to write you, which are very hard for me to do in the English Language, as I am a Swede; Hoping to be excused for my many errors as you may find in this my letter! I will try my best to be understod and be as short as posible.

The object are, calling on you for help in our Martha's Vineyard! Here in Woburn, Mass. has lately come between 2 and 3 hundred Scandinavians out of which has, by the help of God, sprung a litle Scandinavian Evangelical Society (Free Mission or Congregational;) with about 60 Members, all poor, and $\frac{3}{4}$ ths has lately come over from the Old World and know very litle of the English language. Of our members 36 are "paying members", that is, are trying to pay some each month (from 25 cts. to \$1.00, of the latter we are only 2:) to help to pay the nessasary expenses as we have, to carry on the work. All we this way can raise each month are about \$16.00, and our expenses are a good deal more than so.

The Congregational American Brethren here, with our dear Brother in the Lord, Dr. Daniel March at the head, has seen what great work the Lord has done among us (The Scandinavians) and have also seen our need, has several times helped us to carry the Burden! About 2 years ago a Brother with the name of John E. Widen moved from Lowell, Mass. to this place. I believe the Lord sendt him here. He was what we in Swedish call "Lekman", a true Christian, he was working in the Shop for his living, and preached here on our meetings, as well as in other places around here where it is Scandinavians, but has no ministers or preachers of the word of God. The Lord greatly blessed his work, and he often was a tool in the hand of our Lord to

brings inners to Jesus! Brother Widen had studied very little in Sweden, and his wishes often was heard to be "If I only could get a year or two in the Theol. Sem. at Chicago, Ill."—This his wish he has now got so far, that he now are there the first year! He is poor, has wife, and one child here in town. But God is good! through his people everything has so far gone allright; and we look to God also for the future!

When Brother Widen left here for the School in Chicago, our little Society here was taken from a great help; But we have, with our Lord's help, managed to carry on our work, or rather, the work of our Lord! We have no minister and cannot possible yet afford to keep one. But we get some one to come and preach the Word of God, as often as we can get one; other times, we hold Bibel readings and Prayer meetings. During last week's meetings, we believe *five* young men was converted to God, by our feeble efforts! Glory to His Name!

Now we wish very much that we could get Brother John E. Widen to come here during his vacation next Summer, and we have been informed that we should write to Rev. M. W. Montgomery, and ask him to be kind enough to help us, that we may get Bro. Widen to come here! We are not able to pay him, or any one else, wages enough to live on, but are willing to do what we can. And it is not only Woburn that is need of preachers of the Gospel in the Scandinavian Language; here is also other places near around here who has no ministers, and where it is quite a number of Scandinavians, such as Waltham, Watertown, Cambridge, Lynn, Salem, Quincy, etc., to which places Br. Widen could go and would there gladly be received! The Lord are at work on sinners hearts, in many places around here and if here only could be got more of the Lord's servants for the Scandinavian people, I believe the result would be great for the Lord! The field seems to be getting ripe. May the Lord direct Br. Montgomery what to do in this case. And may it please Him to send us Br. Widen to work for His Glory among the Scandinavian people in Woburn and other towns around here during his school vacation next Spring!

For the Scandinavian Evangelical Society in Woburn, Charles R. Rosenquist. Box 626 Woburn. Mass.

P. S. Professor Risberg, Chicago Theol. Seminary, does personally know the writer. He was here and preached one evening during his vacation last summer.

ONE thing I observe with pain. The majority of people from New England and the East, who find their way out here, *leave their religion behind*. They do not put in their letters at our churches, and only through much effort put in an appearance themselves, even occasionally. Will not our eastern churches send us Christians who do not need so much *repairing* before fit for use?—*A Home Missionary*.

AN EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.

HAVING heard last Sunday an appeal to meet the great burden now weighing down the A. H. M. S., I send again my mite for a cause I have loved sixty years. Last Saturday was my wife's *eightieth birthday*, and the inclosed check I send joyfully as a thank-offering for the events of the last four days. In them, wife and I have met all of my family now living in America, and have received a charming letter from my youngest son. It was written in China two months since, in anticipation of this eightieth birthday. It told of the health of his family, and of the eighty-seven Chinese communicants on the previous Sabbath. On that Sabbath, also, Maria Smith was admitted to the church, her father officiating at the Lord's table for the first time since his return from U. S. A. In addition to all these causes for most devout thanks to God our Savior, I was permitted to aid Brother Leavitt in sacramental services, and to eat of that bread and drink of that cup with a niece of ours who was in my family when I was pastor in this city (Chicago) thirty years since. This family of mine have heard the voice and obeyed the order of God, "Come thou and all thy house into the ark." At the close of that blessed communion I said, "Fifty-four years ago it was my privilege to administer the Lord's Supper in Chicago, when there were only four hundred people in the town; and the last male member of that primitive church of this city except myself (then, and to the end of life, 'Good Deacon Philo Carpenter'), died last year. My wife is one of the three women still living who were at that communion."

May the friends of missions *at once* take the load of debt from the shoulders of the American Home Missionary Society, and keep it free in the future!—*Rev. Jeremiah Porter, Chicago, Ill.*

 NO TIME TO BE LOST.

WE desire to call special attention to the following letter from Dr. Thwing of Minneapolis. The peril he points out is a real one, and steps should be taken at once to prevent the admission of Utah as a state.

We urge upon ministers and laymen everywhere the importance of following the suggestions of Dr. Thwing to send letters and petitions at once to Congressmen bearing upon this question. Blank petitions have already been sent to most of the clergymen of our denomination. Brethren, please attend to this matter *at once*. *There is no time to be lost.*

DECEMBER 19th, 1887.

MR. MONTGOMERY and I have had several conferences of late as to matters in Utah, and as the result I venture to suggest two or three considerations as to the relation of our church to the Mormon problem. Mr. Montgomery last week read a lecture to our people upon Mormonism. It was a lecture wide in its intellectual view, vigorous in its lit-

erary style, warm in feeling. It moved those who heard it as a lecture seldom does. It has seemed to many of our people that the reading of this lecture would prove of great worth in presenting the horrible facts as to polygamy. I therefore venture to ask if it would seem wise for you to ask Mr. Montgomery to give this lecture in such parts as his other work will allow, and possibly in connection with the doing of his other and regular labor. Mr. Montgomery feels that the peril that Utah may be admitted as a state is very grave. He feels that under some omnibus clause several territories may be admitted, and that any provision put into the Constitution as to the abolition of polygamy would have no worth in rooting out this evil. He thinks that Utah should not get in condition to be admitted until polygamy is abolished in fact. With this peril in mind, and recognizing that the Society is in a sense a bishop, or has episcopal supervision of all our Congregational interests, I also venture to ask if any endeavor as to a concerted movement upon the part of our ministers or churches, protesting against any attempt to admit Utah would be of worth. Could circulars or petitions be put through the churches by you, and by you forwarded and laid before Congress, that would be of value? Would it be wise for you to suggest to representative laymen or ministers throughout the country that they write personal letters to Congressmen whom they may know, urging the facts in the case? Furthermore, let me ask if it would be wise for the chief denominations to send delegates to Washington to interview Congressmen, to lobby in a Christian and a true way against any attempt to admit Utah? If you, in conference with the Presbyterian society, and the Baptist society, and the Episcopal society, and the Methodist society of Home Missions could cause a half-dozen representative and worthy men to spend two or three months in Washington this winter, I feel confident that any attempt to admit Utah would fail. I make bold thus to write you because of the apparent exigency, and because also I beg leave to assure you that in any movement which you in your wisdom may see fit to inaugurate, I am sure you would find the churches and the ministers standing behind you giving you all support; and no church would be more hearty in its support than Plymouth of Minneapolis, and no minister more hearty according to his ability than its pastor.—*Rev. Charles F Thwing, Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, Minn.*

A CONTINUAL PICNIC PARISH.—I.

BY REV. C. M. SANDERS, SUPERINTENDENT, COLORADO AND WYOMING.

THE editor of one of the local papers, writing of my expected visit to the place in the interest of our church, said: "A continual picnic awaits the right man who assumes pastoral charge in Buffalo, Wyoming." At the first reading of the statement I smiled, and said, "What

an assertion!" I read it again—thoughtfully. Later, I came to the conclusion that the statement was not without foundation. Of one thing I was sure, I experienced a sort of "continuous picnic" in coming to the Buffalo parish. I spent the Sabbath at Colorado Springs and Manitou, speaking in the morning for Pastor Gregg and in the evening for Pastor Riggs.

On Monday morning took the train for the north. At Palmer Lake, where the train stops ten minutes for lunch, met my family, who are in camp at Glen Park, a mile away; bade them good-bye, reached Denver at noon, packed my gripsack, and at half-past one was on the train bound for Cheyenne. Arrived at this magic city of the plains in season for tea. Spent a pleasant evening among the good friends of this parish.

Tuesday morning, at eight o'clock, took the train on the Cheyenne and Northern Railroad for the northern portion of Wyoming. This road is not yet completed. Train stopped at the "*Chug Water*," seventy miles. Here dinner. Then came a coach ride of one hundred miles. There were four passengers. A Cheyenne man, formerly interested in a coach-line and a warm friend of the lamented Pickett, rode outside. Two young men, one from Oregon the other from Michigan, and the writer, inside. Thus loaded, a four-horse Concord coach (so called) started on its way. Nothing of particular note came to pass until evening. At Fort Laramie supper was served. Here we were joined by a fifth passenger. He was quite tall, strong-featured, and a somewhat rough looking individual about thirty-five years of age. A character, surely, as I "sized him up." The only baggage he carried was a good-sized six-shooter, which he placed under the seat at his feet. He sat by my side. It was growing dark and threatened rain and thirty-two miles lay between us and our lodging place.

My Yankee inquisitiveness was somewhat exercised concerning my companion. The text "*Who is my neighbor?*" kept repeating itself in my thought, and I concluded to ascertain if my suspicions were correct. I did not feel embarrassed at his presence or appearance, nor did his baggage trouble me, but I knew that I must be wise and careful as to my approaches in conversation. We talked of the rain, of the cattle, of the country. I found that he was no stranger to the country, that he knew many of the cattle-men of Wyoming, and that he had been for some years a "cow-boy," and that he came from Texas. During the conversation it leaked out that for the past year he had given most of his time to gambling, and that he was at present running a "monte establishment" in the town of Powell. Here was your home missionary superintendent riding in a small coach, in the night's darkness, by the side of a *Texas cow-boy*, now a *Monte man*, running a gambling saloon. and at his feet lay his weapon. I had no cudgel for him, and if

I had, the coach was too limited to allow a good swing of it, and in the darkness I might hit the wrong fellow. But I usually go armed—not in his way exactly. I carry with me a short, bright, keen sword. It was in its case at my feet, very near to the pistol of my companion. I am frequently called upon to defend myself, and always when out on the road take this weapon with me.

The storm increased. It lightened, it thundered, and it rained. As this man revealed to me his occupation, I said in a courteous manner:

“Is that a good business for a man to be engaged in?” He hesitated a moment and then replied, “No; it is not.”

“Do you really think it pays financially?”

“I can’t say that it does. I have blown in hundreds of dollars and pretty much all of it has blown out again.”

“*Is your mother living?*”

In talking with these young men of the plains the mention of the name Mother has a wonderful effect. I have talked with many “wild boys of the West” and I have yet to find one whose heart was not more or less subdued at the mention of this word.

“I never call that gentle name,
 MY MOTHER! but I am again
 E’en as a child; the very same
 That prattled at thy knee; and fain
 Would I forget, in momentary joy,
 That I no more can be thy happy boy.”

My companion, in response to my question, said tenderly and warmly, “*Yes, I have a good mother living in Texas, and I am sorry to say that I have not been true to the promise I made her as I was leaving home. I promised my mother that I would not gamble.*” This, of course, opened up quite a conversation, and gave me a good opportunity to appeal to his manhood, to urge him to come back to his mother’s principles, and to his mother’s God. After a while he said,

“I had made up my mind to quit this business next spring.”

“I think you will find it more satisfactory to quit it **AT ONCE.**”

His mind and heart were evidently in commotion. As to the result, I know not, but I know that it is said, “In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.”

It was nearing midnight. We met the “down coach,” on which was the proprietor of this stage line. Learning that I was in the “up coach” he came to speak to me. After a few moments’ conversation he turned to our driver and said, “Pass Rev. Sanders.” Thus ten dollars were saved to the A. H. M. S. It was one o’clock when we came to Raw Hide Butte’s, where we lodged until morning. I was given a

nically furnished room in the log house; indeed, it was a better furnished sleeping-room than I have in my own home. A nice clean bed, easy chairs, a sofa, and luxurious rugs of skin. No leaky roof there. This room I occupied alone. The "Monte man" was in the next with his baggage. I did not lock the door between the rooms. Why should I?

(*To be continued.*)

A COUPLE OF DRAFTS.

PLEASE accept my sincere thanks for the draft for amount due me. I cannot tell you what a burden that draft took from my mind. I was beginning to worry about the house-rent, etc., and to wonder where the money was coming from to pay bills, when the draft came. If some of our rich men and rich churches could only know what a relief it is to Home Missionaries to receive promptly the small amounts due them, they certainly would not allow the A. H. M. S. treasury to remain empty.—*Minnesota.*

YOUR precious draft is at hand. Many thanks. Our extremity is God's opportunity. The draft was indeed a burden-lifter. I have been preaching at a school-house six miles south every night for one week. The whole community seems to be awakened. It is one of the neglected places. I only wish you could see how anxious the people are for the gospel. It is blessed work to feed hungry souls. I know that we pastors at the West have many sacrifices to make that our brethren in the older churches East never know; but I believe also that there is a blessed charm about our work that they never realize. To go into a community which Satan has rocked to sleep in the cradle of sin and be an agent in God's hand for their awakening to a new life—bringing about a complete transformation—is indeed "meat to eat" that many know nothing about.—*Kansas.*

HYGIENE FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

CLEANED WHOLE WHEAT.

BY EPHRAIM CUTTER, M.D., LL.D., NEW YORK.

IN August, 1884, I was at my brother-in-law's grist-mill and noticed the Michigan winter wheat as it came through the smut-mill, clean and fair, ready to be ground up into "Arlington" (Mass.) "wheat meal." The idea struck me, Why not use this cleaned wheat for food? It is free from dirt and contains all the form and chemical elements in proper proportions for nourishment, that our Creator intended mankind should have when wheat is eaten. We do not crack or grind up other fruits, as tomatoes, bananas, potatoes, etc., a long time before they are eaten. Nor do we deprive them of their natural protective

garments and mechanically separate their form elements, so that one-half at least of the nutritious qualities are taken away and fed to animals, as we do in wheat. If the above-named fruits were subjected to such treatment they would become unfit to eat. Why not, I thought, get the aroma and bouquet of the wheat in the cooking, and not lose it in the milling? Acting on this impulse, I took home with me a half-bushel of the cleaned whole wheat and put my family upon it to see how long they could live on it without tiring. The experiment has been carried out up to the present time (a period approaching three years) with no signs of tiring. More time, then, must be taken to sicken my people of it.

MODES OF COOKING.—My wife, who is my authority, after many trials of hers and my own (in which I was laughed at), gives the following: To cook cleaned whole wheat—an amount sufficient for four adults, take one cupful of wheat, wash it clean in cold water; put it in a tin pail, or crockery bowl, or other suitable utensil, and add one-half a teaspoonful of salt and three cups of cold water. Then suspend the pail in a pot of cold water, set it on a heated stove, and boil for eight or ten hours. Or, cook for the same time in a double-water-jacket boiler. (A common glue pot does well for small quantities.) Or, cook for the same time in a “Chamberlain” or other steam-cooker. When cooked it should be soft, adhesive, glutinous and easily masticated. Serve with butter, or milk, or cream, or eat it without—as the Asiatics eat rice with no seasoning. If the cooking is well done, there is an agreeable nutty flavor of the wheat, which corresponds to the bouquet of grapes. This flavor seems to be lost when the wheat is cracked, crushed, or ground long before cooking. If this flavor is not desired the cleaned whole wheat may be pounded in a mortar, or run through a coffee mill. This will shorten the time of cooking to four hours and less.

ADVANTAGES.—This is a perfect food and gives all the body's tissues a chance to be fed and nourished. It is intended that this should take the place of oatmeal, which has less gluten as compared with wheat, and is harder to digest. It is better than flour. Magendie fed dogs on flour exclusively, and they died in forty days, while other dogs thrived on whole wheat. Judge Abbott, of Boston, once told me of some shipwrecked sailors who were obliged to live on flour alone, and they nearly starved. They could have lived on wheat. It is more economical than flour. It goes farther, feeds better and gives better nutritive results than flour. Hence, when money is scarce and resources have to be husbanded (or “wifed,” it may be more truly said) a resort to this food will be very satisfactory. The objection to the tegumentary coats is not so great as some suppose. I have practically tested this point to my satisfaction with my patients. This food is free from yeast, and hence less liable to fermentation in the alimentary

canal. The danger of loss of health on this food is much less than on flour and sugar.

HOME MISSIONARIES.—When so much is said of the privation of Home Missionaries and their ill-health, in wheat-growing districts, the thought has occurred, How much might be saved if this form of food was well known—and popular! Even if there are no smut-mills, the wheat could be used, on a pinch, just as the old Roman soldiers lived on it, carrying a bag of wheat in one's pocket on his marches, and chewing it at will! The less sugar used the better, as all the starch of the wheat has to be converted into glucose before assimilation. If people were taught to use less sugar they would know better what are the natural flavors of different foods; would like them just as well, if not better, and have much better health in the bargain.

PENNIES MULTIPLIED.

IN the Young People's Department of the December issue of *The Home Missionary* is an account of "An Easter Penny," and how, in the hands of wide-awake missionary children, it grew into money. Having received this same suggestion last spring from an article in *The Advance*, I gave pennies to the children of our Sunday-school. And on Sunday, December 4th, after a delightful evening spent in hearing reports from the lips of the children themselves, it was found that the seventy-five pennies given out in April had grown to be \$77.73; which amount, with \$21.49 taken by collection the same day, has been sent on to the treasurer of our State to help lift a small bit of the burden of debt from our beloved Home Missionary Society. The children have elected the Rev. James Hayes, of "The Congregational Coal Mine Mission," in Clay County, Indiana, as their Missionary, and have requested that their money go toward his support. Already they have received one letter from Mr. Hayes, and they hope to hear from him often, thus acquiring new interest in him and his work.—*Rev. J. C. Cromer, Fort Wayne, Ind.*

WANTED—MORE LIGHT.

DEAR HOME MISSIONARY.—Will you please ask some wealthy church which has a passably good chandelier laid aside to make room for a better, to send it to us to light up a church we are building?

We are not a newly organized church, yet, having been hitherto remote from railroads, we, of course, are not financially or numerically strong. This year a railroad has been built, and this town is rapidly growing. To meet the spiritual wants of this new town, we have moved the little church two miles, and are rebuilding and enlarging it. It is nearly completed. We are making every effort in our power to do

this, and hope to succeed. If any of our more favored churches can help us in the matter in question, it will be most gratefully appreciated.

As it is possible that more than one church might be able to help us, it would be safer to write to us, and prevent duplication.—*Rev. I. O. Tasker, Linwood, Neb.*

CHRISTIAN HEROISM.

I AM a Polander. I have heard many times what was said by the American Christians that it is harder to reach the Roman Catholics and convert them to God than to convert Chinese, Indians or Africans; but I say, dear Christians, this is not so, and I give you a proof. I heard many times the missionary from Africa, China and India speak in Oberlin and say they had to work very hard in some places—five, eight and ten years before they could get one person converted to God. And now, dear Christian friends, you can see it is not so with us, because we only commenced to work about two years ago among the Poles, and a little over four years ago among the Bohemians, and we have several dozen Christians fully converted to God from the Roman church.

But there are many coming from my land, and I'll just tell you one thing now about the faith, and it seems to me that the women are stronger in faith than the men. When I began the work among the Poles in Cleveland, the church sent Bibles and got them to come to the church where Mr. Schauffler preached, and I sold many Bibles, but the priest went around and commenced to destroy them, and at last came to one of our Polish women who had been converted. He was trying to get her Bible and burn it, but she heard of his meanness which he had done before, so she prepared herself to meet him. As soon as he got into the room and looked at her, he said, "Where is your Bible?" and she said to him, "It is on the table—what do you wish?" He said, "I want to take it." "Oh, no," she said, and went to the front door, and stood and watched him. She said, "You may read it, but don't you dare take it from the table." And he looked at the Bible and took it up, and looked around and saw the woman, and said, "Don't you know that you daren't read that Bible. That's not for you. That's another's Bible." But she said, "I love to read it, because it is God's Word. Don't you dare take it, because it's my property; and if you do it, I'll just fix you for it." And after looking around in the room and seeing there was only the door by which she stood, he put the Bible back on the table, for he was ashamed, and started off. She told me that she felt that if he would go and take the Bible by force, she was going really to put the broomstick on his back.

Now these are true words. You may say that I am down on the

Roman Catholic priests. Oh, no. I just present to you the truth about the man. When he could not get the Bible from her, he tried to get revenge the best he could. She owns two houses, and had two tenants, one in a separate house and one in her house, because it is a kind of double house like. The first Sunday, in the morning, when he got through with the high mass, he published right in the pulpit, "A good Roman Catholic should not live with the heretics." and mentioned her name, and those families had to leave her house, and she had her life threatened many times, and they threatened to burn her house; but, glory to God! she has been faithful to God, and comes twice a day to church, sometimes more. Some Poles tried to destroy her life, and at first she was afraid to go to the church; but now, that woman she don't get scared. She says, "What can you do; you can destroy my body, but you cannot destroy my soul—my soul goes to God." So this work goes on. Now, remember my country people in your prayers. —*A Polish Home Missionary.*

A BIT OF HISTORY.

THE CONEY ISLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH was organized the 16th of February, 1886, and purchased the edifice and lots upon which it stands, 120x150 feet, for the sum of \$5,500, from the Brighton Chapel Association, which had conducted a Sunday-school in the neighborhood there for about seven years previously. The property was estimated at the time of purchase worth about \$11,000, to which has been added a bell, carpet, furnace, pews, etc.; and the basement is being fitted up for Sunday-school and other purposes of the church.

The American Congregational Union, by grant and loan, without interest, furnished \$1,500 and took the title, thus securing the property forever to the church, and have built a fence around the entire property, under direction of a committee, at an expense of \$224. There is a mortgage to the town of Gravesend on the property to secure \$3,000, which may remain as long as desired; but beyond this indebtedness there is a floating debt of \$1,000, which was a part of the purchase money assumed by the C. C. church to the B. C. A., and in addition thereto is the cost of putting in the pews—about \$300, and of fitting up the basement. \$600 more, in all \$1,900, which the church is hoping their friends will assist them in liquidating. There are only twenty members in the church, the majority being women and several members from a family, so that the burden falls upon a very few families, who are doing all they can. The Sunday-school is well sustained, averaging about seventy in attendance. We are now trying to raise money for an organ, and have received from the Broadway Tabernacle fifteen dollars towards the amount. It will cost sixty dol-

lars, and is very cheap at that. We can have it at the manufacturers' discount. We hope soon to pick up the remaining forty-five dollars, and secure the instrument.

Rev. Thomas Douglass was commissioned by the American Home Missionary Society to preach down there about one year ago at \$600 per annum and the contributions, which average about \$5 each Sunday; but Mr. Douglass resigned February 1st. His successor is Rev. E. O Tade, who was commissioned by the A. H. M. S. June 1st, 1887.

There are 1,500 inhabitants on Coney Island, and in the summer season about 40,000. This work must commend itself to Christian people as worthy of support.—*Mr. and Mrs. A. Alford, Brooklyn, N. Y.*

RIFLES AND BIBLES.

THE Indian trouble is likely to quiet down for the winter. What the spring will bring forth we cannot tell. The excitement here was intense for a while when the unruly band broke from the reservation and came southward. (We live within sight of the reservation—only thirty-five miles from the south line.) Cellars were cleared to receive women and children, guns and ammunition secured and kept ready for immediate action. Pickets were thrown out and everybody was on tip-toe of expectation. I have read somewhere of the "fighting preacher" in the late war. I thought I was coming to it when, on the 5th inst., word reached us that the Indians were close upon us. What with wolves, lions and bears, I have almost come to the conclusion that a good trusty rifle is just as essential as a Bible in this region.

The good work is going on in our midst. The school-houses are crowded at every service, and Sunday-schools are reviving. But it is only one now and then that calls upon the name of the Lord. I feel dreadfully isolated here. From the U. P. to the N. P. R. R. and from the east to the west lines of this territory there is no minister but myself. If our missionary map were drawn on a large scale and a red dot made for this mission, you would see my statement illustrated. But I have won the gratitude of the people about me because, amid so many discouragements, I stay with them.

We are truly grateful to God for the blessing of health. During the Indian scare my wife was sick, so for rest and safety I sent her and our little ones to Fort McKinney. They have returned now, and we are bracing on all sides and preparing to do battle with Wyoming blizzards. The temperature now averages ten degrees below zero.—*A Home Missionary in Wyoming.*

MY MISSIONARY FIELD.

LAST September I resigned a pleasant and successful pastorate of nearly three years, of the Macksville and South Vigo, Ind., churches. During that time the church at Macksville has been gathered; the house of worship built and completed; eighty have united with the church, seventy-two of these on confession of faith. I need not say that a great piece of my heart is in this church. And this work could only have been done through the A. H. M. S.

On the first day of October I visited my new field which has been assigned to me by Superintendent Curtis, who reads men and places at a glance. Three miles from our church at Cardonia is the town of Carbon, on the Indianapolis and St. Louis Railroad. This is a busy coal-mining town, surrounded by the block coal mines, and it is supposed that 2,000 souls live in and around this town. Everything is booming but church life, and that is at its lowest ebb. The Methodist church has two sermons a month and a Sunday-school. The Baptist church has preaching one Sunday a month, and a union Sunday-school when it is not too hot or too cold weather for them to attend. There are eleven saloons in this town all in a row and in full blast. Their work can be seen and heard all through the blessed Sabbath, and day and night almost continually. This is the hot-bed of infidelity, and the wandering infidel finds a refuge here. But here also are a few good people who are even looking for the answering of earnest prayer, and they are answered in the preservation of the town, or it would be like unto Sodom and Gomorrah. The saloon interest at Carbon is interwoven with the corporation and school-board of the town, and the good people, who are so much in the minority, shake their heads and are afraid of what may follow.

Three miles west of Carbon is the town of Perth, another coal-mining town of about 500 souls living in and around it. It has four coal mines, a saw mill and a brick factory. This town is booming and building up very rapidly. No church, no Sunday-school, no place to hold any service whatever in the town. Carbon has sent its saloon element here which is taking fast hold, but the few good people are fighting it bravely.

Three miles farther west, on the same railroad, is the town of Coal Bluff, with 700 souls living in and around it. The Chicago and Indiana Railroad also passes through this town, and it is supposed it will soon become an important center. No church here, only a small class of United Brethren. No Sunday-school, because there is no place to hold any. The last time I preached there it was in an old shell of a school-house. The windows were torn in pieces; some were gone. We had no need to close the door as the boys could jump

through it, and the benches, etc., corresponded with the windows and door. There are four saloons in the town and Satan reigns and triumphs there. The temperance people have been trying to bring about a better state of things; but now they have no place to meet in, and the new school-house, which is nearly ready to be occupied, will not be opened for preaching, Sunday-school, or temperance work.

Two miles farther west, on the same railroad, is Fontanet, with its 500 souls. Here there is a temperance hall, where the Methodists preach two sermons a month; a Sunday-school, superintended by a lady who is the wife of a coal miner, and who was formerly a teacher in the public school, but not a member of any church. This people, with Coal Bluff, Perth and Carbon, welcome us thankfully, and have said to me, "We are glad you are come among us."

And now, what has been done in these few weeks, and what is the great need of this field? Carbon, with its 2,000 souls, ought to have regular service twice every Sabbath; it ought to have a resident missionary. At their children's meeting, last Sunday night, I spoke to a congregation of nearly 300 on "The Responsibility of Parents to their Children."

Perth is destitute of everything. We have organized a Sunday-school in the school-house nearest to the town (nearly a mile away) and also organized a Congregational society to take steps to build a church in Perth. A lot (poorly located) was offered for that purpose; committees were appointed to canvass the mines; and in work and money \$150 are promised, one-half to be paid at the commencement and the other half when the building is inclosed. So the subscription-list reads for a Congregational church, but in my absence (because I cannot live on the field, as there is not a house or shanty of any kind to be found, and every house of two rooms is a boarding-house also), the lot has been withdrawn unless we go into an agreement to build a Union house. These hot-beds of strife and division have made sad records enough, and we don't propose to add to their number, but if possible to educate the people not only to the name of union, but to the principle and spirit of union. I have secured the best and only lot left to us in the town, and must pay for it before the 20th of this month or that is gone also. This people's heart is aching for sympathy.

Scattered around in the country you will find many of the few churches there, are built on the union plan. In the school-houses union Sunday-schools are doing the best they can in their disorganized condition. To unite this mass of people represented by all nations under heaven, and to answer their most urgent need, our church polity of self government, when they understand it, is what they want. At Perth we must, to reach this people, build a little house of worship to

cost about \$1,000; at Coal Bluff, build another to cost about \$1,500, and establish the living ministry among them. At Coal Bluff we have a lot donated to us, on which to build a house of worship, by a man who doesn't belong to any church because there is no church to belong to. We have organized a Congregational society there to take steps to build a house of worship, and the canvassing committees are meeting with good success. In conversation with the president of the Coal Bluff Coal Co., the other day, he said, "I approve of your plans; they are right, and you can count on me for not only sympathy but substantial support." No one can pass through Perth and Coal Bluffs on the Sabbath day, seeing the boys and girls playing all manner of games, nothing to attract their attention to anything better, without having his heart (if he has a heart) filled with sadness.

Fontanet is not suffering so much as Coal Bluff and Perth. I can only visit them occasionally, but they are hungry for the Word of Life and highly appreciate whatever they can get. There are some good people there doing all they can in their temperance work to bring about a better state of things. One-third of Fontanet is Catholic, but many of them are good workers in the temperance cause. The greatest need in this field, as I understand it, is a home for the minister. From Terre Haute, on the Indianapolis and St. Louis Railroad, to Greencastle, a distance of thirty-five miles, where all these towns are located and many more, and all thickly settled, I don't know of a minister living among the people (I speak of the towns on the railroad). They want the minister to be with them in evening socials; to bury their dead, visit their homes in sickness and sorrow, and stand by them in their trouble. One to whom they can look up and say to their friends when they come across the sea, "This is our minister." Five hundred dollars would build a nice little parsonage and you may be sure every cent would come back into the treasury with blessings untold—\$500 with what they can raise at Coal Bluff will give them a church of which they would be proud and the same may be said of Perth, and who can tell of the good that may be done? While laying our plans for the winter's campaign let us try, if possible, to gather this teeming multitude to Jesus. This field is ripe for the harvest.

If the parsonage cannot be built, if the ministry cannot be settled among this people we spend our strength for naught. The Congregational Publishing Society has already sent its "Sunday-school Helps" and "Well Springs" and a large package of "Gospel Songs" and have said they are glad to join in this work.

After the evening service at Fontanet, a week ago, a beautiful child of about seven or eight years stepped up to me and looking up into my face with all the innocence of childhood said,

"Sir, I want to give you my penny."

I turned to give it to the superintendent of the Sunday-school and she said,

"That is yours; I gave that to you."

That same evening a man called on the friend with whom I was spending the night and said (as I was told afterward), "How is that man supported? I love to hear him preach and I want to pay my share toward supporting him."

No pauperism here, my friends. Among the miners you will find some of the best material. The great need just now is organization and education. For a little this work must be sustained, but soon it will help others. We need the home among them for their pastor, help for the church building at Perth and Coal Bluff, and these honest miners will pay it all back again in the organization of healthy, growing churches, and in the consecration of their best life. And when the Master comes, and he is coming, he will say to you and he will say to me, "Well done, well done!"—*Rev. J. Hayes, Coal Bluff, Indiana, in The Beacon.*

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

THE "WOMAN'S CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF CONNECTICUT," formed in January, 1885, is an organization substantially similar to those existing in fifteen other states of our Union, whose object is to enlist the benevolence and enlarge the intelligence of Christian women in home missionary work. The Connecticut Union has received the cordial approval, in its plans and operations, of all our six National Home Missionary Societies, and has been especially welcomed by the American Home Missionary Society, the American Missionary Association and the New West Education Commission, as a society particularly helpful to their work. It has received and distributed among these six Home Missionary National Societies \$2,801.70, besides boxes to the amount of \$3,593.85; it has thirty-one auxiliaries in as many of our churches, and in the judgment of its managers, has every symptom of increase and development. The women who compose the Union have themselves been encouraged by a response to their efforts, as indicated by the organization of auxiliaries and the contribution of funds, already much beyond their anticipation in beginning. The "work" is one which in some form or other, is of overwhelming importance, and from which no willing helper can well be spared.

THE MAINE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY.

At the seventh annual meeting of this Society, the following officers were elected for 1887-8: President, Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis, South Berwick; Secretary, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, Bangor; Treasurer, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, Bangor. Fifteen Vice-presidents were also elected. From the secretary's report we present the following extracts:

"I should fail in my duty and also be false to my own feelings, if I did not here express my gratitude for the faithful and earnest work done by the several vice-presidents in their respective counties. Amid discouragements, and often amid what is the most disheartening of all—the cold, careless neglect of those whose hearts ought to be warm and fervent with the spirit of the Master, they have struggled nobly in this part of their Christian work.

"On this point I wish my voice could be heard in the most distant churches of our state: *Organization and co-operation are as essential to success in the work of Christ as in worldly pursuits*; and I would earnestly entreat that all should unite in this great work and heartily co-operate with the several vice-presidents in the performance of their labors. If those to whom the message comes would think, they would realize how disheartening it is to write to a church, and have no notice taken of the communication. If God has not so prospered its members that they can give of their abundance, there is still the 'widow's mite' to fall back upon; and even if that be denied them, yet a cheering word and hearty 'God speed you' are within the control of every one. . .

"We are sometimes met with the assertion that there is no need of the woman's auxiliary in connection with the Maine Missionary Society; that it is just as well to make contributions directly to the State Society; but those who advance this plea fail to appreciate the real solid work done by the auxiliary. It is a fact well known to all, that a large majority of people never volunteer to give for any object. They are, in many cases, liberal at heart, but wait to be asked. Others give when their aid is solicited, from motives which need not be discussed. It is this class, those who are waiting for a special invitation, that the auxiliary especially reaches. The larger part of our contributions to the M. M. Soc. would never reach the treasury of that organization, were it not for the earnest and prayerful labors of the Woman's auxiliary. All women who contribute to this object should make their contributions through this channel. By so doing, they increase the force and impetus of the movement which, like a strong current, bears others along upon its surface."

From one of the vice-presidents we get this: "The idea that no organization is necessary, is an erroneous one. The more work we put in with our giving the better will be the result. The plant that is well

tended and cared for, will reward with its beautiful growth much more than the one simply stuck in the ground and left to itself."

Another reports the following system of making collections: "We divided the parish into four sections, and for each of these we appointed a collector to canvass from house to house monthly for subscriptions. This plan promises to be successful."

A lady prominent in religious work writes: "Years ago I made this determination, that, in religious matters, if a trust was offered me, it was from God, and I could not decline it unless forced to do so by circumstances beyond my control."

This suggestive report closes with the following earnest plea, which should reach the heart of every church member throughout the land:

"Give us your prayers, your sympathy and your contributions—in a word, your full co-operation; and we will return you good news which will make your hearts glad. It is the Master's work, and he will see to it that none of your labors shall be in vain."

WHERE?

No one unacquainted with frontier life can comprehend the obstacles which have been overcome by Mr. and Mrs. Drake, of Iroquois and Esmond, Dakota, in the successful completion of two church buildings and a parsonage. Much of the labor has been done by the hands of this missionary and his wife, and these three buildings stand as monuments to their zeal and loyal devotion to the cause of Christ.

Only \$250 is now needed to relieve these brave workers from further financial anxiety. When this obligation is met they can devote their entire time and strength to the spiritual upbuilding of that large missionary field where their influence is so mighty for good.

But this last \$250! Where are the ten Sunday-schools who each want to plant twenty-five dollars' worth of gospel seed in this rich field?

ONE METHOD.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY of the Tompkins Avenue Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., has long been in the habit of preparing exceptionally valuable boxes for home missionary families in new settlements. This wide-awake society proposes this year to exceed its past record by adding to its gifts in boxes, A HOME MISSIONARY SALARY APPROPRIATION, by means of a method which is within reach of any society in the land.

One afternoon while these ladies were busily preparing warm garments for a missionary at the far West, a member of the society stood

before them with a package of home missionary mite-boxes in her hand and unfolded a plan by which they might add to their present gifts, gold for the Lord's treasury, by assuming the appropriation necessary to pay the salary of the missionary for whom they were at work. "This is a large church," said she; "let us form a band of two hundred, who will each take one of these small boxes, place it in her own room where it will not be overlooked, and on each Sabbath morning drop into it *five cents* toward the salary of this missionary. At the close of the year each of you will bring to the annual meeting \$2.60—(in addition to the larger amounts contributed to the church treasury)—and if the "two hundred" are faithful, \$520 will be the result." The ladies present cheerfully accepted the little boxes, promising to notify friends and bring up the list to the magic "two hundred" as soon as possible. Those who take and those who give the money-boxes report to the secretary, that there may be no confusion.

Suppose a society could muster a band of twenty-five ladies for a missionary salary. At the end of the year they at least provide \$65 towards an appropriation. Please remember that such help from one society keeps one servant of God at his post; keeps one field open to gospel influences; gives one struggling church the chance to live and reach self-support. These sacred nickels, combined, become a mighty power in saving this land for Christ.

"Five cents a week, and a prayer,
 Freely and heartily given;
 The treasures of earth will all melt away—
 This is treasure laid up in Heaven."

GOLD FOR GOD.

A SEQUEL TO "DON'T STOP ANYWHERE!"—During the meeting, Mrs. Goodell referred to God's plan for thank-offerings over and above *duty-offerings* (Deut. xvi: 10-17) and proposed that those who intended to bring an amount that could be in a gold piece, should take the pains to put it into gold, that it might be a *pure* offering of either gold or silver to the Lord. Over one hundred ladies received each an envelope, marked "Thank-offering for Home Missions."

As a result, when the basket was passed around at the next meeting, when eighty-two ladies were present, there were \$222, of which \$150 were in *gold*, the rest mostly in *silver*. Since then, the rest of the envelopes have come in, and the amount is now \$256.50. The ladies were all very happy in this offering, and not among the least so were some who gave through self-denial, for Christ's sake. One lady,

who gave; not from her abundance, but from real self-sacrifice, said, "How unimportant a new dress or garment for myself seems, compared with the joy of giving to the Lord for the advancement of his kingdom."

The following anonymous note expresses the feelings of many others as well as the writer of it:

DEAR MRS. GOODELL.—The Lord is always better to me than my fears. I have so much to be thankful for. I wanted to put a shining gold piece into the little envelope you gave me yesterday, but I thought it would have to be a two-and-a-half, possibly a five, and I find I can give a ten; so here it is. I can't wait two weeks to send it. I am so happy over it, I want you to have it right away. I only wish it was a twenty-dollar gold piece; but the Lord can make it do the work of a twenty, and I hope He will. God bless you for putting the thought of a thank-offering in our hearts. May it bring large returns and do great good.

A NOVEL CONTRIBUTION.

THE southern mail brought a curious looking package to the Bible House last week, addressed "*To the Editor of The Home Missionary.*" The mysterious arrival proved to be a "pelt"; but the source of the contribution and the species of animal thus represented, were matters of speculation, until a later mail brought the following from a home missionary pastor in an isolated field at the South:

"The person who sends you this skin is a very poor woman, and the mother of a large family. She made a profession of religion last August. One Sabbath I presented the cause of Home Missions in our little church. This woman was present and seemed greatly distressed because she could add nothing to the collection. The next time I called at her house, she met me with a smiling face, and said, 'When you took that collection for Home Missions, I did feel *dreadfully* because I had nothing to give. I *have* something now! Yes, I've got a ground-hog skin for you. I skinned him and tanned the skin with my own hands! I have done it on purpose to give to you for my collection. Will you take it?' she said, anxiously. 'Certainly, I will,' I hastened to reply; 'and may God bless you!' Now, can you turn this woman's gift into gold for the Lord's treasury?"

Alas, this good man knows not what he asks! The day has gone by when a "chestnut" will yield bank bills; when earrings, finger-rings, pins, or ornaments of any kind, can be forced to add to the treasury of our benevolent societies a tithe of their worth to the owner.

As to this earnest woman and her novel gift, He who still sits over against the treasury will accept the act of one who has done "what she

could." In his own way he will bless her in her spiritual life, and enable her to become a light to some one now sitting in darkness, possibly at her very door.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

"THE HAPPY WORKERS," of Norwich, Conn., are a small band composed of more girls than boys, although the secretary hopes that more boys will join. They pieced a bed-quilt and gave an entertainment, which enabled them to contribute \$27.25 for missionary work. They are about to give a Harvest Supper to raise some more money for the good work.

"MAMMA, what does it mean to be a Life Member of the Missionary Society?" "My dear, it is to *learn* much about the missionary work, *give* and *pray* much for the missionary work, and to be willing to hear the Lord's voice if he should call you into the missionary work."

MANY thanks to the young people who have sent most interesting and well-written accounts of John Huss, which we have not had space to print. We hope to receive answers from these same wide-awake boys and girls to some of the new questions.

THE Sunday-school children of Feeding Hills, Mass., have raised fifty dollars, with which a church bell has been bought, and sent to the church of Rev. W. Shaw, Atlanta, Ga. The people there are having a jubilee over this beautiful present. When this bell was made, these words were engraved upon it: "From the Sunday-school at Feeding Hills, Mass." May the children's bell call multitudes to the house of God down there in Atlanta.

THE PENNIES.

POLLY stole softly into her father's room, with shoeless feet. It was bed-time. She had come to say "good-night." "Father, may I say my prayers beside you? Mother is too ill for me to go to her." "Yes, pet," he answered, tenderly stroking the curly head.

Reverently the child repeated her prayer, adding with special earnestness, "God bless my two pennies."

What can the child mean? thought her father. When the little white-robed figure was gone he asked her mother if she knew what their daughter meant. "Oh, yes! Polly has prayed that every night since she put her two pennies in at the missionary meeting."

Dear children, have you prayed to God for a blessing on the money you put into the missionary box? If not, be sure to do so.

QUESTIONS.

27. How many BOHEMIANS and POLES are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries are preaching it to them under Superintendent Schauffler's care?

Miss Jessie Lane, Michigan, says, "Over 300,000, and fifteen missionaries."

Miss Ina Stone, New Hampshire, tells us that "there are 343,000 Bohemians in the United States and fifteen missionaries."

We have also an answer from our friend Mr. Schauffler: "There are," he says, "about 350,000 Bohemians in the United States, all of whom need the gospel, *i. e.*, there are hardly any Protestants among them who have a pastor, and the vast majority are either Catholics, whom the priests forbid to read the Bible, or unbelievers who reject it. There are over 500,000 Poles."

Besides Mr. Schauffler, there are seven missionaries regularly engaged in preaching to Bohemians and Poles, and six Oberlin students who aid on Sundays and in vacation time. Three female missionaries and seven "Bible-reader School" pupils are engaged in work for women and children.

28. How many GERMANS are there in this country who need the gospel, and how many missionaries have been preaching it to them under Superintendent Albrecht's care?

Miss Jessie says, that there are 3,000,000 Germans in this country, and if she does not include the children of the first generation, she is correct. She also tells us that there are twenty-nine German missionaries.

29. How many SCANDINAVIANS are there in this country, and how many Scandinavian missionaries are there under Superintendent Montgomery's care?

Our Michigan and New Hampshire maidens, whose answers we give this month because they are so nearly correct, reply, "1,500,000 Scandinavians, and thirty-seven missionaries."

Mr. Montgomery gives us thirty-four missionaries, and 2,000,000 Scandinavians.

30. Why are there so many people in this country who never hear the gospel preached?

Miss Jessie: Because the A. H. M. S. has not money enough, nor men enough.

Miss Ina: There are many reasons. It is partly from the indifference of the people to hear the gospel preached, and partly because so few speak the different languages, and partly for lack of means and men.

Mr. Schauffler: The reason is that the vast majority of them (Bohemians and Poles) never heard it in their own country, and here they

either remain under the influence of the Romish church—which prevents their having the Bible—or cast off allegiance to religion; and as our churches have only lately awakened to the importance of giving these people the gospel, they have been sadly neglected.

Mr. Montgomery: Chiefly because Christian people do not furnish money enough to educate and employ the number of missionaries necessary.

When we look at the array of ciphers which tell us of the millions of foreigners in our country, and reflect that we have only taken into account here three nationalities out of the many that you mentioned a while ago, don't you wonder what this handful of missionaries can do with such an army of people? And if they keep coming by the thousands, and if Christian people do not wake up pretty soon, and give more money, and employ more missionaries, what do you think will be the condition of this country by the time *you*, my boys and girls, have grown to be men and women? Don't you think you ought to form yourselves into Home Mission Circles all over the country, and so hold it for Christ?

THE WORK AT HAND.—VIII.

A Story for Girls.

BY MRS. LOUISA P. HOPKINS.

THE BEGINNING OF A HOME MISSIONARY CHURCH.—The long walk from the fishing-town to their homes gave these earnest and congenial friends the best opportunity for consultation as to the next step in their work. Some measures for obtaining clothing to make these poor children presentable were set afoot, and a few other girls who could be counted upon were to be taken at once into a partnership of labor. The afternoon saw many a perplexing question solved in the added help from those whose hands were all ready for any good work that might be put into them, and they cheerfully undertook the task of soliciting clothing. Lucia and Anna devoted an hour to visiting some of the dry-goods stores, and by night many goods and garments were heaped up for bestowal on the next Saturday.

The following afternoon found these missionary pioneers at the little shop with rolls of paper and curtains. Daddy Thurlow and the old woman had been better than their word. All was clean and in order; the windows washed, a little stove put up with a fire already built in it to dry up the place, and both good Samaritans there to help with the papering. They all worked away with delightful success while the children's heads bobbed about the outside of door and windows, and whoops of surprise and pleasure rang around the little shop. By

and by seats and an organ were brought by a team and set within the room, and the eager expectant crowd ushered in; and when at last Lucia played and sung one or two stirring hymns all were silent and reverent.

At last the organ was still, the children had departed, the owners of the building had delivered up the key and gone to their house, and the girls were left alone in the quiet and renovated room now, made ready for the entertainment of Him whose meat and drink it was to do the will of the Father and who is ever ready to lay his hands upon the children and bless them. The setting sun came in and struck through the half-closed blind its bright ladder of light, and Anna and Lucia felt that though the door was now shut, a divine form had come into the room to say "Peace be unto you!" "Let us stay and pray together," said Lucia, "I feel that Jesus is here." Anna's radiantly peaceful face was so deep a response that no words were said till they knelt by the same altar and uttered their prayers in simple directness, one after the other, bringing all the little cares and each part of this little venture for Christ to him, as if they laid their heads upon his breast and looked into his face. Was anything too small or unworthy to be told him? They did not feel it to be, since the least thing was an essential part of the whole, and he had deigned to assure them that even the hairs of their heads were numbered. The little pinched forms and faces of the fatherless cigar-makers, the sullen man eating his raw potatoes by the stove, the rude boys on the Flats, the shameless girls hanging by the gates as they passed, all were borne upon the wings of prayer into that stainless and purifying presence where true faith gives even intercession a prevailing power. When the hour of prayer was ended, they were strong to do and wise to plan, and waited in quiet assurance to be led in the path that lay open before them.

LETTERS.

FROM PENNSYLVANIA.—Please accept \$2.50, for Home Missions, out of my first earnings. My father is a Home Missionary. He being sick I have had to work although very young. I have earned \$25 this summer. I am taught that a tithe of my earnings belongs to the Lord. Where can I better place it than in the treasury of the Home Missionary Society? Kindly accept so small a mite.—*Rupert G.*

FROM KANSAS.—Inclosed you will find two dollars, from the "Busy Bees." We all attend school and have not much time to devote to our society, but we meet every Saturday afternoon and work on articles for our fair which we expect to have next month. Our society num-

bers sixteen members. We would like to send you more money if we were able, and hope to do so next year. Thank you for the papers you sent to us. Since August we have earned thirty-five dollars. Our church has been inclosed this week, and we hope we will be able to buy a good bell for it.—*Bertie R.*

FROM MASSACHUSETTS.—Our Mission Circle was organized on the evening of June 9th, 1885, with a membership of twenty three. Present membership ninety-three, including the little girls who meet to sew in the afternoon, but who do not come in the evening. We intend to suspend our meetings from May to October, but we are going to get some jugs in which to save mission money during the summer vacation. We feel very sorry that the Home Missionary Society is in debt and needs money so much. We are going to give a Japanese entertainment and ice-cream festival. There are supposed to be fifteen members dressed in costumes. I will then speak a piece entitled "The Story of Mr. Neesima," which I have spoken once before and it seemed to be very interesting to every one. Although we are studying about foreign missions, we devote all our funds to home work. I will try and do what is in my power in order to help the home mission work along.—*Archie B. I.*

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AS TO UNOCCUPIED MINISTERS.—An editorial in *The Independent* of November 17th entitled, "A Regiment of Unemployed Ministers," calls attention to a matter of vital concern to our churches. It relates to the question of a field of labor for that portion of our ministry who seem to be waiting in vain for an opportunity.

The article abounds in excellent and faithful advice to that class of ministers, and may indeed be profitably studied by ministers who are *not* without a pastorate. Nevertheless, in one respect the article is misleading, as it seems to us, and calls for correction, or at least explanation.

It begins with the following statement and remarks:

"In round numbers there are about one thousand unemployed Congregational ministers in the United States. This fact is somewhat startling and indicates something wrong. This unemployed regiment is equal to one-fourth of the entire ministerial force of Congregationalism in this country. They have been educated and trained for their work at vast cost of time, hard work, and money, and represent, in a

spiritual sense, a vast unemployed capital which is sadly needed in the Master's business."

The impression naturally made by the above will lose much of its startling character when the following facts are taken into account:

According to the last Year Book the unemployed ministers of our order in the United States number 1,238. But this number includes many who, though not pastors, are active and indispensable servants of the church. Thus of our ministers holding professorships in theological seminaries there are fifty-eight. Of professors in colleges and other schools, with secretaries of benevolent societies and editors, there are 317. Of foreign missionaries not reported as members of any ecclesiastical bodies, fifteen. Of ministers who have been forty years ordained, and hence properly accounted as superannuated, 330. Deducting the total of these figures from the first mentioned, there remain as representing the number of nominally unemployed ministers, 518. Of these, according to statistics from the Boston Ministerial Bureau, fifty per cent at least may be considered as in transition from one field to another with the prospect of early resettlement. We have therefore a remainder of 259 to be properly accounted as unemployed ministers.

That a very considerable proportion of this last number are laid aside because of broken health brought about while in the faithful discharge of ministerial duties is too painfully evident, especially as is most often true that those thus laid aside belong to that class of ministers whom the churches can least afford to spare.

The number, therefore, of ministerial incompetents, or of such as, while retaining the name, from selfish and worldly purpose stand aloof from the service implied, or even of such as indefinitely and complainingly wait for some ideal place of ministerial occupation, is proportionally small and should be presumed to be so in every consideration or discussion of this most important question. Nevertheless, in the existence of this *proportionally small* number there is abundant ground for the editor's subsequent statement :

"The churches and the country need every minister and thousands more than we have; but they need men who are filled with the spirit of faith and work, who are ready to say to God and the churches, 'Here am I; send me'; ready to go anywhere and take any kind of a church or an open field where there is no church."

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,891 75
Connecticut, Kensington, \$25; Waterbury, \$10.....	35 00
Kansas, Jetmore.....	2 00
Massachusetts, Ayer, \$1.76; M. H. M. S., \$5.....	6 76
Maine, Blue Hill.....	4 50
New Hampshire, Concord.....	5 00
New York, Brooklyn.....	10 00

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WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,672 80
Connecticut, Norwich, \$18; Middletown, \$50; So. Norwalk, \$120; W. H. M. U., \$100.....	288 00
District of Columbia, Washington.....	58 00
Indiana, Michigan City.....	109 51
Massachusetts, Mittineague.....	25 00
New Jersey, Chester.....	47 10
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	\$2,200 41

MISSIONARY BOXES.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.

2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.

3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.

4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise, as "fast freight," by railroad, taking *two* receipts from the Company.

5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of *freight* (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.

6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for *freight*, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in **THE HOME MISSIONARY**.

7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.

8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding the name of the place from which it comes.

9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a *list of contents* to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the *size* of each adult, and the *age and sex* of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.

10. *These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society.* It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

WOMAN'S STATE H. M. ORGANIZATIONS.

New Hampshire Female Cent Institution, org. 1803, Miss Annie A. McFarland, Concord, Sec.	Wisconsin, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead, Sec.
Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. 1872, Mrs. H. L. Chase, Minneapolis, Sec.	North Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Nov., 1883, Miss S. E. Judd, Fargo, Sec.
Nebraska Woman's Home Miss. Association, org. Oct., 1874, Mrs. E. H. Baker, Sutton, Sec.	South Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Sept., 1884, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood, Sec.
Maine, Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, org. June, 1880, Mrs. Gertrude A. Denio, Bangor, Sec.	Connecticut, Woman's Home Missionary Union org. Jan., 1885, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Hartford Sec.
Michigan, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1881, Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lansing, Sec.	Missouri, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1885, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3100 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Sec.
Kansas, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1881, Mrs. Addison Blanchard, Topeka, Sec.	Illinois, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1885, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, Chicago, Sec.
Ohio, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1882, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin, Sec.	Iowa, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. June, 1886, Miss Ella Marsh, Grinnell, Sec.
New York, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. C. Creegan, Syracuse, Sec.	Nebraska, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Nov., 1887, Mrs. L. F. Berry, Fremont, Sec.

APPOINTMENTS IN DECEMBER, 1887.

Not in commission last year.

Fixby, Alanson, Sweet Water, Spring Valley and Alpine, Cal.
 Curtis, E., Syracuse, N. Y.
 Davis, Charles H., Parris, Cal.
 Donovan, David, Little Falls, Minn.
 Egelston, William R., Waushara, Kan.
 Hyde, Frank B., Partridge, Kan.
 James, H. P., Cooperstown, Dazey and Willow Lake, No. Dak.
 Kzopf, Frank E., Angola and Pleasant Lake, Ind.
 Macy, Herbert, St. Paul and vicinity, Minn.
 Bexford, George W., Armour and out-station, So. Dak.
 Silkworth, Samuel W., Canarsie, N. Y.
 Podd, David E., Highland and Lenora, Kan.
 Veltz, Christian F., Parkston, Zion, Legenthal, Hoffnngsthal and out-stations, So. Dak.
 White, Austin B., San Diego, Cal.
 Woodbridge, Richard G., Morrisania, N. Y.
 Yates, William, Rosette Park and Huntley Springs, So. Dak.

Re-commissioned.

Andrus, Jonathan C., Syracuse, N. Y.
 Albert, John H., Stillwater, Minn.
 Bailey, Amos J., Ogden City, Lynne and Hooper, Utah.
 Bartlett, Dana W., St. Louis, Mo.
 Bocek, Miss Fanny, St. Paul and vicinity, Minn.
 Bonnett, Louis M., Fairview, Iowa Union, Clifford and Cedar Center, Kan.
 Brainerd, Edward R., Los Angeles and West End, Cal.
 Brereton, John, Kansas City, Mo.
 Bruechert, F. H. W., Omaha, Neb.
 Carter, Elijah, Dawson and Madison, Minn.
 Cash, Elijah, Edgemont, Eagle Rock and Pisco Heights, Cal.

Childs, Truman D., Fowler City, Crooked Creek and Montezuma, Kan.
 Combs, Clement, Billings and Everton, Mo.
 Dilley, Alexander B., Lake Worth, Malabar, St. Lucie, St. Sebastian and out-stations, Fla.
 Dixon, Ellis W., Natchez and Wenass Valley, Wash. Ter.
 Evans, Charles, Cardonia and Brazil, Ind.
 Foster, Jesse D., San Bernardino, Cal.
 Frazee, John H., Knoxville, Tenn.
 Fruith, Fred H., Union Ridge and La Center, Wash. Ter.
 Fuller, Edgar R., Mannfield, Fla.
 Gustafferson, George E., Clinton and out-stations, Iowa.
 Hall, George C., Astoria, Or.
 Holcombe, Gilbert T., Evangelist in Mo.
 Howell, Edward B., Mojave, Halleck and Victor, Cal.
 Johnson, Lorentz C., Wesley and Buffalo Grove, Iowa.
 Johnston, Thomas C., Honey Creek, Anson, Athens and Acasto, Mo.
 Knight, Horace B., Bremen, Ind.
 Lange, John G., Cheyenne, Wyo.
 Lund, Robert E., White Oaks, New Mex.
 Marsh, George, Longton and Elk Falls, Kan.
 Newberry, Charles E., Steilacoom, Wash. Ter.
 Nichols, Danforth B., Utica, Lakeport and Jim River District, So. Dak.
 Rogers, William, San Juan, Cal.
 Skinner, Edward, Osborne, Kan.
 Smith, Pliny S., Sank Rapids and Caleb, Minn.
 Snell, Charles Y., Inkster and out-station, No. Dak.
 Steele, William, Stephen and Donaldson, Minn.
 Tobey, Isaac F., Rocklin, Cal.
 Travis, David Q., De Soto, Mo.
 Tuthill, Edward B., San Miguel, Bradley and Vineyard Canon, Cal.
 Tyron, Miss Hattie C., Teacher, Rogers, Ark.
 Valentine, Fletcher A., New Village and Farmingdale, N. Y.
 Wellman, Wheeler M., Wyandotte, Kan.

RECEIPTS IN DECEMBER, 1887.

MAINE—\$384.76.

Auburn, High Street Ch., by G. R. Page	\$100 00
Augusta, Mrs. Joel Spalding, Birthday offering, to const. herself a L. M.	75 00
Bangor, Semi-Annual Income of the Nehemiah Kittridge Trust Fund, by J. L. Crosby, Treas. Maine Miss. Soc.	132 00
Bethel, Anonymous, for Debt.	12 00
Blue Hill, Cong. Sunday-school, for Children's Bohemian Fund, by Rev. H. A. Freeman.	4 50
Gorham, by J. Ridlon.	20 41
Portland, Second Parish Ch., by N. Weston.	15 35
Readfield, A Friend.	4 40
Waterville, by H. T. Hanson.	21 10

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$821.25; of which Legacy \$420.18.

Received by L. D. Stevens, Treas. N. H. M. Soc.:	
Atkinson	\$4 25
Durham	33 00
Exeter, Second	162 63
New Ipswich	1 97
Rindge, Ladies' Sewing Circle	57 00
Stratnam	5 00
	263 85

Canterbury, Mrs. Mary A. Glines, for the Debt.	\$5 00
Concord, "The Light Bearers" of South Ch., for Children's Bohemian fund, by Mrs. C. P. Bancroft.	5 00
Francestown, by A. Downes.	20 02
Hanover, A Friend.	50 00
Hinsdale, by Rev. R. J. Mooney.	17 20
Londonderry, Anonymous.	2 00
Manchester, C. B. Southworth, for Debt	25 00
Peterborough, Mrs. M. A. Whitney, by Rev. A. H. Burr.	6 00
Plaistow, Avails of Legacy of S. Bartlett, by Hon. L. D. Stevens.	420 18
Portsmouth, Mizpah Circle, for Debt, by Alice R. Young.	5 00
Warner, Mrs. A. G. H. Eaton.	2 00
[Omission: From receipts in November, Wakefield, Daniel Smith, Esq., \$57.53.]	

VERMONT—\$240.50.

Bennington, Second Ch., by E. S. Cobb	40 92
Bennington Center, First Ch., by Mrs. Geo. Lyman, freight.	7 25
East Corinth, Mrs. Ruth Bagley, to const. herself and Mrs. J. N. Hodges L. Ms.	100 00
East Poultney, Ch.	5 50
Enosburgh, Ladies' Miss. Soc. of Cong.	

Ch., a Christmas offering, for Debt, by Mrs. C. L. Guild.....	\$10 00
Fairfax, Mrs. M. S. Forsyth.....	40
Lunenburg, Mrs. M. Chandler, by Rev. L. W. Harris.....	2 00
Randolph, Mrs. M. K. Nichols.....	6 00
Stowe, Sunday-school, special, by Mrs. H. S. Atkins.....	15 09
Thetford, First, by H. A. Cummings..	21 87
Tunbridge, by Rev. T. S. Hubbard.....	10 50
Waterbury, by Rev. C. M. Sheldon....	5 94
Westminster, by Rev. C. W. Thompson	15 12
MASSACHUSETTS—\$19,778.23; of which Legacy, \$5,904.79.	
Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.....	5,044 00
For work among Foreigners in the West.....	4,500 00
For A. H. M. S., by request of donors	180 27
For Bohemian work of A. H. M. S., by request of donors.....	2 00
Special, for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	5 60
Amesbury, on account of Legacy of Mrs. Martha T. Sawyer, by A. O. Webster, Ex.....	904 79
Amherst, J. F. K., special.....	5 00
Anonymous.....	133 50
Andover, A Friend, by J. F. Kimball, to const. Thomas Robinson a L. M., Mary B. Mills, special.....	300 00
Arhol, by C. A. Chapman.....	110 71
Attleboro, Second, by A. B. Capron, \$5; Lenses Soc., \$15, by M. J. Capron, for Bohemian Work.....	20 60
Ayer, A Christmas offering, from a class of Boys in Sunday-school of First Ch. for Children's Bohemian fund.....	1 76
Boston, Woman's Home Miss. Assoc., by Miss Sarah K. Burgess, Treas., special.....	195 00
South Boston, Ladies' Benev. Soc. Phillips Ch., for the Debt.....	25 00
Branch Sunday-school, Park Street Ch., by E. A. Harris, special.....	25 00
Cambridgeport, First, by S. H. Fuller..	158 27
Cummington, by Mrs. C. E. Porter, in full, to const. Rev. F. G. Webster, a L. M.....	3 40
Curtisville, by Mrs. Sarah A. Hazen..	31 09
G. E. Dresser, by Rev. T. A. Hazen..	10 00
Dalton, by H. A. Barton, Jr., to const. Rev. G. W. Andrews a L. M.....	93 97
Mrs. Louise F. Crane.....	100 00
Dorchester, Mrs. Walter Baker, A Thanksgiving offering.....	400 00
Dwight, Union Sunday-school.....	3 00
East Charlemont, Legacy of Levi Smith, by J. Trow, Adm.....	5,000 00
Easthampton, First Ch., \$119.96; Sunday-school Christmas offering, \$5.95, by Dea. L. E. Parsons.....	125 91
East Longmeadow, A Friend.....	40
Fitchburg, Master W. D. Parkhill.....	1 00
Florence, by W. L. Wilcox.....	18 24
Foxboro, Young People's Mission Circle, for Woman's Dept., by Miss A. E. Tracy.....	5 00
Globe Village, Evan. Free Ch., for Debt, by F. G. Blanchard.....	24 50
Hadley, Income of Mission Farm, J. B. Porter's Estate, by W. P. Porter, Trustee.....	36 74
Hartwich, by S. Underwood.....	12 00
Hatfield, special coll. for the Debt, by A. Cowles.....	66 68
Lynn, North Ch., by G. B. Hatch.....	10 00
Marlboro, Children's Mission Circle, by Mrs. C. G. Metcalf.....	9 20
Mittineague, Y. P. S. C. E. of Cong. Ch., special, by L. E. Smith.....	25 00
Monson, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of Cong. Ch., by Miss E. M. Newton.....	25 00
Dr. G. E. Fuller, for Debt.....	10 00

New Braintree, Mrs. H. M. Tufts, special.....	\$5 80
Newburyport, From an Aged Friend of Home Missions, by Mrs. S. B. Capron	25 00
North Amherst, A Friend, "D.".....	50
Northampton, Friends in the First and Edwards Chs., by A Lady Friend.....	400 00
Mrs. C. L. Williston.....	100 00
Northboro, Evan. Ch., by Rev. E. L. Chute.....	31 36
North Brookfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Porter, by Mrs. E. S. Frisbee.....	20 00
Oxford, First, by W. E. Pease.....	49 50
Pittsfield, J. H. Dunham.....	50 00
Mrs. H. M. Hurd.....	5 00
South Dennis, Young People's Soc. of Christian Endeavor, by Nellie E. Underwood.....	25 00
South Hadley, Teachers and Pupils in Mount Holyoke Sem., add'l, by Miss S. H. Melvin.....	50 00
Southville, Mrs. S. R. Le Bosquet, for Debt.....	2 00
Stockbridge, Young People's Soc. of Christian Endeavor, for Debt, by Mrs. A. J. Clough.....	10 00
Springfield, "H. M.," special.....	1,000 00
Mrs. P. B.....	5 00
Taunton, A Lady Friend.....	20 00
Templeton, Little Mission Band of the Trinitarian Soc., for the Debt, by Dea. J. Whittemore.....	30 00
Townsend Center, Mary E. Patch.....	40
Warren, by E. W. Butterworth.....	85 62
Webster, First Ch., by E. L. Spalding, Wellesley, From a Friend, special, through Mrs. C. L. Willamson.....	55 00
West Dennis, Anonymous.....	2 00
Westminster, Cheerful Givers, by E. M. Flagg, Tr.....	5 00
Whitinsville, Mrs. M. F. W. Abbott.....	10 00
Worcester, Salem Street Ch., by E. Tucker.....	69 36
Infant class of the Salem Street Ch., by Mrs. J. H. Bigelow, special.....	13 00
A class in Sunday-school of Plymouth Ch., special, by Mary. H. Harvey.....	2 50
RHODE ISLAND—\$29.40.	
East Providence, Newman Cong. Ch., by W. W. Ellis.....	20 00
Providence, Miss E. L. Arnold.....	5 00
Mrs. D. H. Leonard.....	4 40
CONNECTICUT—\$6,410.38; of which Legacy, \$800.00.	
Miss. Soc. of Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec.....	372 83
Received by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Sec. Woman's Home Miss. Union of Conn.: Fairfield, Ladies' Aux. Cong. Ch. and Soc., for Bohemian work.....	\$19 00
Hartford, First Ch., Mrs. Henry A. Perkins, special.....	100 00
Ladies' H. M. Soc. of First Ch., special.....	25 00
Norwich, Ladies of the Broadway Ch., by Mrs. D. F. Gulliver, special.....	18 00
Special, for Salary Fund.....	100 00
Berlin, Second Ch., by H. N. Galpin.....	262 00
Bridgeport, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Ch., by A. B. Palmer.....	70 84
Connecticut, A Friend.....	3 81
Cromwell, by E. S. Coe.....	800 00
Deep River, by L. Kellogg.....	250 26
East Granby, Rev. D. A. Strong.....	30 00
Farmington, by F. C. Jones.....	10 00
Glastonbury, G. E. Williams.....	40 25
Goshen, On account of Legacy of Mrs. Mary S. Osborn, by S. G. Patterson, Adm.....	100 00
	500 00

Granby, by C. P. Loomis.....	\$5 50	Hobart, for Children's Bohemian fund.....	\$10 00
Gulford, First, by E. W. Leete, to const. Miss Emma L. Norton a L. M. Hampton, Three friends in Cong. Ch., by Mrs. D. W. E. Taintor.....	50 00	Clifton Springs, Miss J. M. Gilman, for Woman's Dept.....	50 00
Hartford, Mrs. H. A. Perkins.....	1,000 00	Columbus, by Rev. J. W. Keeler.....	8 25
Mrs. H. Bushnell.....	50 00	De Kalb, Rev. R. C. Day.....	5 00
Mrs. Margaret C. McClellan.....	10 00	Fairport, by J. E. Howard.....	5 00
Kensington, Cong. Sunday-school, for Children's Bohemian fund, by T. Upson.....	25 00	Homer, Mrs. E. G. Ranney, in full, to const. Dea. E. G. Ranney a L. M.....	25 00
Ledyard, Newell Soc., by Mrs. F. G. Gray.....	6 11	Hoosick Falls, Mrs. S. M. Tatlock.....	5 00
Meriden, Ladies' Aid Soc. of Third Ch., by Miss E. H. Bacon.....	8 00	Lisbon, First Ch., \$8.86; Mrs. W. Sheldon, \$1, by M. T. Stocking.....	9 86
Miss Mary A. Hall.....	4 40	Lockport, First, by A. L. Spalding.....	16 52
Middletown, South Ch., by E. Douglas. Sunday-school, special, by E. Payne.....	47 00	Maine, Three members of the Cong. Ch., by Mrs. Caroline T. Barnes, to const. Mrs. Caroline T. Barnes a L. M.....	60 00
New Britain, Y. P. S. C. E. of the South Ch., by Miss Lily C. Brown.....	4 04	Newark Valley, by Mrs. H. Winship.....	35 29
New Haven, Yale College Ch., by Prof. H. A. Newton.....	15 00	New Village, by Rev. F. A. Valentine.....	3 15
Newington, by H. M. Robbins.....	14 83	New York City, Broadway Tabernacle, C. N. Bliss.....	100 00
New London, First, by C. D. Boss, Jr.....	23 20	Soc. of Inquiry in Union Theo. Sem., by R. E. Farrier.....	19 03
New Preston, Village Ch., by Mrs. D. Burnham.....	53 00	Mrs. Parker, \$100; Prof. D. S. Martin, \$5; W. S. McIlvaine, \$5.....	110 00
Norfolk, by J. N. Cowles.....	150 00	Orient, by M. R. Brown.....	16 37
North Stonington, by D. R. Wheeler.....	175 00	Rensselaer Falls, by J. J. Doty.....	21 10
Norwalk, First Ch., add'l, by E. C. Bissell.....	13 77	Schenectady, Ch. and Sunday-school, special, by Rev. J. H. Munsell.....	39 00
Norwich, Park Ch, by H. L. Butts.....	1,492 11	Smyrna, Miss. Soc. Cong. Ch., by Rev. C. F. Swift, to const. Rev. C. F. Swift and E. F. Smith L. Ms.....	130 00
E. A. Huntington.....	5 00	Steuben, Welsh Cong. Ch., by Mrs. R. F. Jones.....	5 60
A Friend.....	12 00	Summer Hill, by Rev. C. H. Curtis.....	7 19
Plainville, by H. S. Potter.....	132 00	Syracuse, by Rev. F. A. Storer.....	13 82
Putnam, Two Friends.....	20 00	Warsaw, by W. A. Walker.....	11 70
Ridgefield, by A. L. Paddock.....	5 42	Wellsville, First, by Mrs. A. L. Brown, to const. Henry N. Lewis a L. M.....	62 00
Roxbury, Mrs. D. H. Beardsley.....	5 00	Wilmington, by Rev. D. Fish.....	3 36
Sharon, Anonymous, by Rev. J. R. Bourne.....	5 00		
Sherman, by M. A. Gelston.....	25 58	NEW JERSEY—\$341.84.	
Stamford, G. Fox.....	5 00	Asbury Park, Miss S. C. Tyler.....	40
Suffield, A. R. Pierce.....	40	Bernardsville, J. L. Roberts.....	40 00
Terryville, by G. M. Allen.....	57 11	M. L. Roberts.....	25 75
Friends.....	5 49	Bound Brook, by P. H. Oakley.....	20 00
Thompson, Anonymous.....	3 60	Chatham, Stanley Ch., by Rev. R. S. Stone.....	5 00
Torrington, First, by Rev. F. F. Jordan	6 00	Chester, Ch., \$33.10; Sunday-school, \$14, by Rev. F. A. Johnson.....	47 10
Wallingford, Pledge Fund, by G. M. Judd.....	107 77	Closter, by Rev. G. W. Plack.....	10 84
Waterbury, Sunshine Circle of the Second Cong. Ch., for Children's Bohemian fund, by Mrs. G. C. Hill.....	10 00	Irvington, A Friend.....	25 00
West Cornwall, by E. D. Pratt, to const. Charles M. Hall a L. M.....	63 75	Jersey City, Tabernacle First Ch., add'l, by E. M. Doane.....	29 00
West Norwalk, Anonymous.....	2 00	Newark, H. N. Doolittle, a Christmas offering, special.....	20 00
		Orange, Trinity Cong. Ch., by R. D. Weeks.....	32 29
NEW YORK—\$1,688.93.		Upper Montclair, by C. W. Anderson.....	335 00
Received by Rev. C. C. Creegan, New York:		Vineland, Pilgrim Ch., by R. E. Williams, to const. S. P. Tomlinson a L. M.....	53 46
Keene Valley.....	\$2 25		
North Lawrence.....	40	PENNSYLVANIA—\$577.06.	
Port Leyden.....	13 50	Blossburg, East, by Rev. A. Jones.....	5 00
	16 18	Carbondale, First, add'l, by Rev. D. L. Davis.....	2 81
Received by Mrs. L. H. Cobb, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union, New York:		Philadelphia, Central Ch., by J. Edmand, to const. Mrs. E. E. Dexter, Mrs. R. J. Elwell, Mrs. E. M. Frescoln, Miss F. A. Goodell, T. F. Hammond, M. H. Harrington, G. Hobbs, W. C. Scroud, Dr. J. F. Stowe and D. A. Waters L. Ms., \$500.25; Central Cong. Sunday-school, add'l, \$12.....	512 25
Buffalo, W. H. M. S., First Ch., for Bohemian Work.....	15 00	Central Ch. "Cambridge," by J. Edmands.....	30 00
Homer, Mrs. Susan L. Hitchcock, in full, to const. her a L. M.....	20 00	Riceville, Mrs. A. V. Griffith.....	2 00
Oswego, Woman's H. M. Soc.....	20 00	Sharon, West, by Rev. G. Henshaw.....	15 00
	55 00	Slatington, East, by Rev. W. H. Jones.....	5 00
Angola, Contents of our Missionary Box, by Mrs. H. D. Gazlay.....	3 00	Spring Brook, by Rev. B. S. Jones.....	5 00
Batavia, An aged Friend to the cause..	5 00		
Belfast, Anonymous.....	2 00	MARYLAND—\$5.70.	
Binghamton, First, by H. M. Beecher..	194 65	Frostburg, by Rev. W. C. Jones.....	5 70
Brooklyn, South Ch., add'l, by J. Crowell.....	3 00		
Park Ch., by S. V. Hering.....	11 86	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$196.00.	
Union Ch., by E. E. Stewart.....	5 00		
Ladies' Benev. Soc., Central Ch., special.....	25 00		
Mrs. M. C. Duncklee.....	5 00		
Mrs. Mary D. Ellison, by Miss C.			

Washington, First, by S. H. Galpin... \$138 00
 Ladies' H. M. Soc. of First Ch.,
 special, for Salary Fund, by Miss
 Lizzie Patterson..... 58 00

GEORGIA—\$50.00.

Thomasville, Mrs. Harriet G. Hackett,
 to const. Mrs. S. S. Thompson a L. M. 50 00

ARKANSAS—\$5.00.

Siloam Springs, Miss Belle Stowell, for
 the Debt 5 00

FLORIDA—\$31.25.

Altamonte, \$8.25; Lake Brantley, \$3, for
 Debt, by Rev. P. B. Fisk..... 11 25
 Melbourne, Mr. Branch, by Rev. A. B.
 Dilley..... 5 00
 Pomona, by Rev. M. C. Welch..... 15 00

TEXAS—\$110.00.

Austin, Ira H. Evans, to const. Francese
 H. Evans and W. L. Evans L. Ms... 110 00

INDIAN TERRITORY—\$5.55.

Vinita, Prof. J. McCarthy..... 5 55

NEW MEXICO—\$9.30.

Georgetown, by Rev. S. Edwards..... 4 30
 Santa Fe, First, by C. L. Bishop..... 5 00

TENNESSEE—\$28.50.

Soddy, by Rev. L. Morgan..... 28 50

OHIO—\$946.56; of which Legacy,
 \$266.69.

Received in Nov., by S. P. Church,
 hill, Treas. Bohemian Board
 Cleveland;
 Ohio Woman's Home Miss.
 Union, by Mrs. Crafts, Treas. \$31 10
 Cleveland, First, \$70.60; Sun-
 day-school, \$16.19; Y. P. S. C.
 E., \$1.10 87 89
 Euclid Avenue Ch. 45 00
 Jennings Avenue Ch. 51 00
 Hudson, Cong. Sunday-school, 10 00
 Springfield, Legenda Avenue
 Sunday-school..... 1 00
 Wellington, L. B. S. 10 00

Received by Rev. R. Quaife, Ohio,
 Churches and Individuals in part, 93 15
 Akron, by E. W. Stuart..... 149 67
 Andover, Legacy of Mrs. T. Linn, by
 Mrs. L. R. Griffiths..... 25 00
 Andover Center, by E. A. Black..... 9 91
 Ashtabula, by Rev. J. B. Davison..... 4 39
 Austintburg, by S. Reed..... 25 60
 Claridon, A Friend..... 5 00
 Cornerville, Cow Run, Marietta and
 Moss Run, by Rev. R. G. Beynon... 5 00
 East Liverpool, Mrs. H. T. Kitchel, by
 by Rev. H. D. Kitchel, D.D. 100 00
 Kelley's Island, by G. P. Bristol... 17 51
 Mantua Station, by H. H. Converse... 4 30
 North Ridgeville, Legacy of Levi Tom-
 erson, by L. McLean, Atty..... 241 69
 Norwalk, Friends..... 5 00
 Penfield, by Rev. I. C. Hughes..... 3 00
 Ravenna, Anonymous, for Debt..... 1 00
 Saybrook, Cong. Sunday-school Mis-
 sion Band, by H. F. Johnson..... 6 65
 Wellington, \$10; Ladies' Benev. Soc.,
 \$5, by T. F. Rodhouse..... 15 00

INDIANA—\$190.61.

Received by Rev. E. D. Curtis :
 East Gilead..... \$2 00
 Rev. L. Curtis..... 1 00
 Fort Wayne, \$21; Sunday-
 school, \$49, to const. Rev. J.
 C. Cromer a L. M. 70 00
 Northern Assoc. Coll..... 4 50
 Solsberry..... 3 60

Michigan City, First, by J. L. Peck... 81 10
 Michigan City, First, by J. L. Peck... 109 51

ILLINOIS—\$846.49; of which Legacy,
 \$720.34.

Illinois Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. J.
 Tompkins, Sec. for the Debt \$75 00
 Chicago, Legacy of Eveline S. Drake,
 by W. E. Rolls, Adm. 720 34
 Griggsville, Friends, to const. L. M. 50 00
 Newtown, by E. A. Grummon..... 1 15

MISSOURI—\$658.87.

Received by Mrs. Ida L. Cook,
 Treas. Mo. Woman's H. M. Soc.;
 Brookfield, Ladies' Home Miss.
 Soc. of Park Ch. \$9 25
 Cameron, Ladies' Home Miss.
 Soc. of Cong. Ch. 1 00
 Kansas City, Ladies' Union of
 the First Ch. 54 80
 St. Louis, Young People's Miss.
 Soc. of First Ch. 10 00
 Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Pil-
 grim Ch., a Thank-offering. 256 50

Bonne Terre, by Rev. F. M. Weeks 331 55
 Cole Camp, \$11.75; Twin Spring, \$3, by
 Rev. D. L. Fordney..... 23 55
 Green Ridge, by H. L. Wadleigh..... 18 75
 Hannibal, by Rev. A. B. Allen..... 25 00
 Rev. G. T. Holcombe..... 33 00
 Laclede, Mrs. Sarah A. Seward, to
 const. herself and Rev. E. D. Seward
 L. Ms. 22 71

Pierce City, Sunday-school Christmas
 offering, by L. L. L. Allen..... 150 00
 St. Louis, by Rev. G. Holmquist..... 7 09
 Third, by H. Tevis..... 10 00
 Springfield, by Rev. A. P. Johnson... 15 10
 Windsor, by Rev. F. W. Bullinger.... 17 60
 Windsor, by Rev. F. W. Bullinger.... 4 52

MICHIGAN—\$2,618.82.

Received by Rev. L. Warren:
 Received from John E. Lee,
 Missionary land in part..... \$48 80

Allendale..... 1 00
 Almont..... 51 00
 Benton Harbor..... 23 61
 Calumet, A Friend..... 5 00
 Chelsea..... 50 00
 Croton..... 1 64
 Lansing..... 93 72
 Morenci..... 5 50
 St. Clair..... 25 00
 Mrs. M. A. Hopkins..... 100 00
 Tecumseh, Rev. Jas. Vincent..... 10 00
 Wacousta..... 15 19
 Wheatland..... 46 81

Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabill,
 Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:
 Addison..... \$5 20
 Alba..... 8 00

Allendale, Thanksgiving offer-
 ing..... 5 00
 Ann Arbor..... 46 02
 Calumet..... 60 18
 Clare..... 8 65
 Cooper..... 2 00
 Covert, L. M. S., \$9.26; Chil-
 dren, \$1.89..... 11 15
 Greenville..... 9 12
 Horton's Bay..... 3 50
 Litchfield..... 13 00
 Michigan Center, Y. L. M. S. 5 00
 Olivet, Ladies' Benev. Soc. 10 50
 Pontiac, L. M. S., Thank-of-
 fering..... 5 71
 Romeo..... 26 64

Saginaw Conference:
 Alma, Sunday-school, \$8.12;
 W. H. M. S., \$11.88..... 20 00
 Bay City..... 8 46
 Bridgeport..... 3 53
 Saugatuck..... 5 26
 Three Oaks..... 4 00

West Adrian, L. M. S.....	\$10 09		
From Beacon Fund.....	16 10		
Alamo, by Rev. J. Keightley	287 11		
Ann Arbor, A Friend, to const, Margaret D. B. Lyman a L. M.	9 50		
Battle Creek, Miss S. A. Gould.....	50 00		
Bay Mills, by Rev. I. B. Lillie.....	2 00		
Berlramont and Grand Junction, by Rev. E. I. Ayer.....	2 28		
Big Rapids, by Rev. H. H. Parker.....	10 58		
Calumet, by E. T. Curtis.....	8 25		
Bridgman, by Rev. J. J. Bunnell.....	37 66		
Carsouville, \$5.46; Port Sanilac, \$10.84, by Rev. M. H. Wright.....	10 00		
Clare, by Rev. C. F. Tuttle.....	16 30		
Detroit, First, by G. M. Lane.....	11 21		
Trumbull Avenue Cong. Sunday-school, by E. A. Perry.....	946 28		
East Lake, by Rev. H. C. Hurlbut	25 00		
Fruitport and Nunica, by Rev. J. H. Dole.....	6 00		
Harrison, by Rev. M. C. Wood.....	1 00		
Hayes, \$7.02; Horton's Bay, \$8, by Rev. J. F. Crane.....	15 00		
Hopkins, Sunday school of First Ch., by Rev. W. DePuy.....	4 00		
Jackson, Mrs. R. M. Bennett.....	2 00		
Kalamazoo, First, add'l, by Rev. W. A. Waterman.....	7 85		
Mattawan, by Rev. H. H. Smith.....	50		
Maybee and Raisinville, by Rev. J. R. Mason.....	5 00		
Pierpont and Pleasanton, by Rev. C. S. Delvin.....	10 00		
Romeo, Miss E. B. Dickinson.....	50 00		
St. Louis, by Rev. W. Woodmansee.....	9 00		
WISCONSIN—\$142.93; of which Legacy, \$100.00.			
Beloit, First, for Debt, by O. E. Wheeler	21 50		
Hudson, G. W. Ells.....	1 60		
Jamesville, by Miss S. A. Jeffers.....	10 00		
Mauston, Mrs. Mary A. Loomis.....	1 50		
Tomahawk, by Rev. G. A. Hood.....	8 33		
Whitewater, Legacy of Mrs. R. B. Goodhue, by J. W. Norton, Adm.....	100 00		
IOWA—\$125.00.			
Blairstown, Mrs. J. H. French.....	50 00		
Burlington, Mrs. J. Darling, to const. Miss Sarah A. Kennedy a L. M., by J. H. Merrill, Treas. H. M. Soc.....	50 00		
Clinton, M. L. B., A Christmas gift for the Debt.....	10 00		
East Des Moines, Annie M. Palmer, \$10; Laura J. Miller, \$5.....	15 00		
MINNESOTA—\$594.36.			
Received by Rev. J. H. Morley :			
Brownton.....	\$5 00		
Minneapolis, Plymouth.....	55 00		
Proceeds of Lecture, by Rev. M. W. Montgomery.....	23 90		
Pilgrim, to const. S. W. Cooley a L. M.....	50 00		
Second.....	38 58		
Medford.....	5 00		
Morris.....	42 22		
Rochester, W. J. Eaton.....	50 00		
Zumbrota.....	6 77		
	276 47		
Minn. Woman's H. M. Soc., Mrs. J. N. Cross, Treas.:			
Excelsior.....	19 50		
Minneapolis, East Side Flats City Mission, for Boheman work.....	5 00		
Plymouth.....	29 00		
Mrs. J. Woods.....	5 00		
Vine Street Ch.....	1 75		
Children's Mission Band.....	5 57		
Mrs. E. S. Williams, Thank-offering, jug contents.....	2 44		
Austin, Mrs. G. Morse, by Rev. C. E. Wright.....	\$5 00		
Benson, by Rev. C. A. Ruddock.....	3 00		
Brownton, by Rev. G. H. Chappell.....	3 11		
Center Chain, Cong. Sunday-school, \$2; G. R. Brown, \$1, by G. R. Brown.....	3 00		
Crookston, by Rev. W. H. Medlar.....	100 00		
Hartland, A Thank-offering.....	5 00		
Minneapolis, by Rev. K. F. Norris.....	5 00		
Rushford, by Rev. W. W. Snell.....	5 00		
St. Cloud, First, by W. T. Clarke.....	7 00		
St. Paul, Plymouth Ch., by W. Burrows.....	87 90		
Sauk Rapids, by Rev. A. G. Nelson.....	3 00		
Cabel, by Rev. P. S. Smith.....	2 67		
Sleepy Eye, by Rev. S. M. MacNeill.....	3 01		
Springfield, by Rev. A. L. Brown.....	7 00		
Villard and Glenwood, by Rev. E. N. Ruddock.....	10 00		
KANSAS—\$126.42.			
Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.:			
Centralia.....	\$21 55		
Kansas Woman's H. M. Soc.....	52 06		
	73 61		
Celia, by Rev. L. A. Smith.....	1 66		
Chapman, Detroit and Enterprise, by Rev. J. F. Smith.....	4 50		
Council Grove, by Rev. L. Armsby.....	18 00		
Downs, First, by J. W. Pugh.....	2 50		
Ford, by Rev. J. E. Courter.....	3 00		
Jetmore, From the Busy Bees, by Mrs. A. Blanchard, for Children's Bohemian fund.....	2 00		
Larned, Our Family Miss. Box, \$4.90; Frances A. Locke, \$5, by Rev. H. E. Boardman.....	9 90		
Netawaka, by Rev. R. W. Harlow.....	4 00		
Osage City, by Rev. J. V. Jones.....	5 00		
Seneca, First, add'l, by Rev. G. C. Lochridge.....	2 25		
NEBRASKA—\$154.83.			
Doniphan, North Hastings and Trumbull, by Rev. J. H. Embree.....	26 00		
Gloversville and Park, by Rev. H. Griffith.....	5 50		
Lincoln, by Rev. E. Ralston.....	18 50		
Martinsburg, by Rev. S. Pearson.....	2 00		
Ogallala, by Rev. J. A. Thome.....	2 35		
Omaha, by Rev. A. B. Penniman.....	21 17		
Silver Creek, by Rev. J. Roberts.....	22 31		
South Bend, by Rev. S. C. Dean.....	2 00		
Weeping Water, by T. K. Clark.....	55 00		
NORTH DAKOTA—\$118.32.			
Received by Rev. H. C. Simmons :			
Gen. Assoc.....	\$26 37		
Cando.....	2 30		
Hankinson.....	2 06		
Ledgewood.....	2 13		
	32 86		
Caledonia, Ch., \$5.43; Ladies' H. M. Soc., \$13.80, by Rev. E. H. Stuckney.....	19 23		
Cummings, by Rev. C. H. Phillips.....	15 30		
Glen Ullin and Gladstone, by Rev. C. A. Mack.....	11 16		
Sauborn, by Rev. J. W. Donaldson.....	2 00		
Spiritwood, by Rev. W. H. Allworth.....	14 00		
Srkeston, by Rev. D. Wirt.....	19 02		
Valley City, by Rev. T. Sims.....	4 75		
SOUTH DAKOTA—\$160.15.			
Received by Mrs. Sue Fifield, Treas. S. Dak. W. H. M. S.:			
Firesteel, W. M. S.....	\$2 56		
Vermillion, W. M. S.....	12 00		
	14 56		
Canton, by Rev. J. L. Granger.....	5 17		
Chamberlan, by Rev. W. B. Hubbard.....	10 00		
Custer City, by Rev. W. Jones.....	6 00		
Deadwood, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. S. Konsigsberger.....	7 20		
Col. W. Selbie, by Rev. H. Bross.....	50 00		
De Smet, by Rev. J. R. Bonney.....	30 50		
Dover, by Rev. J. H. Gurney.....	3 50		
	\$68 26	344 73	

Hurou, by Rev. H. L. Thalberg.....	\$5 12	Verebogue, N. Y., Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Nelle W. Young, box.....	\$35 00
Lusk, \$2.55; Spears's, \$1.55, by Rev. H. Bross.....	4 10	Augusta, Me., Young Ladies' Board of Home Miss. of South Ch., by Mary B. Harlow, barrel and freight.....	115 15
Meckling, by Rev. W. A. Lyman.....	2 75	Baltimore, Md., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. F. S. Brown, barrel and freight.....	78 00
Mitchell, by Rev. C. W. Wurrtschmidt.	4 75	Bellows Falls, Vt., Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. Edward Arms, barrel and freight.....	80 25
Oahe, by Rev. T. L. Riggs.....	2 00	Bennington Center, Vt., First Ch., by Mrs. Geo. Lyman, barrel and freight..	90 00
Pierre, by Rev. W. F. Rose.....	5 00	Berkshire, N. Y., Ladies' Aid Soc. of First Ch., by Hattie B. Johnson, barrel and freight.....	62 49
Plankinton, N. M. S., by Mrs. C. G. Black.....	2 50	Bethlehem, Ct., Alice E. Bird, box. A Friend, box and freight.....	12 00
Powell, by Rev. J. T. Lewis.....	7 00	Binghamton, N. Y., Helpers' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. A. L. Web- ster, box and cash.....	219 97
COLORADO—\$38.00.			
Crested Butte, by Rev. R. Killip.....	9 00	Birmingham, Ct., Mrs. Anna B. Park, barrel and freight.....	25 00
Eaton, by Rev. J. W. King.....	10 00	Bridgeport, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Park Street Ch., by Sarah E. Hub- bard, barrel and box.....	100 00
Otis and Hyde, by Rev. G. Dungan.....	9 00	Ladies' Soc. of South Ch., by M. W. Hawley, barrels.....	130 24
Platteville, by Rev. E. Hill.....	10 00	Bristol, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. N. L. Brewster, through W. H. M. Union, Ct., box and barrel.....	247 59
MONTANA—\$18.00.			
Butte City, Ch., & Thank-offering, by Rev. J. B. Clark.....	8 00	Bristolville, O., Young Ladies' Miss. Band, by Melbie Matby, barrel.....	36 36
Livingston, by Rev. W. C. Fowler.....	10 00	Brooklyn, N. Y., Ladies' Benev. Assoc. of Central Ch., by Mrs. Jas. H. Goldey, two barrels and freight.....	175 41
IDAHO—\$10.00.			
Ketchum, by Rev. G. Ritchie.....	10 00	Zenana Band of Central Ch., by Miss M. M. Tiebout, box and freight.....	229 00
CALIFORNIA—\$216.04.			
Auburn, by Rev. C. L. Corwin.....	16 50	Young Ladies' Miss. Band of Tompkins Ave. Ch., by Emily S. Wood, box and freight.....	150 00
Bethany and Byron, by Rev. W. H. Tubb.....	6 10	Buffalo, N. Y., W. G. Bancroft Miss. Band of First Ch., by Maud C. Davis, barrel.....	62 76
Clayton and Pacheco, by Rev. A. H. Strong.....	14 55	Castine, Me., Rainbow Band, by Mrs. C. M. Cushman, box and freight.....	5 00
Balleck, for the Debt, by Rev. E. B. Howell.....	1 35	Chatham Center, N. Y., bundle.....	
Lugouia, First, by C. H. Lathrop.....	36 00	Claremont, N. H., Ladies' Assn., by Fanny S. Goss, barrel.....	83 50
Modesto, by Rev. W. O. W. Pringle...	5 00	Cleveland, O., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Plymouth Ch., by Isabel H. Stilson, box and barrel.....	105 00
Murphys, by Rev. H. Chapmau.....	14 00	Clinton, Wis., Ladies' Miss. Soc. and Young People's Soc., by Hattie M. Benedict, two boxes and freight.....	75 00
Paradise, by Rev. L. N. Barber.....	6 75	Columbus, O., Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts, for Ch. at Willow Lake, Dak., parlor organ and \$5.00 for freight.....	88 25
Pasadena, Woman's Miss. Soc. of the First Ch., by Mrs. F. W. Machin.....	29 74	East Corinth, Vt., Mrs. Ruth Bagley, barrel and freight.....	35 00
Riverside, W. F. Montague.....	10 00	East Hartford, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. N. S. Nash, through W. H. M. Union of Conn., barrel.....	71 30
Sau Bernardino, Highland Sunday- school, by G. Alpin.....	1 25	East Jaffrey, N. H., Cheerful Helpers, by Mary A. T. Mower, box and cash.....	20 40
San Luis Obispo, Rev. E. N. Bartlett...	5 00	Fairfield, Ct., through Woman's H. M. Union, by Jane A. Kippen, box and freight.....	250 00
Saratoga, \$8.50; Ladies' H. M. Soc., \$9, by Rev. J. H. Warren, D.D.....	17 50	Falmouth, Me., First Ch., by Rev. H. C. McKnight, barrel and freight.....	30 00
Souma, by Rev. H. H. Wikoff.....	40 00	Francestown, N. H., Benev. Soc., by Miss Mary Pettee, barrel.....	45 30
Turlock, by Rev. J. H. Warren, D. D.....	6 65	Geneva, Ill., Mrs. F. E. Ormsbee, barrel.	63 00
Traver, by Rev. J. K. Nagle.....	6 25	Glastonbury, Ct., Ladies' Soc. of First Ch., through W. H. M. Union, by Mrs. J. E. Griswold, barrel and freight.....	109 20
OREGON—\$155.20.			
Received by James Steele, Treas. Or. and Wash. Ter. H. M. Soc.:		Gloversville, N. Y., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. Laura M. Hildreth, box.....	185 16
Oregon Citv. Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. G. A. Rockwood, for Woman's Dept.....	\$14 75	Great Falls, N. H., Miss. Soc., by Belle Quimby, box, barrel and freight.....	100 00
Portland, First Ch., to const. D. A. Shindler a L. M.....	73 50	Groton, Ct., Young People, by Mary S. Chapman, two barrels and freight. . .	100 00
Arlington, by Rev. G. H. Atkousou, D. D.....	4 90	Guilford, Ct., Ladies of First Ch., by Rev. Edmund M. Vittum, barrel, package and freight.....	88 60
Corvallis, by Rev. G. H. Lee.....	14 25	Hancock, N. H., Ladies' Sew. Cir., by Mrs. D. F. Bigelow, freight on barrel..	1 50
Washington City, by Rev. G. A. Rockwood	47 50		
WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$47.50.			
Bay Center, Rev. C. W. Mather and wife.....	5 00		
Medical Lake, First, by Rev. C. Eells.	12 00		
Olympia, by Rev. L. J. Garver.....	12 00		
Pleasant Prairie, Mr. Belden, by Rev. C. Eells.....	1 00		
Pullman, by Rev. J. Davies.....	2 00		
Spokane Falls, by Rev. J. Edwards....	13 00		
West Ferndale and Semiahmoo, by Rev. G. Baker.....	2 50		
HAWAIIAN ISLANDS—\$10.00.			
Pua Mani, Rev. T. L. Gulick.....	10 00		
HOME MISSIONARY.....	205 42		
	\$37,197 47		
<i>Donations of Clothing, etc.</i>			
Amherst, Mass., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of First Ch., by M. I. Cooper, two barrels.	\$139 00		
Ann Arbor, Mich., Woman's Home Miss. Assoc. of First Ch., by Mrs. M. V. Tor- raus, barrel and freight.....	88 60		

Hanover, N. H., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. Susan A. Brown, two barrels.....	\$203 87
Hartford, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Asylum Hill Ch., by Mrs. J. H. Cone, box, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., Aux. to the Woman's Conn. H. M. Union, by Miss Emma Bunce, two barrels, cash and freight.....	139 00
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Sec. of Woman's H. M. Union of Conn., box.....	
Jewett City, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. E. J. Bishop, box and freight.....	47 00
Kansas City, Mo., First Ch., by Mrs. C. S. Rood, box and two barrels.....	183 40
Kensington, N. H., Ladies, by Mrs. R. Akerman, barrel.....	50 00
Litchfield, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Eliza R. Wadhams, box, barrel and freight.....	230 75
Mrs. R. Coit, box.....	
Los Angeles, Cal., Vernon Ch. of Christ, by Mrs. Geo. M. Townsend, box and freight.....	55 25
Mansfield, O., Woman's Benev. Soc., by Susau M. Sturges, box and freight.....	132 46
Medina, O., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by F. M. Bostwick, two barrels.....	50 00
Merrimack, N. H., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. F. A. Gordon, barrel and freight.....	84 00
Middlefield, Ct., Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. A. C. Denison, barrel.....	
Middletown, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Sarah L. Brownug, box and freight.....	121 00
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by C. M. Bacon, barrel and freight.....	70 00
Monson, Mass., Young Ladies' Working Club, and other Ladies, by Mrs. Jas. Tufts, box and freight.....	65 00
Montclair, N. J., Ladies' Aid Soc. of first Ch., by Mrs. J. R. D. Noyes, two barrels and freight.....	125 00
Moravia, N. Y., Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. H. S. Tuthill, box and freight.....	38 25
New Haven, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by M. E. Bennett, four boxes and freight.....	456 80
Ladies' Aid Soc. of the United Ch., by L. H. De Forest, box and freight.....	193 25
New Milford, Ct., Ladies' Sew. Soc., by Harriet A. T. Lee, two barrels and freight.....	88 37
Newport, N. H., Ladies' Sew. Circle, by Mrs. E. P. Flanders, barrel.....	68 50
New York City, State Charities Aid Assoc., bundle.....	
North Middleboro, Mass., Ladies' Circle, by Mrs. N. W. Keith, box.....	155 00
Norwich, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Park Ch., by Lydia B. Young, box, cash and freight.....	399 59
Orange, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. D. E. Russell, barrel and freight.....	49 13
Pawtucket, R. I., Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. L. B. Goff, box and freight.....	125 00
Pierce City, Mo., Ladies' of First Ch., by Rev. Geo. S. Ricker, barrel and freight.....	46 16
Redding, Ct., Reading Aux., through W. H. M. Union of Ct., by Mrs. A. B. Hill, barrel and freight.....	47 00
Rockland, Me., Mrs. David P. Hatch, pair shoes.....	2 25
St. Johnsbury, Vt., Woman's H. M. Soc. of North Ch., by Frances A. Fairbanks, box.....	176 78
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of North and South Chs., by Abby Brown, box.....	148 00
St. Louis, Mo., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Pilgrim Ch. and Church in Memphis, by Mrs. W. J. Washburn, four barrels and package.....	239 49
St. Paul, Minn., Woman's Home Miss. Soc. of Park Ch., by Mrs. N. Gallup, box and pair of blankets.....	100 37

Salisbury, Ct., Ladies, by Mrs. Monroe Clark, barrel and freight.....	\$72 00
Sandy Creek, N. Y., Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. D. E. Ainsworth, barrel and freight.....	63 60
South Haven, Mich., Mrs. C. H. Hastings, barrel and box.....	35 00
Stafford Springs, Ct., Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. J. P. Hawley, box and freight.....	110 00
Stainford, Ct., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. R. A. Reynolds, two barrels.....	150 00
Stonington, Ct., Agreement Hill Home Miss. Union, through W. C. H. M. Union of Ct., by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, barrel.....	100 00
Stratford, Ct., Ladies' Sew. Soc., by Mrs. R. W. Bunnell, box and freight.....	160 00
Suffield, Ct., Mrs. Geo. H. Fuller, through Woman's Home Miss. Union of Ct., barrel and freight.....	17 50
Tilton, N. H., Ladies of Ch. and Soc., by C. C. Sampson, barrel.....	
Torrington, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, barrel and freight.....	22 86
Washington, D. C., Young Peoples' Union of First Ch., by Miss M. A. Demond, barrel.....	60 00
Waterbury, Ct., Ladies, by Mrs. H. M. Dutton, barrel, box, cash and freight.....	180 50
Wellington, O., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. Letta Pratt, box and freight.....	58 50
Westfield, Mass., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Second Ch., by Mrs. H. Hooker, barrel.....	105 00
Westfield, N. J., Emma L. Bridges, box and freight.....	250 00
West Lebanon, N. H., Woman's Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. C. E. Havens, box and freight.....	167 00
West Woodstock, Ct., Mrs. F. C. Martin, barrel and freight.....	53 12
Wethersfield, Ct., Ladies, by E. L. Tilton, barrel and cash.....	130 00
Windsor Locks, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. Chas. H. Coye, barrel and freight.....	52 17
By Mrs. Grabil, Michigan: Addison, W. H. M. Soc., box.....	
Ann Arbor, W. H. M. Soc., barrel.....	88 00
Lowell, W. H. M. Soc., barrel.....	40 00
South Haven, W. M. S., box.....	

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, in December. REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, *Treas.*

Acton, Evan., by Rev. G. W. Stearns.....	\$55 75
A. M. B. A., for Western work, a Christmas offering.....	7 00
Audover, A Friend.....	10 00
Francis H. Johnson.....	250 00
Mrs. C. L. Smith (freight, \$3; in clothing account).....	
West Parish, by Peter D. Smith.....	50 68
Attleboro, Second, by A. B. Carpenter, for A. H. M. S.....	100 00
Barnstable, Co. Conf. Session at Harwinton.....	14 00
Billerica, Orth., by Rev. F. A. Wilson.....	30 60
Orth., Sunday-school, by Rev. F. A. W.....	10 00
Blackstone, by Rev. L. M. Pierce.....	24 20
Boston, "B. and L.," special for home miss'y need.....	5 00
"C. A. S.".....	99 00
Christmas.....	1 00
Dorchester, Second, by Miss E. Tolman (of which \$19.25 to A. H. M. S.).....	131 80
Special for Dr. Schaufler's Bohemian work.....	2 00
Village, A Friend.....	5 00
Mt. Vernon, E. A. S.....	50 00
Park St., by W. B. Garritt.....	2,006 50
Roslindale, Mrs. Hannah Waite.....	50
Roxbury, Highland, by Chas. Liffler, for A. H. M. S.....	51 94
Walnut Avenue, add'l, by C. O. Tufts.....	5 00
West, South Evan., by J. H. Guild.....	27 92

Shawmut, by E. M. Newcomb.....	\$1,437 47	Lincoln, First, by Rev. H. J. Richardson, add'l.....	\$5 00
Union, by Albert Gav.....	142 80	London, England, Rev. Prof. and Mrs. C. M. Mead, by Rev. F. R. Abbe.....	125 01
Boxboro, by A. Winslow Weatherbee ...	20 00	Lowell, First, by I. Warren Bisbee, to const. Geo. E. Bell and Geo. M. Dole L. Ms.....	72 77
Brantree, First, by A. B. Kelth.....	12 25	Lunenburg, Evang. S. S., by L. Frances Jones, for A. H. M. S. debt.....	34 25
Brimfield, First, Benev. Soc., by M. H. Corbin.....	15 30	Lynn, First, by C. W. Royce.....	45 32
Brookline, Thank-offering from a friend for A. H. M. S.....	450 00	Malden, First, by Herbert Porter (of which \$10, from Mrs. Stone, for A. H. M. S.).....	63 50
Cambridge, Shepard, A Member, by Geo. S. Saunders.....	50 00	Marion, by H. H. Luce.....	8 60
Cambridgeport, First, by S. H. Fuller....	27 93	Legacy of John Piteher, in part, by A. J. Hadley, Tr.....	48 92
Pilgrim, Mon. Con. Coll., by N. H. Holbrook.....	16 83	Marshfield, First, by Rev. E. Alden, to const. Mrs. Cecelia A. Kent and Miss Rosa May Sprague L. Ms.....	131 59
Carter, Sabra Fund, Income of.....	7 50	Massachusetts, A Friend.....	30 00
Charlemont, East, Mrs. A. P. Leavitt, to const. Alice Eldridge and Mabel Stone L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.....	100 00	A Friend.....	20 00
Chelsea, First, by H. W. Jeffers.....	79 50	Mattapoisett, by Noah Hammond.....	19 50
Chicago, Ill., partial returns from Suit.....	112 90	Medford, West, by E. C. Smith.....	12 69
Cohasset, Beechwood, by Rev. H. Page.....	5 00	Medway, Village, by Rev. R. K. Harlow, add'l.....	50 00
Dana, by Rev. J. G. Willis.....	2 23	West, Second, by S. Newman Metcalf... Third, by Rev. F. R. Abbe.....	1 00 82 00
Danvers, Maple St., Class of young men, by Eben Peabody.....	10 00	Melrose, Miss N. M. Murdock, by Mrs. J. P. Ellicott, for A. H. M. S. debt.....	5 00
Dudley, by D. Dwight.....	14 28	Miss N. M. Murdock, by Mrs. J. P. Ellicott, for French Prot. Coll., Lowell....	5 00
Eastampton, Payson, by H. L. Clark, of which \$103 for A. H. M. S.....	353 43	Merrimack, Phineas Chase, by James D. Pike.....	5 00
Edgartown, by Florence E. Mayhew.....	5 00	Methuen, First Parish, by Jacob Emerson Nutek, A Widow's Mite.....	6 00
Enfield, by L. D. Potter, for A. H. M. S. Woman's Missionary Soc., by Marion A. Smith.....	31 33 75 00	South. Elliot, by M. V. B. Bartlett.....	1 00
Fairhaven, by Rev. F. H. Kasson.....	105 60	New London, Ct., A Friend of Missions... Newton Center, First, by C. H. Bennett, for A. H. M. S.....	26 42 1 10 60 00
Fitchburg, Rollstone, A Friend.....	5 00	North Adams, First, by Wm. F. West... North Andover, A Friend of Home Missions, by Jos. S. Sanborn.....	57 03 50 00
Foxboro, Miss Annie L. Payson.....	5 00	Northampton, First, by J. H. Searle.... Northbridge, Center, by J. W. Morse.... North Brookfield, Union, by Julia A. Miller.....	310 91 15 87 20 00
Gloucester, A Friend, by Rev. W. G. Pundfoot.....	20 00	Oakman, Thank offering, for A. H. M. S... Pittsfield, First, by Frank W. Dutton... South, by H. M. Peirson, to const. Selden D. Andrews a L. M. of A. H. M. S... Princeton, East, by Oliver Osgood.... Quiney, Atlantic, Memorial, by E. R. Wade.....	10 00 100 00 61 67 21 00 1 80
Greenfield, Second, by Lucy A. Sparhawk.....	114 37	Randolph, First, "Mite Box" of Ladies' Benev. Assoc., by Abby W. Turner.... Raynham, First, by Joseph W. White.... Reading, by S. G. B. Pearson.....	15 00 27 65 25 00
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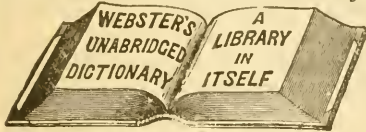
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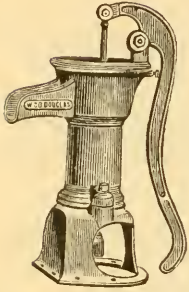
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TREASURY NOTE.

BRETHREN, the time is short. With the 31st of March closes our financial year. It remaineth, therefore, that what more is done for the treasury this year must be done quickly. When this page reaches our readers, but one month or a little more will be left of the Society's sixty-second year.

But much can be done in that time if the people have a mind to work. There is not time for "a long pull," but "a strong pull and a pull all together," with the Divine help, are all that is needed.

In March of last year more than \$70,000 came into the treasury. It was a large sum: but the friends of Home Missions wished to see the workers in the field paid before the year closed. They said it could be done; they resolved it should be done; and they did it. What they did last year they can do again this year, if they will. It will require hard work, self-denial, and earnest prayer. But it can be done; it should be done; we believe it will be done. The churches and individual givers surely are not willing to have the year close with a debt, taking just so much from the courage, zeal, and pecuniary resources that should be put into next year's work.

Should the receipts of the rest of this year equal those of the corresponding weeks of 1887, we shall have the material for a report that will gladden the hearts of all our helpers over this year's success, and will fill them with enthusiasm and energy to enter on the new line of advance to which God is clearly calling his people for the year to come. Let us be of good courage, and He shall strengthen our hearts.

RESIGNATION OF MR. BLANCHARD.

It is with peculiar regret that we have to announce the resignation of our Superintendent for Kansas, Rev. Addison Blanchard. Mr. Blanchard began his missionary service as general missionary for the State of Maine. His success in that position led to his appointment in December, 1881, as Superintendent of the Rocky Mountain district, with headquarters at Denver. He served with great acceptance for three years, and upon the retirement of Rev. S. D. Storrs from Kansas,

became the unanimous choice of the State Committee and the A. H. M. S. as his successor. For the last three years he has given his full strength to this work until, to save himself from threatened prostration, he has felt compelled to accept a call to pastoral work in Mason City, Iowa.

The following minute was passed by the Executive Committee:

“This Committee learn with sincere regret of the retirement of Rev. Addison Blanchard from the position of Home Missionary Superintendent of Kansas because of his impaired health. They desire to express their high appreciation of his fidelity and of the zeal and wisdom of his administration both in Kansas and in Colorado, and they hereby extend to him most cordial wishes for his health and his continued prosperity.”

Rev. L. P. Broad, who has been associated with Mr. Blanchard as a general missionary in Kansas, is appointed to succeed him as Superintendent, and the churches have every reason to be glad that the choice has fallen upon one so capable of filling the office.

IMMIGRATION.

REFERRING to Senator Palmer's bill in Congress for the restriction of pauper and criminal immigration, the *New York Tribune*, in a recent editorial, calls attention to facts worthy the consideration of every American citizen. Of the whole number of actual immigrants into America during this century, more than half, or 8,426,534, have come since the war. Since 1872, 5,396,416 have arrived, only 619,152 of whom have professed any trade. Over 2,500,000 have acknowledged themselves to be wholly without occupation. No wonder that the last census returns should have disclosed the fact that the foreign born constituted nearly one-half the population of the houses of correction, more than one-fourth of the insane, nearly one-fourth of the habitual criminals, and more than a third of the paupers of our land.

When we remember that the children of these people present even a more serious problem than their parents, and that seventy-five per cent of this foreign element is pouring into the formative West, we, as Christians, must realize something of the responsibility which rests upon *us*. Congress will take care of Senator Palmer's bill, but the Christians of America must take care of the immigrants already here.

If it is true as General Hawley, of Connecticut, is reported as saying, that the American people love their country better than they love their God, then *for the sake of country*, let every American see to it that he has a part in the great work of saving his land from those forces of evil so hostile to the genius of our government and our institutions. There is no better way to expel darkness than to let in the

light. "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." "Christianize the immigrant," says Dr. Strong, "and he will be easily Americanized."

REV. JAMES POWELL, D.D.

JUST as this number is going to press, we receive the February issue of the *American Missionary*, with its tender notice of Rev. Dr. JAMES POWELL, lately its editor, and one of the beloved Secretaries of the American Missionary Association.

We can here only say "Amen" to the words, as true and just as they are touching, in which his associates have set forth the marked traits of their genial, devout, earnest and successful fellow-worker for Christ. All who really knew Dr. Powell will join us in this testimony.

To know him was to love him. His associates have our thanks for the speaking portrait which adorns their magazine and which will keep fresh in the memory of thousands of friends those features so full of the faith and hope and love that made our dear friend the man he was. He will be thoroughly "at home" in heaven.

STARTLING FACTS.—*The Congregationalist* (February 2d) gives eight columns of its valuable space to our home missionary Superintendent Montgomery, in which to urge "The Case against Utah," and give some startling facts concerning this plague spot in our land, and its "Sixty Years of Dishonor." Let all thoughtful people read the horrible story, and double bar the door against the admission of such a population to "joint participation with us in the control of our great western empire."

THE new financial Superintendent of the American Home Missionary Society, Rev. C. C. Otis, has prepared four attractive documents bearing directly on the work of the Society, which ought to be read by everybody. 1. LEAVES FROM "OUR COUNTRY," illustrated by colored charts, and a novel, but significant map of the United States; 2. FRESH FACTS AND FIGURES, rendered attractive to the eye by a colored star, which shows at a glance the mutual relations of our seven Societies; 3. VOICES FROM THE WEST, a painfully suggestive leaflet; and 4. TO THE RESCUE, an exercise which meets a long felt want in Mission Circles and Sunday-schools. It is admirably adapted to give a pleasant missionary entertainment which will enlist the interest of both old and young. This exercise is so arranged that two copies only are needed—one for the leader, and the other to be cut into slips for those who take part. The two copies can be obtained of the Society for five cents. A Connecticut pastor writes, "These new documents are admirable. Please send me a package for distribution. May they be leaves for the healing of the nations!"

THE friends of Professor Copeland, of Siloam Springs, Ark., will regret to learn that, owing to ill health he has been obliged to resign his position at the Academy, and go to Colorado Springs. Mrs. Copeland, however, retains her connection with the school, and fully intends to keep up every branch of the work in which they have both been so active, even including the Prairie Mission School on the "Line."

WE regret to announce the resignation of Rev. C. A. Mack, Glen Ullin, Dak. On account of the death of his wife, and the needs of his children, he has moved to Chicago. He will be greatly missed on the frontier. The circulating library and reading-room, in which he was so helpfully interested, is closed for the present, and the books and periodicals have been transferred to the Sunday-school library. Will friends who are mailing periodicals to Glen Ullin please note this change.

SUPERINTENDENT SIMMONS sends us a word of good cheer from Dakota: "*The church at Grand Forks, Rev. A. L. Gillett, pastor, assumes self-support. Hallelujah!* When we think of the homeless, discouraged, almost demoralized little band of three years ago, when Mr. G. took hold of the work, we have great reason to thank God and take courage. This has been a day of glad tidings from other sources, which make a man willing to do hard work."

DEAR HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY:—Good-bye! Our church voted last night to leave you and your watchful care over its feeble steps and to walk alone. I presume this will be as pleasing to you as would have been an application drawn in due form. God bless you for what you have done for us. God help you in what you are doing for his cause day by day. This child will not be forgetful of the nurse of its early years, and henceforward will do what it can to aid in your support. Three years ago next April we sent in an application for \$600. Financially I am satisfied with what has been done. I never saw a people hold the means God has given them in such loyal submission to his will. In behalf of Plymouth Church, *Rev. A. L. Gillett, Grand Forks, Dak.*

ONE of our new churches in Omaha recently published a statement of facts in regard to its first year's growth and sent it with thanks to those who had helped with money or influence. There were found to be over two hundred donors in many States. Thus is our whole land bound together by the magic chains of benevolence. Among the generous supporters of home missionary work in Nebraska are Mrs. J. B. Crane and Mrs. Z. M. Crane, of Dalton, Mass. Their gift of a large Meneely & Co. bell, to the church at Chadron, has been greatly appreciated.—*Calvin.*

NO ADMITTANCE.

BY REV. LYMAN ABBOTT, D.D.

A BILL has been introduced into Congress for the admission of Utah as a State. The argument for it is, of course, very simple. Utah has the necessary population; she has passed a constitution forever prohibiting polygamy; thus she has all the conditions for statehood, and the only objection has been removed.

But this argument is not even specious. The United States is a great partnership; every new State is admitted to co-equal privileges and prerogatives in this partnership. She has equal representation with New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Iowa, in the Senate of the United States. She has a share in the House of Representatives proportioned, not to the quality, but to the quantity of her population. In a closely contested presidential election, she may elect the President. Owing to the anomalous nature of our Electoral College, her vote may overbalance the vote of Virginia—the Mother of Presidents—or of the old Bay State, or of the Empire State. It is not a matter of course to admit into this great partnership any Territory that knocks at the door for admission and presents a census showing a certain population per square mile. We have a right to demand that any people asking a share in the control of this great empire, shall show qualities which fit them for such joint control.

Now, the people of the Territory of Utah do not possess such qualities. A vast majority of them are almost wholly un-Americanized foreigners. They have been brought to our shores, not by the attractiveness of our free institutions, but by the summons of a superstitious faith and a fanatical egotism. They have been whisked across the continent to the land of the Saints. They know nothing of our history and little of our institutions. The American flag has no meaning for them. They know the United States only as a power which has recently prosecuted a number of their leaders for polygamy, imprisoning some and driving others into exile. They have no spirit of attachment to the United States, and no true loyalty to it. On the contrary, their loyalty is to a wholly un-American ecclesiastical dynasty—to an *imperium in imperio*—a body which has shown no affection for the American Nation, no spirit of allegiance to it; a hierarchy which has always been independent of the national supremacy, and often antagonistic to it. Quite apart from any question of polygamy, this is not the kind of community that we want to welcome to a participation in our National Government.

But the adoption of a State constitution forever prohibiting polygamy, gives us no guarantee that polygamy will not still flourish in Utah. Constitutions do not enforce themselves—they require legis-

lation. Statutes do not enforce themselves—they require public opinion. Public opinion is manufactured by the school-house, the press, and the church. The school system of Utah is under the control of the Mormon church; the press of Utah—that portion of it which appeals to Mormon readers—is under the control of the Mormon church; and polygamy is one of the fundamental tenets of the Mormon church. It cannot be eradicated from Mormon theology without laying Mormon theology in ruins. It cannot be abandoned by the Mormon hierarchy without destroying the prestige of that hierarchy and the faith of the people in it. When the Mormon church has declared that polygamy is a sin against God and man, when the Mormon press thunders against it, and when the Mormon school teaches the purity of the family—a family based on one wife married to one husband—it will be time enough for us to consider the question whether a Mormon population is a population which we desire to invite to joint participation with us in the control of this great western empire. Until then, whoever in the American Congress votes, log-rolls, or bargains to admit Utah as a State, may count on the indignation of all men and women who have at heart the purity of the home, and who have any measure of acquaintance with the facts respecting Utah and its past history.—*The Christian Union.*

A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE —The week before Christmas found us using the last of our fuel, without one cent of money and the thermometer marking 25° below zero. You can imagine how human it would be if the Home Missionary and his wife looked compassionately upon three little boys, and from them to the pitiful supply of fuel. You can imagine, too, something of the surprise that came to the little household when your letter was opened, disclosing a draft for twenty-five dollars. If we had suddenly found ourselves in a new world we could not have been more astonished! We were not looking for help from without. We were simply hoping that our little church would be able ere long to pay us some money. We all united in saying, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace”; and God grant that great peace and blessing may rest upon the Ladies’ Benevolent Society of the Central Church, Brooklyn, now and forever! I tell you we had a “HAPPY CHRISTMAS,” and I was enabled to speak with a confidence and trust in God such as reaches the hearts of those who hear.—*Minnesota.*

ONE great difficulty in our work has been a want of earnest, united *action*. There has been at times considerable unity in *words*, but all have not worked together. Each one has not seen the necessity of doing his or her part. Many are waiting to see the work a success before they take hold. Of course this is just the way to never see it a success. I am trying to impress the people with the truth that each one must do *his* very best whether anybody else does anything or not.—*Rev. C. R. Hyde.*

THE SCANDINAVIANS.—II.

FROM A FORTHCOMING LEAFLET.

REVIVALS IN WISCONSIN WOODS. — Burnet County, in Northwest Wisconsin, is settled largely by Swedes; and Superintendent Geo. A. Hood writes of a journey among them: "I went nineteen miles before I found a man who could talk English well enough to give me particulars of the churches; and by night I was weary with the strain of understanding and trying to make myself understood.

"Rev. August Bryngelson preaches almost every day, and sometimes two or three times. The whole country is aroused. He has thirteen stations in sixteen townships. I never saw religion made more business-like. A neighbor looks out for the minister's family while he is away. He drives his own horse till tired, then some man stables it and carries him farther with his horse. I took dinner where two neighbors had come with ox-teams to haul and cut up my host's wood, in order that he might have more time to carry the minister around with his team. Some teams come fourteen miles to church. Services are held eight or ten miles apart, in the two churches, in school-houses and in private houses, all crowded. After every service there is an inquiry-meeting, the pastor and workers praying with anxious ones in the seats. They expect conviction from even the youngest—a boy seven years old, confessing his sins.' In two months there have been over fifty 'saved.' One man said, 'I want to see all my neighbors saved.' Prayer-meetings are as natural to these Christians as vital breath."

Rev. Daniel Magnus says that at a Swedish prayer-meeting which he attended in this part of Wisconsin, there were thirty-one men and women present, and twenty-nine of them offered prayer.

CONVERSIONS.—Rev. John Wenstrand, Swedish Missionary of Keokuk, Iowa, reports: "The congregation was organized about four years ago with about twenty communicants, of whom some have moved farther west to find themselves homes. Until about a year ago no minister worked among them; but they gathered around the Word of God, which was read by one of their number. I have seen the work here increase and the regenerating power of Jesus Christ revealed. Several hopeful conversions have very much encouraged me in my belief that the gospel is not preached in vain. The communicants now number thirty-two, and the whole number reached eighty-two. We do not call any one a communicant if we are not satisfied he is living a life for the Savior.

We have two Sunday-schools in the city, and one about eight miles out in the country, where I also preach most every week. The most conversions have taken place in the country, where I have gained some very pious and happy Christians and members. The year round we

have meetings every Sunday morning and evening. Every Wednesday evening also we have preaching, and prayer-meetings in private homes every Friday evening. Every Saturday I have a special meeting with the children, when we sing, read, pray, study Bible history, catechism, and learn to read the Swedish language. This school has been very useful, but has been held only two hours at a time."

SACRIFICES.—"The Swedish mission people here are very sacrificing, according to their means. They are all hard-laboring people, and have been so from the old country. Some of them have large families to support and house-rent to pay, but give a monthly aid of \$1 to my support alone. We also have girls working in American families and earn \$2 and \$2.50 a week, who also give to my salary \$1 per month. Since last year the members have paid on their church debt \$325, leaving \$175 yet to be paid. This is very encouraging. When I see this willingness it inspires me to do what I can. After we get out of debt on our church and can be able to build a parsonage, so we need not pay house-rent for the worker in the vineyard, we will be able to support ourselves. At present it is impossible. Our Congregational brethren, with whom we unexpectedly got acquainted, are giving aid to many Swedish mission churches in this country. There is no denomination of Americans we now stand so near as the Congregationalists. The same condition exists also in Sweden, ever since Rev. Montgomery's visit there. . . . There is nothing so beautiful, so satisfactory, as being God's servant and living in his love"

A SWEDISH COLLECTION.—"Our Swedish Free Church brethren have been taking up a collection, and its interesting features are worthy of note. In response to the appeal of the American Board for aid for the sufferers by famine in Asiatic Turkey, the Chicago *Bladet*, an independent Swedish religious paper edited by Rev. J. G. Princell and J. Martinson, called upon its readers to help. Three weeks after its appeal, it acknowledges the receipt at its office from the Swedish people of \$2,401! Besides this, the Swedes at Worcester, Mass., had sent direct to the Board \$60, and the paper afterwards received further sums, making a total of \$2,749.96. This magnificent contribution from our Swedish friends, through the efforts of one newspaper, comes from twenty-one States, including Canada and two Territories, and is generally in small sums from very poor people. Some of the expressions accompanying the gifts are as follows: "Collected at a prayer-gathering at Albion, Minn.;" "Collected in Christ's Church in Minneapolis.;" "From the Sunday-school at Moline, Ill.;" "A collection in Swedensfield's mission house in Clay Point, Neb.;" "Gathered among God's children in Stillman Valley, Ill.;" "From old and young at Mears, Mich.;" "A sister's collections from Scandinavians in Anoka, Minn.;" "God's children in Joliet, Ill.;" "Collected in Glenwood school-house,

Dak.”; “From God’s church in Ishpeming, Mich.”; “Some sisters on the South Side in Chicago”; “From the Ladies’ Society in Alta, Ia.”; “From the Christian Sisters’ Society, Worcester, Mass.”; “From Henry Sundberg’s broom-corn workers, Pleasant House, Neb.”; “A pair of ear-rings and three gold rings at Teien, Minn., sold for \$7.22.”

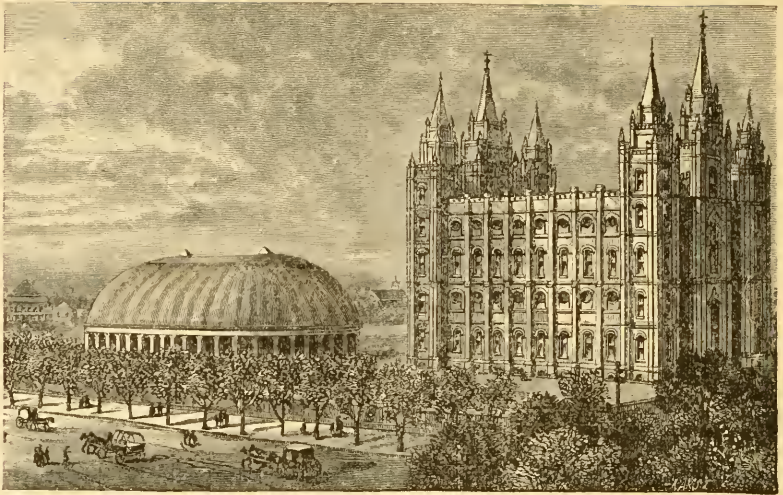
This collection shows the sympathetic side of the Swedish nature. They are an affectionate people, and easily touched by a tale of suffering. It also shows the power of combined effort—the great total when *all* give, even though it be but little from each.

TO X, Y, AND Z.

AFTER such cheering words from you, if our field were ten times more laborious and our privations great in proportion, we would thank God that we were counted worthy to work in this part of his vineyard. Your inspiring letters, so full of Christ, so full of cheer, have given me a fresh conception of the Christian’s mission, an exalted idea of the Christian’s heart. I made seven calls yesterday among our leading families, and at each place I took the liberty to read extracts from your letters as illustrative of the spirit of mission work in the East. How unlike anything else in this world is this idea of Christian and church fellowship! A business man said to me some time ago, “You ought to command a larger salary than you get in this unappreciative place.” For two years he has attended our services. He is a sincere friend of mine. Last night I called at his private office, and read to him extracts from these eastern letters. I said to him, “My friend, if I had twice the ability you accord to me and received only half of the ‘few paltry dollars’ you speak of, after such prayers and such manifestations of Christian sympathy for our church from those dear Christian women. I would stay right here, regardless of the most tempting call that might be extended to me from any other church.” This morning his wife called at our house, and said to my wife, “For some reason my husband was unusually serious last night after returning from the store. He said, ‘I am almost persuaded to be a Christian.’ He talked about it until after midnight, frequently alluding to those letters. Just before closing his eyes, he remarked, ‘What a wonderful thing Christianity is. I am convinced that the world is not all selfishness, by any manner of means. I begin to believe that there are some great big hearts in it. I wish I was a Christian!’”

God help us, and graciously bless you, Christian women!

THOSE who are sure to be interested in certain programs for home missionary study, which are contemplated by one State at least, are advised to keep the *Home Missionary* for 1887-8 on file.



MORMON TABERNACLE AND TEMPLE, SALT LAKE CITY. UTAH.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS.

BY REV. W. S. HAWKES, SUPERINTENDENT, UTAH, IDAHO, W. MONTANA AND WYOMING.

I ARRIVED on my field November 2d. Besides finding and getting settled into a home, I have done something. It was a pleasure to attend the happy settlement of a pastor over a needy church within three weeks of the beginning of my superintendency. This event was a pleasant introduction to field duties, and occurred at Rock Springs, Wyo. This place is situated in the most barren part of the desert lands of this Territory. Neither Bitter Creek, flowing through the section, nor the wells, nor the water from the mines, being fit for domestic use, for animals, or even for steam purposes, all water used by a population of over 3,000 souls, by many animals and by several large stationary steam engines, and railway locomotives passing through and stationed here for the shifting of cars about the mines, has heretofore been brought by rail, in cars made for that purpose, from Green River, fifteen miles west. A pipe line was then nearly completed to bring the water from the Green River Water Works. I do not recall that I saw a tuft of grass about Rock Springs, and the straggling sage-brush looked sickly. But the village is a flourishing one, built up by the coal mines of the Union Pacific Railway, and from which, it is said, that corporation obtains one-third of its entire profits. The population is divided into 2,000 whites of almost every nationality, and four to five hundred Chinese; this being the place where the massacre of the latter occurred something over a year ago. In this population there are about 400 families, whose religious needs, three churches, Congregational, Roman-

ist and Mormon, attempt to supply. The mines supply an output of about two thousand tons of excellent lignite coal per day. It is the best quality of any found in the Rocky Mountain region. The coal, mercantile, railway and miscellaneous business of the place amounts to over six millions of dollars yearly. Building lots which when surveyed two years ago sold for thirty dollars, now command \$1,000.

One of the leading officials of the coal-mining business, is a Hampshire County man, of Massachusetts, and another a Switzer, and both devout Christians and members of the Congregational church.

Upon landing in the desert I was speedily relieved of my homesickness, induced by the desolate country, and made glad by learning that the leading family, socially, were from the town adjoining that from which I had come, and a member of that family had relatives among the neighbors I had recently left in the Connecticut Valley. And the desert blossomed as the rose for me when I entered their home and found an elegant music-room, with costly organ, piano, banjo, violins, etc.; a good library, magazines lying about, and *Bibles which showed use*. Here was every household comfort, and many luxuries, such as electric lights; the church, stores and dwellings, as well as the mines, being thus lighted. But not an article of food, or drink for man or beast, produced within several miles of the town.

The Congregational church has a neat meeting-house, unencumbered by any debt, and had unanimously called a young man, a licentiate of the Methodist Episcopal church, who desired to enter our denomination. The Council for his ordination and installation showed how our polity could adapt itself to circumstances. When called to order, not one of the churches invited was found to be represented, only the Superintendents of Colorado and Utah, who were invited as individuals, answering to the roll-call. But the church being present, and appealed to, requested these two to go on. Relying on them for authority, these two brethren organized themselves into an ecclesiastical council and divided the offices among themselves, and the labors as well. Mr. Frank H. Hungerford, of Iowa, was the candidate, and acquitting himself to the approval of the Council, and also to that of the church (who were called upon for an expression of approval or disapproval after his examination), was duly set apart in the evening as pastor, when the pastor of the Ogden Church, Utah, had arrived, and participated in the exercises, giving his approval to what had already been done. A unique feature of the *business session* of the Council was the presence of the choir, who interspersed the exercises with most excellent singing. The music and singing of this church in the midst of the desert is one of its great and strong points; and it is delightful to find Christian people from the East who will thus sanctify their gifts for the church of Christ. A unique feature of the ordination and installation

service was the giving of the right hand of fellowship, on the part of the church, by Deacon Zwiky, of that church. Although only a business man and a foreigner, wrestling with our language, yet he performed his part in a manner remarkable for its fitness and comprehensiveness. The Rock Springs Congregational church starts off under its new pastor with most cheering prospects. In former years he worked in a mine, and more recently on a railway; therefore, is apparently well adapted for this particular field. The church is wholly self-sustaining, and has built a neat parsonage by the side of the church, the rent of which is in addition to a suitable salary. For the present, Mr. Hungerford will preach at Green River on alternate Thursday evenings, where no services have been held in our meeting-house for some months, with the exception of a Sunday-school.

On the day succeeding the ordination at Rock Springs, Brothers Sanders, Bailey, Hungerford and myself, went to Green River, and held preaching services in the afternoon and evening. Brother Bailey preached an excellent sermon in the afternoon to four men and three ladies, three of the congregation being ministers. In the evening I preached to about fifteen. It is an important point, and a recent decision of the railway officials that it shall continue to be the point for dividing and making up trains for the Oregon Short Line, instead of Granger, where that line actually diverges, makes it the more important that our nice meeting-house should have a preacher and regular services. I shall expect to be directed to fill the place soon.

It is my impression, from what I have seen, that Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are laying good and broad foundations at Ogden. It seems to be their policy and heart's desire to enter every promising outlying village, strengthen what exists and sow seed for the future. Thus they sustain services at Lynne and Hooper, and will now soon at Slaterville, where Mrs. Bailey has inspired the people themselves to build a school-house, while she has secured a teacher and funds to support her from Iowa, and the New West Education Commission have adopted the school.

I attended the General Association at Park City, and was impressed by both the Association itself and the opportunity at Park City. The union of the ministers and delegates of the churches with the women teachers of the New West Education Commission was, to my mind, a most happy idea. The organization is mutually helpful and agreeable to all participating. I think it may be a great power in mutually inciting and encouraging the workers.

REV. GEO. WIBERG, for five years past a general missionary among the Swedes in Minnesota, has accepted a call to the Swedish Mission Church in St. Louis, Mo. He was formerly in Worcester, Mass., and again finds himself in a city where Dr. Stimson is a pastor.

FROM A GERMAN HOME MISSIONARY.

It was about five o'clock in the afternoon when I came home from some of my duties, tired and exhausted. A woman was waiting to see me. She asked me to hold a funeral service for her child at six o'clock. I faithfully promised. I had never seen her before.

By my arrival at the house I met an American woman alone in the room. The father of the dead child was not yet home from work, and the mother had gone for some household things. The American lady said, "I suppose you know all about this funeral?"

"No, madam," I said, "I know nothing. What about it?"

Then she told me the horrible story. The child, an infant of four weeks, died seemingly of paralysis. The father got on this occasion beastly drunk. He and his wife are Germans. He ask one of my church people about the cost to bury the child.

"About three dollars it will cost you," was the answer.

"Oh, that is too much! I will not pay," said the father.

He went out and bought a small soap box, squeeze the little one into it, tuck it under his arm, and with the spade, and the mother behind him, he went away. Being arrived at the cemetery they digged a little hole, and covered the box with four inches of earth. This shame was discovered by a German woman, and she make complaint, to some authority of the town. They compel him to take it back and bury it in a lawful manner.

So I saw the little child in its little coffin, a beautiful angel, peacefully silent, as if it had nothing to say here, but was rejoicing with the redeemed. I saw the little house ten feet by twelve, filled with American and German people. I read a part of the Ninetieth Psalm, and spoke in German, to try with God's words to pierce the stony heart. I could not raise the father's feelings, but the mother weeped, while the father was cold. I implored in my prayers the grace of the Almighty to find a tender spot where a ray of light might enter that heart, and then I thanked our friends, in English, for their sympathy.

After the service the man would even not go with the undertaker. This aroused the indignance of the Germans who felt greatly ashamed about such conduct, and so he had to go after the wagon. They even did not thank me a word, but the next Sunday I saw them at my church. But I hardly believe in a change. The face of the man had a remorseful conscience on it, but that was all.

How 'a Home Missionary feels about such things, you can imagine. What shall become of this godless mass of people? What shall become of our country?

One day I was introduced to a woman, fashionably dressed, belonging to the possessive class. She spoke very low about my work, and said there was no possible hope that it could prosper. She belongs to a rich church. She would by no means lower herself to come and help

these poor Germans. She invited me to come and see her. Of course unless she had a funeral, I should hardly go. Where was this woman going when I met her? *To a missionary meeting!* Yet this dear madam could not soil her hands by work among the unrefined emigrants. But they toil on your prairies, they fill your workshop and counting room, they furnish your servants, they take care of your children, they build your railroads, and they help improve your country. Oh, for more men like Dr. Josiah Strong, with missionary zeal. Oh, for more prayers, more help! God help the German disciples in Dakota—few as we are in this great field, too few to mention—to preach the light into the darkness, among the multitudes who are living in entire indifference.

I feel obliged at this time to mention a great help to us, our dear Superintendent Wiard, the man with a heart warm enough and large enough to love even our German people. We need such friends. Do you know why? Because the thermometer in Dakota goes down to forty below zero.

HYGIENE FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

BY E. CUTTER, M.D., LL.D.

DRINKS.—When it is considered that man is more than nine-tenths water—as cremation shows—the importance of drinks to health is evident. Our Savior recognized this when he said, “Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones, a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward.”

THE VALUE OF WATER AS A DRINK.—There is no intoxication with water, though some people have lost their lives by the excessive use of cold water in hot weather; nor is it very healthy to hold a man under water for ten minutes. We write of the temperate use of water. Still, one great trouble is, that people don't drink water enough to properly thin the blood—secretions and excretions—so that the system can be cleared of its effete matters speedily and promptly. The long-continued retention of secretions that ought to be thrown off, is the cause of such diseases as rheumatism, catarrhs, etc. They affect the heart by thickening the blood, and making it harder work for the heart to do its work.

Again, the use of water, in its full normal quantity, washes out the alimentary canal, keeps the stomach and bowels sweet and clean, and has the effect of “an inside bath.” It keeps up normal peristalsis downwards; it makes the tissues soft and pliable; it makes the system run with less friction, so that nerve force is saved for cerebration, and thus the whole force of the intellect can be expended on sermons and other mental efforts. The mind is clearer, the brain works better and easier, and hence realizes a better income for the owner.

Under the head of drinks for those we address, we would instance: 1. Ice water; 2. Cold water; 3. Hot water; 4. Tea; 5. Coffee; 6. Spring water; 7. Well water; 8. Hydrant water; 9. Distilled water; 10. Cistern water; 11. Milk.

1. *Ice water* is to be used sparingly. It abstracts heat, chills the stomach, and arrests the digestive processes, sometimes, for an hour. Its use is a matter of habit, and even in very hot weather will not be relished if the system is kept saturated with hot water enough for its uses—a condition which satiety shows. For example, when patients drink one pint of hot water one hour before each meal, and on retiring to rest, they will not be thirsty or crave ice water in midsummer even. Ice water may be tolerated and health maintained *in spite of it*, but our health should be *in consequence* of our environments, and not in spite of them.

2. *Cold water*, that is, water at the ordinary temperature of the house or atmosphere, or cool from a spring, or from jars set in a refrigerator—this can be used freely by persons in health with good results.

3. *Hot water*.—Such are the diseases and troubles that civilization has entailed on man that it is a rare thing to find a perfectly healthy human being. Hence the use of hot water, as introduced by Dr. Salisbury, has been widely and beneficially employed to aid almost every person who has used it. For a full explanation, see below.*

There is no doubt that brain workers derive great benefit from drinking hot water—one to two pints one hour before each meal, and on going to bed. If the water is cold, it may chill the stomach; if it is lukewarm, it may excite abnormal or upward peristalsis, or vomiting. This water at 110° F. to 150° F. will excite downward peristalsis, wash, cleanse, sweeten the stomach, wash out the liver, thin the blood, start the wind gases, tone up the digestive glands, cleanse the kidneys, moisten the skin, and, best of all, will prepare the digestive organs for their work when the time comes.

Now, anything that lessens the work of running the human machine, or oils it like a locomotive, is a benefit to all brain workers.

As one of my medical classmates† said, thirty years ago, in his graduation thesis, “Dyspeptic ministers make dyspeptic sermons.” There is great truth in these words. How can one who is wrestling in the throes of difficult digestion (dyspepsia) do good brain work? Or, to put it differently, how much better brain work one might do when not agonized or diverted by dyspepsia, one great cause of which is the fermentation of food left too long in the alimentary canal, and which hot water prevents by hurrying the food along at the normal rate of speed.

* “Therapeutical Drinking of Hot Water—Origin and Use.” Cutter. New York: W. A. Kellogg. 10 cents.

† Dr. John A. Lamson, Boston, Mass.

THE BLIZZARD.

THE BLIZZARD began in the good old way—a southeast wind, a shower of rain, turning to mist, an “about face” of wind, a raging northwest blast, air full of floury frozen particles—and then the business of the blizzard was fairly inaugurated. This all happened inside of an hour, and by half-past one o’clock a fifty-mile gale was tearing over the prairies and the atmosphere was charged with snow so fine that it was felt rather than seen. Through the afternoon and through most of the night the storm continued, and humanity could only take to shelter and await the end.—*Dakota.*

I WAS caught in the blizzard on the prairie, lost my way, and my life was saved through God alone. My nose was frozen, also both cheeks, chin, parts of both hauds, and one foot. From this exposure I am still suffering, although able to go on with the work. At one of my preaching places I was recently threatened with tar and feathers, as soon as I gave out the text; but circumstances entirely under my control compelled them to reconsider, and they listened to gospel truth with very strict attention for forty minutes.—*A Home Missionary.*

A WALK BY FAITH.—Thursday, January 12th, 1888, will long be remembered by the inhabitants of Dakota. The preceding day had been intensely cold. Spirit thermometers had registered as low as 50° below, although during the day the mercury rose considerably. A strong south wind was blowing which filled the air with snow toward evening. Through the night the wind was fierce and the cold intense. Thursday morning seemed milder and it was snowing from the south. Suddenly, about noon, the wind changed to the northwest, a severe gust filled the air with blinding snow and the storm was upon us in all its fury. It overtook me thirty miles from home, where my wife and two little children had been left alone. My preaching appointment was forty miles away. I was to travel the last thirty miles of my homeward journey by rail, taking the train on Thursday at noon. On reaching the station I found that all trains were abandoned and there was no hope of a train for probably several days. What was I to do? It looked as though I must stay at H—— and pay a heavy hotel bill until the trains were running again. I was unreconciled to this, thinking of my family, and especially of the little boy who was recovering from a dangerous illness. I was very anxious lest something should happen to my family, alone in that dreadful storm. I should not have thought of going away, had I not fully expected to return home the next day. Suddenly the thought occurred to me that perhaps I could walk home. I noticed that the wind was blowing the snow off from the railroad track so that there was a good, hard, substantial path between the rails. The wind would be directly at my

back, and as all trains were abandoned I should have nothing to fear from them. After thinking the matter over carefully, I concluded I would make the attempt, and go at least to the next station, and if I found it too hard for me would stop there. At three o'clock, contrary to the advice of others, I set out, well knowing that if I should lose the track I should be lost. I should have to spend the night wandering about on the prairie and perhaps would perish before morning, but feeling sure there was no danger of my doing it. The thermometer then was about 10° below, and rapidly falling. I found I had no trouble in keeping my way. Now and then there was a huge drift across the track, but almost all the time it was clear. I got along so well I concluded to keep on, fully persuaded I could safely reach home without danger. To be sure, one could scarcely look back at all against the storm. Before night set in I could always see as far as the next telegraph pole; after that I could only see a few feet, but the way was always perfectly plain before me. The storm grew worse and it bore me on, often faster than a walk. I had to walk by faith as I could only see a few feet ahead of me, as the Christian is often called to do, seeing just far enough to take one step at a time, passing through the dark experiences of life. I pushed on through the storm and safely reached home at 11 P.M., making thirty and a half miles in eight hours. A kind Providence had watched over those at home as well as over myself. Many persons perished in the storm in Central and Southern Dakota, and it will long be remembered. The railroads were blocked for several days. Though the Home Missionary sometimes has hardships to endure, still he delights more and more in preaching this glorious gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.—*Rev. E. H. Stickney.*

FROM A MISSIONARY'S WIFE.—January 11th.—I am all alone this evening. My husband went to Esmond this morning by rail, intending to come home on the freight at seven to-night. Since he left me a terrible storm has come on, and in two hours the drifts are so deep I cannot get out to the barn. But Fanny has enough to eat until morning, and if the snow keeps on this way, somebody will have to shovel me out. The doors are full already, and, dear me! such a terrific, shrieking, bellowing gale of wind! I could not sleep if I wanted to. I am feeling very anxious about Mr. Drake. I shall sit up all night and write letters. I must be ready to let him in *instantly* if he comes, for one might easily freeze to-night in a very short time. I trust the dear Lord will take care of my husband at this trying hour. If it were not for the blessed assurance of his watchful care and continual presence, I should be lonely and—

January 16th.—While writing that last word the chimney came crashing down over my head, and I really thought for a while that the

house must go too. The outside door blew open, and the snow and wind held it with such force that I couldn't get it together again; so I nailed blankets across it, which held it until morning, when I dug my way out to a neighbor's house, and got help to nail up the door. The snow that night blew into our windows as though they had been made of paper. I carried *barrels* of it into the wood-shed, until it was piled as high as my waist. I tell you I cried unto the Lord that dreadful night.

The next morning about ten o'clock it cleared off for a few hours. About one o'clock sudden darkness dropped upon us for a few moments, and then suddenly, with a roar and a bellow, the worst storm I ever witnessed burst upon us, lasting all night and a part of the next day. My husband has not yet come home, but I have heard that he just escaped being lost in this dreadful storm.

January 23d.—“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits”! After seven days of absence, Mr. Drake has reached his home—*alive!* As the trains were not running, he started for home on the railroad track. When he was three miles out, the blizzard struck him. He turned back, and in the fury of the gale tried to reach Esmond. After a terrible experience, when within a mile and a half of the town, he met Mr. Green, a member of our Esmond church, who had risked his own life to find my husband. He threw his arms about Mr. Drake, and cried out, “Oh, I am so thankful to find you alive!” They tied themselves together with ropes, and were able to take back with them the teacher and several school children. No one ever expected to see either Mr. Drake or Mr. Green again. One of our people whose husband was away, went to the barn and could not find her way back to the house. She was found the next morning within twenty feet of the house, frozen to death. We have news already of forty people within thirty miles who were frozen to death at the same time. Even in thickly settled places it was impossible to get from one house to another. People get dazed and blinded at such a time, and go round and round in a circle. You see the snow is like powder, and the fine particles of ice fill the face full and freeze the eyelids together, and cover the face like a mask, so that people are blind at the time, and sometimes for hours after. The terrible suffering all about here now which I cannot relieve, makes me nearly wild. Mr. Drake froze his face and limbs so that he is miserably lame, but this is nothing to what might have happened. I tell him it seems very little to ask of eastern people, living in comfort and even luxury, to help us build our churches and parsonages, while we carry on the dear Lord's work out here on the frontier.—*Mrs. A. J. Drake, Iroquois, Dak.*

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A CONTINUAL PICNIC PARISH.—II.

REV. C. M. SANDERS, SUPERINTENDENT, COLORADO AND WYOMING.

AFTER a good night's rest and an abundant, well-cooked breakfast the next morning, we prepared to continue our journey. The stage man—Mr. Pickett's friend—left us here, and went to his ranch in the neighborhood. At eight o'clock the stage was ready, the call was heard, "All aboard," and we were on the road once more. The road took us over hills, through valleys, over and along a few water-courses, past a few ranches, by some gardens, a few fields of grain, and out on to the great plains. There was little of shade along the way. At eleven o'clock we were approaching the town of Lusk. How we strained our eyes for the first view of this new city of the plains, located on the new railroad. Lusk is but a babe as yet in years—a small village, much like most frontier towns in their infancy. Here we have the only church organization at present, and they have a church edifice in process of erection. I "rustled round" making a few calls, but as I was to return this way, expecting to spend a day here, after dinner I took the train for Douglas, the present terminus of the railroad. There were but few passengers. Among them was a drunken man. He and his companion were seated near the front of the car. I was near the rear, busy with my papers. There were but four men in the car. The intoxicated man was quite talkative. He said, "I am a good deal drunk to-day, but I am not half as drunk as I was yesterday." The whiskey bottle soon came to the front. The man drank from it, and, as is usual with such men, he was over-generous, and the bottle was passed to those about him. They drank, or pretended to. Soon he spied me, and called out, "Won't you have some?" I replied, "No, I thank you. I never indulge in that line." "Better have some; it's good." He looked at me intently for a moment, and then exclaimed, "Oh! I know *you*. I've heard you preach in Cheyenne. Better have some." He told me his name and seemed bent on having a talk. He came and sat down by my side, and at times seemed to express great interest in me and my work—had horses for me, and whenever I was in his neighborhood his ranch was to be my home, and so on. "That's the man I am!" He interspersed his conversation with invitations to drink, and Scripture quotations. I did not know but I was to have trouble, but I kept cool and did not intend to be caught napping. He seemed bound that I should drink. He sat by my side, his right arm resting on the back of our seat, his left hand holding the corkless bottle of whiskey, and he was drunk enough to be ugly. He quoted such passages as this, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and maketh him drunken also." I came near obeying the injunction of the weeping prophet, "Then shalt thou

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

CAN any one read the touching story sent us this week, by a bereaved missionary wife, whose husband has "given his life" that the gospel may be proclaimed in destitute regions of our own land, and not ask, "Am *I* doing all I can to help these earnest men and women at the front?" *Must* the daily struggle with heart-sickening difficulties for want of men and means, be crowned with martyrdom to save this land for Christ? A lady writes, "I never read *The Home Missionary* in the evening if I want to sleep at night," and another adds, "I read *The Home Missionary* aloud to my husband. No romance could be more thrilling, and I had almost said, the Bible itself does not appeal more strongly to the conscience!" Would that the burning words of these noble workers might, through the power of God, be brought home to the hearts and consciences of thousands, where now they seem to touch here and there—one! Please remember that each experience

here given is *gathered from life*. Before laying aside these pathetic words of Mrs. Cobleigh, let us in all sincerity, before God, answer a question or two.

“In twelve of our States and Territories, there are to-day more than 1,000 communities entirely destitute of religious services by any denomination. One hundred men have recently offered themselves for service in these States, but have been told that, on account of the embarrassed condition of the A. H. M. S., they could not be encouraged to come.”

Am I in any way responsible for these facts? Have I, one of the Lord's redeemed, really “crucified the flesh” in this matter of economizing for the Lord's treasury?

REST—BUT NOT HERE.

BY MRS. N. F. COBLEIGH, WALLA WALLA, W. T.

“*For us the promise holds, ‘the rest remaineth,’
Not here—but there!*”

I HAVE for two years feared just what has taken place.

During the five and one-half years that my husband has been here, he has taken no rest. He has failed to meet his Sunday appointments four times; two of these were during his last illness, the other two were when he was too sick to leave his bed. I went with him this last summer nearly a thousand miles in a buggy. He worked incessantly, preaching week-day evenings as well as Sundays. One Friday afternoon last summer we rode twenty-eight miles, reaching Roparia, on the Snake River, at nine o'clock. We could get nothing there for our horses, so he led them out three-quarters of a mile to eat bunch grass, sitting up for this purpose until eleven o'clock. The room we occupied was so hot he could not sleep, so we started on at five o'clock the next morning. There was no one to do anything for his team, and we had no breakfast. We rode eight miles without coming to a house. Mr. Cobleigh seemed sick and could not sit up. Three times during that hot day I made him a couch in the shade of the buggy that he might rest. We reached Endicott at five o'clock that afternoon. Mr. Cobleigh was very sick, but rallied during the night; and the next day, the Sabbath, he preached twice to a houseful of eager listeners. He asked me to take the Sunday-school, that he might go to the hotel and rest.

At another time during the summer he found the church at Half Moon Prairie had been without preaching for six months, because the man with whom he had intrusted that church had not been able to reach it with his other work, and had failed to let us know. I remember how weary he looked as he told me the circumstances. He was lying on the lounge in Rev. Mr. Walter's parlor at Colfax. He closed his

eyes for a time as if in prayer, then got up, saying, "I must go up there." That was Monday, after a five days' meeting of the Association of Oregon and Washington Territory. We drove forty-eight miles the next day and thirty the day after, reaching Half Moon in time to make twenty calls to let the people know he would preach in their school-house during the next two evenings. The school-house was well filled both nights. One woman in the congregation gave us two dollars to use where we thought it would do the most good. We took it and have sent them the *Congregationalist* for a year. There are two bright boys and two sweet little girls in that woman's home, without a single newspaper, and no books, except the Bible, which, I am glad to say, is read every day. In that home there were only four chairs, one bed, and other things accordingly. We left that neighborhood Friday morning, driving thirty miles, and slept in the attic of a log house, occupied by a single man. Mr. Cobleigh never complained of anything, but made life as cheerful as possible. The next day, Saturday, we rode forty-five miles, reaching the place of his appointment at evening, having ridden 150 miles, preached twice and made thirty calls on country people.

At another time Mr. Cobleigh preached at Pleasant Prairie at eleven A.M. The school-house was full, although the rain came down in torrents. After Sunday-school and lunch, we started in the rain for his other appointment. We drove on and on, but found nothing but pine trees and rain. I feared the exposure for him after speaking. We found the little town for which we were looking, a few minutes before seven. There were many such experiences during the two months I was traveling with him, which show how fully he was devoted to the work, and they also show the need of workers.

Mr. Cobleigh left here the last week of September for a month's trip in the Big Bend country, on the Columbia. He preached at Starbuck, where is a feeble church, and then at Endicott. He rode 640 miles and preached fifty-two times, reaching home October 25th. He was here from Tuesday night until Wednesday evening of the next week (going to Dayton on Saturday), when he started for The Dalles, Oregon, to attend the "Mid-Columbia Association." There he was chosen moderator for the two days' meeting, and had to leave The Dalles before the evening service was through Thursday night, in order to get home Saturday morning and go on the afternoon train to Dayton for the Sabbath. He seemed very weary, but we both thought it was only weariness. Sunday he preached morning and evening; Monday he solicited funds to help that feeble church raise a small debt incurred on the repairs of the church building. He finally became too much exhausted to walk, and an expressman took him to the depot. He came on the train, and to save fifty cents to the A. H. M. S. he walked one

mile and three-quarters from the depot to our house. The whole of the trip in the Big Bend country cost the Society but \$4.95.

When he reached home, he went immediately to bed and never asked to get up again. The physician called the disease malarial fever, but it proved to be typhoid. The doctor told me he would be all right in a few days, but I feared the worst—he was so very sick. He could not tell me much about the last journey. I know he felt constantly oppressed because he could not have more men and money for that work. One day heaven seemed to open before him, and he repeated Scripture and hymns descriptive of that place, and said, “I could make a grand sermon now, if I could write it down.” Some of the time it was like being at heaven’s gate to be in his sick-room. His last audible prayer was for the young ladies in my care here in the Ladies’ Hall of Whitman College, and for the churches. He told me what to say to the churches. “Tell them to carry out the plans laid.” Several times he said, “Who will take up the work?” “Who will do the work?” “It would be pleasant to take up the work again.”

On Monday, the 21st of November, the doctor said to me, “Mrs. Cobleigh, do you know that your husband can live only a few moments?” Mr. Cobleigh said, “What is that?” The doctor said, “What you wish to do you must do at once.” Mr. Cobleigh replied, in a joyful tone, “I’m all ready!” When Tuesday morning came, and he had rallied some, I said, “You are with me still.” He said, “Yes.” I said, “Jesus will go with you through the dark valley of the shadow of death.” His face lighted up with something of its old enthusiasm as he said, “*There is no such valley!*” He felt anxious about leaving me and Grace, and the missionary’s son, my nephew, whom we were helping to educate. To relieve his mind I told him we could get along some way, with God’s help. He said, “Yes, God can get along without either of us.” He seemed to know us all to the iast, but he could talk but little. The last day he spoke but one word, that was my name. I mourn for his companionship, and the churches and pastors mourn for his help, and I wonder why he was taken from a field that needs him so much. I cannot tell how much money he has given to the work here, but I know he has given some years two-thirds of his salary. He wanted his life insured for my benefit the first year we came here, but I objected because he would be taxed so heavily to pay the yearly dues. He could see the great need of money in this work. Sometimes one hundred dollars from him would be the stimulating influence that would lead many others to give. It seems to me now that if the constituency of the A. H. M. S. could see the economy and liberality of some of their workers, they would give more gladly for the work. If Mr. Cobleigh could have had more money and men he would not have broken down. Yes, my husband gave his life, freely and fully, to this field.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

TO THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS—You have been doing a greater work than most of you know. By your kind contributions to the Children's Bohemian Fund you have made it possible to carry on the Bible-readers' School in Cleveland, in which some of your Bohemian sisters are being trained to do missionary work for Bohemian women and children. I wish very much that you could look in upon the school as it meets daily to study the Bible and other necessary branches, and then see their bright faces as they go out, two by two, three afternoons in the week, to visit families, and tell the mothers and children of Jesus Christ in their own language, which would sound so strange to you. Perhaps you would like to see a few words of Bohemian, and so I will give you here the sixteenth verse of the third chapter of John :

“Nebo Bůh tak miloval svět, že Syna svého jednorozeného dal, aby každý, kdož věří v něho, nezahynul, ale měl život věčný.”

You would find it pretty hard to learn that language, because there are some very difficult sounds in it, the most difficult being the “r” with an inserted circumflex over it (ʀ) which is sounded like rolling the “r” and spluttering the “sh” at the same time. But these Bible-readers find no difficulty, because they learned it as children. You will be glad to know that they meet with much encouragement in their work, though the enemies are doing all they can to hinder them; as for instance, just now, in the Bohemian Catholic church very near to my house, the priest talked very strongly against our Bethlehem-Bohemian mission church, and made the people lift up their hands in church and swear that they would buy no Bibles. This shows you how the Catholic priests fear the Bible and hate it, and how very necessary it is that we should carry the Bible to the homes of those whom the priest forbids to read it.

You will be very sorry to hear that the Sunday-schools through the country have not recently contributed much to the Children's Bohemian Fund, and so we are in trouble to know whether we shall get the money for carrying on the school. I believe God will send it to us, but I also believe that he wants to send it *through you*. Are you willing to be his messengers?

Let me tell you one or two things that have recently happened here, which show how much encouragement there is to do just the work that these Bible-readers are doing. Miss Reitingger, of whom you know, and who teaches the Bohemian primary class of about seventy children in Bethlehem Sunday-school, says: “One of the little girls in our Sunday-school died recently, trusting in the Savior. Three weeks

ago I found that she and her little brother had a tender love for Jesus, and now when she was sick, and her mother asked her if she was afraid to die, she said, 'No, but it may be he will heal me. He healed with one word the captain's servant, who was very sick, and raised with his hand the little daughter.' But although she believed that Jesus could heal her, she was quite willing to be with him." I held the funeral service for that little girl, and was much touched, as I stood by her coffin, with the sweetness and beauty of her pale face. Miss Reitinger also says: "One Sunday, when the lesson was about the miracle on the stormy sea, I asked whether the ship would have perished or not if Jesus had not awakened. A good many children answered readily. 'Yes, the ship would have sunk; Jesus would not have heard the storm.' After I had reminded the children of other great miracles of Jesus, I asked the very same question again, and one child cried loudly, 'The ship would not have perished; Jesus was in the ship.' And when I explained that Jesus as a man was tired like us, and therefore had to sleep, but as God he could never sleep nor slumber, and that he knew about the storm all the time, the children seemed to understand and felt very happy."

On Thursday, during the week of prayer, at a meeting in Bethlehem which was well attended, and in which the services were conducted in both languages, English and Bohemian—we sang the same hymns to the same tunes in both languages together—I saw a nice looking man who had never been in Bethlehem before. Afterwards I found that he was the father of two of our Bohemian primary scholars, and that he had been laid up for some weeks because a heavy iron had fallen upon his foot. He was inclined to feel badly and complain about it, but when one of his little girls came to him and told him how much John the Baptist had suffered for Christ's sake, he felt rebuked and ashamed of his complaining and took the very next opportunity to appear at Bethlehem. So the seed works. Even the little children who cannot yet read, carry it home to the parents. Only yesterday a Bohemian, who never comes to church, told me that he wanted his boy to join the Bethlehem Boys' Band, which meets every Thursday evening, and has a pledge against drinking, smoking, impure language and profanity. I was greatly surprised that this man should want his boy, who has not been at Sunday-school, to join this band and sign a pledge which I am afraid he himself would not be willing to sign. But it shows that even careless and unbelieving and Catholic parents see how much good Bethlehem and the Christian workers are doing to their children, and so are desirous to have them come under this influence.

Another little Bohemian child who, just before Christmas, heard in a Congregational Sunday-school in East Cleveland (which is preceded by a Bohemian service) that Jesus is always ready to answer a

humble and earnest prayer, thought that she would write a letter to the best friend of children, and tell him what she wanted for Christmas. As you will see, she got Jesus mixed up with Santa Claus; but the Lord understood it. Here is what she wrote, as near as I can give it:

“SANTA CLAW DEARLY: If you are kind you will give me for Cirs-mas shoose. I know you are kind you will give me doll and buggi. I will love you very much. I love to go to Sunday-school and I love to pry (pray) very much.”

On the envelope she wrote,

“This letter down Heaven,

“Cleveland 18 December.

“Fanny V——

B—— Street 109,”

and gave it to her father to send to heaven. The poor man was puzzled to know what to do with it; but some little girls over in our part of the city, who, quite a while before Christmas, formed a Christmas Club, and met every Saturday afternoon to make presents for poor children, which they then distributed in a three hours' march all over those parts, heard of this little girl's letter and sent her a doll, some shoes and other things which greatly delighted her, and gave her, in answer to her honest prayer, rich Christmas joy. Let us pray that God may put it into the hearts of many of these children, as well as their parents to ask of Christ the greatest gift which he can bestow, that of his love and that of himself. When we have Christ himself in our hearts, and are moved by his love, we shall not fail to do all in our power to let others know of this great gift, and the joy that it brings to every heart that receives it. We shall not fail to deny ourselves that others may hear the blessed news of Christ's saving love

Wishing you all a most Happy New Year in the love and service of Christ, I am, very sincerely your friend, *H. A. Schauffler, Cleveland, O.*

AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

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FACTS FOR THE CHURCHES.—The work of this Society is to assist young men in their course of study, and colleges in the newer States and Territories. The amount given to six such institutions last year was \$27,371. The central idea of a *Christian* college has been made prominent, and its legitimate influence illustrated in college revivals

and in the increase of the number of those who enter the ministry. The need of the department for assisting students for the ministry was never greater than now. Most of the students in our theological seminaries cannot meet their necessary expenses without running in debt, or incurring grave risks of impaired health. Our net gain of ministers from regular and special sources is about seventy-one per year, less by fifteen than the annual increase in the number of our churches. Last year only about half of our new ministers were college graduates, because the immediate need of men necessitated short courses of study. The churches should encourage, by their prayers and their gifts, the increase of the number of our *educated* ministers. Otherwise, many of our promising young men, whose hearts turn towards the ministry, will be unable to serve out the full and expensive courses of study in college and seminary. One-third of all the students aided last year by this Society were in western institutions. The home missionary work is dependent largely on the work of the American College and Education Society.

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Commencing June, 1886.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,955 04
Connecticut, Columbia, \$10; Stratford, \$10.....	20 00
Massachusetts, W. Springfield.....	44 53
Minnesota, Elk River, \$5.90; Glyndon, \$4.....	9 90
Missouri, Pierce City.....	1 25
New York, Albany, \$11.29; Brooklyn, \$10; Churchville, \$10; Fairport, \$25; Warsaw, \$20.....	76 29
	\$2,107 07

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Commencing June, 1887.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$2,200 41
Connecticut, Stonington.....	15 00
District of Columbia, Washington.....	25 00
Massachusetts, Boston, \$295; New Bedford, \$50; West Springfield, \$500.....	\$45 00
Minnesota, St. Paul.....	10 00
Nebraska, Fairfield.....	21 00
New Jersey, Montclair.....	230 00
New York, Brooklyn.....	137 50
	\$3,483 91

WOMAN'S STATE H. M. ORGANIZATIONS.

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| <p>New Hampshire Female Cent Institution, org. 1805, Miss Annie A. McFarland, Concord, Sec.</p> <p>Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. 1872, Mrs. H. L. Chase, Minneapolis, Sec.</p> <p>Nebraska Woman's Home Miss. Association, org. Oct., 1874, Mrs. E. H. Baker, Sutton, Sec.</p> <p>Maine, Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, org. June, 1880, Mrs. Gertrude A. Denio, Bangor, Sec.</p> <p>Michigan, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1881, Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lansing, Sec.</p> <p>Kansas, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1881, Mrs. Addison Blanchard, Topeka, Sec.</p> <p>Ohio, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1882, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin, Sec.</p> <p>New York, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. C. Creegan, Syracuse, Sec.</p> | <p>Wisconsin, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead, Sec.</p> <p>North Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Nov., 1883, Miss S. E. Judd, Fargo, Sec.</p> <p>South Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Sept., 1884, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood, Sec.</p> <p>Connecticut, Woman's Home Missionary Union org. Jan., 1885, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Hartford Sec.</p> <p>Missouri, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1885, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3100 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Sec.</p> <p>Illinois, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1885, Mrs. C. H. Taunter, Chicago, Sec.</p> <p>Iowa, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. June, 1886, Miss Ella E. Marsh, Grinnell, Sec.</p> <p>Nebraska, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Nov., 1887, Mrs. L. F. Berry, Fremont, Sec.</p> |
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APPOINTMENTS IN JANUARY, 1888.

Not in commission last year.

Beaton, David, Redfield, So. Dak.
 Camillef, Lewis E., Letcher and Firesteel, So. Dak.
 Cole, Henry M., Argentine, Kan.
 Furman, William F., Montevideo, Minn.
 Hanscom, A. H., San Jacinto, So. Cal.
 Mathews, S. Sherberne, Wichita, Kan.
 Starr, M. Angelo, Escondido, So. Cal.

Re-commissioned.

Andridge, Andrew A., Rhineland, Wis.
 Arnold, John, Culbertson and Hayes Co., Neb.
 Bonnell, William H., Julesburg, Col.
 Carleton, Edwin H., Maricitta, Minn., and Revילו, So. Dak.
 Chaney, Lucian W., Granite Falls and out-station, Minn.
 Cheeseman, John M., Brookline and Republic, Mo.
 Comstock, Davillo W., Grand Island, Neb.
 Curry, Erastus S., Thayer and Curry, Mo.
 Edwards, William, Fort Abercrombie, No. Dak.
 Fletcher, Rufus W., Ortouville, Minn.
 Framc, Ezra E., Buffalo Gap, So. Dak.
 Grob, Gottfried, Inland, Neb.
 Hampton, William S., Ryerston, Neb.
 Hayner, Augustus J., Princeton, Minn.
 Hetzler, Henry, Campbell, Edmunds, McIntosh and McPherson Counties, So. Dak.
 Hicks, William H., McAllister, Caddo, Lehigh, Savannah, Krebs and Massey Prairie, Ind. Ter.
 Holden, Chas. W., Hillsvlew, Eureka and Hosmer, So. Dak.
 Jones, David S., Lucas and Washington, Ohio.
 Kingsbury, Lucius, Clark, Elrod and Bradley, So. Dak.
 Lake, Orange E., Mound City, Kan.
 Lawrence, Henry O., Volga and out-station, S. Dak.

Lich, John, Friend, Grafton and Turkey Creek, Neb.
 Lyman, Albert T., Alexandria, Emery and Burton, So. Dak.
 Morgan, Lewis, Sodd y, Tenn.
 Page, Henry P., Gay lord and out-station, Kan.
 Page, William D., Cowles, Neb.
 Parnclee, William J., Stewart, Preston Lake, Dassel, Collinwood and North Branch, Minn.
 Pike, Alpheus J., Dawson and Tappan, No. Dak.
 Ritchie, George, Ketchum, Idaho.
 Rounce, Joseph S., Rose Creek, Lyle and out-station, Minn.
 Sabin, Levi P., Elk Point, So. Dak.
 Sanders, Frank P., New London and Rochester, Ohio.
 Schaeerer, John, Crete and Fairmont, Neb.
 Sherk, A. B., Riceville, Penn.
 Smith, George H., Walnut Grove and Lambert, Minn.
 Sopher, George E., Rochester, N. Y.
 Spanswick, Thos. W., Peshtigo, Wis.
 Taylor, David K., Pescahero and Fairview, Cal.
 Tibbits, Joseph, Eagle River and out-stations, Wis.
 Van Eps, Frank S., Dodge Center and Claremont, Minn.
 Wallace, Stryker A., Billings, Mon.
 Washburn, William S., Bon Homme, So. Dak.
 Watson, William H., Valley Springs, So. Dak., and Larchwood, Iowa.
 Westpfahl, Fredk W., Spring Creek and West Spring Creek, Penn.
 Wheat, Nathaniel M., Vinita, Tucker and Spring Hill school-house, Ind. Ter.
 Wheelock, Rufus A., Sherman, Tex.
 Wherland, James D., Verdella, Pedro and Iantha, Mo.
 Wright, Reuben B., Pueblo, Col.
 Wrigley, Francis, Waterville and Morristowd, Minn.

RECEIPTS IN JANUARY, 1888.

MAINE—\$329.22.

Bangor, Hammond Street Ch., by G. Webster..... \$2 00
 Bath, Winter Street Ch., G. J. Mitchell, Treas., by John L. Crosby, Treas. Maine Miss. Soc..... 160 54
 Central Ch., by F. S. Partridge..... 18 55
 Bucksport, Mrs. Edward Buck..... 15 00
 Falmouth, First Ch., extra coll. for Debt, Rev. H. McKnight..... 10 00
 Madison, by Rev. C. S. Wilder..... 13 00
 Portland, State Street Ch., by W. S. Corey..... 10 73
 Williston Ch., by G. F. Thurston..... 44 40
 Ladies of the Second Parish Ch., \$35; Young People's Soc. of Christian Endeavor Second Parish Ch., \$15, by N. Weston, to const. Dea. J. W. Stephenson a L. M..... 50 00
 Wells, Lucy H. Crane..... 5 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$432.75.

Received by L. D. Stevens, Treas. of N. H. H. M. S.:
 Epping, \$33; Franklin, \$20..... 53 00
 Amherst, Miss Lucy F. Boylston..... 52 00
 A. J. McGown..... 10 00
 Antrim, Rev. Morris Holman..... 10 00
 Concord, A Friend..... 10 00
 Dover, A Friend..... 1 00
 Hanover, Andrew Moody, by F. Chase..... 50 00
 Hazen's Mills, An Aged Friend..... 10 00

Lebanon, by Mrs. J. A. Davis..... \$55 00
 Merrimack, First, by F. A. Gordan.... 33 20
 Pelham, Mrs. E. W. Tyler..... 10 60
 Penacook, J. C. Martin..... 10 50
 Union, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Butler..... 5 00
 Wakefield, Daniel Smith..... 57 50
 Wolfeboro Junction, Daniel Smith.... 57 58

VERMONT—\$5,619.65, of which Legacy, \$5,000.00.

Barre, Mrs. D. M. Phelps..... 5 00
 Brattleboro, Legacy of Mrs. Sarah G. Chapin, by F. Goodhue, EX..... 5,000 00
 Burlington, First Ch., by E. L. Ripley..... 218 00
 Cornwall, E. R. Robbins..... 10 00
 East Corinth, by J. B. Kemp..... 10 72
 Enosburgh, Mrs. L. A. Kidder..... 90
 Milton, by C. H. Jackson..... 12 23
 Newbury, H. E. Keyes, to const. Miss Alice E. Hall a L. M..... 50 00
 Hon. P. W. Ladd..... 5 00
 New Haven, Mrs. E. H. Meacham, by Mrs. E. F. Williams..... 20 00
 Norwich, J. G. Stimson..... 100 00
 Putney, Mrs. A. S. Taft, for Debt..... 10 00
 Rutland, by F. W. Gary..... 16 50
 St. Johnsbury, W. H. M. Soc. of North Ch., by Mrs. W. P. Smith..... 100 00
 North Ch., by W. C. Tyler..... 18 00
 Swanton, Mrs. Eliza Stone and Harriet M. Stone..... 3 00

Waterbury, by Rev. C. M. Sheldon.....	\$4 55	Hampden Benev. Assoc.....	\$500 00
Mary E. Glysson, for Debt.....	5 00	Stockbridge, A Lady friend.....	5 00
Willstou, Mrs. A. M. Bliss, for Debt...	5 60	Tewksbury, C. I. Fisher.....	20 00
Windsor, A Friend.....	25 00	Wakefield, by G. R. Morrison.....	57 73
MASSACHUSETTS—\$31,324.91; of which Legacies, \$19,945.15.		Ware, Legacy of Otis Lane, by L. N. Gilbert, Ex.....	1,000 00
Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.....	9,136 73	West Brookfield, Legacy of Mrs. Lucy Ellis, by George Davis, Adm.....	733 75
Special.....	10 00	Westfield, M. E. Hood.....	1 00
West Springfield, Park Street Ch., for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	44 59	West Millbury, Legacy of S. A. Small, by Mrs. F. P. Small, Adm.....	20 00
For Spanish Work, New York City, by request of donors.....	4 00	West Springfield, Mrs. L. M. Bagg....	500 00
Amherst, South Ch., by J. E. Merrick..	4 69	Worcester, Legacy of Mrs. Survilla G. Stowell, by E. N. Shepard, Ex.....	200 00
Mrs. E. J. Seelye and sister.....	15 00	T. W. Thompson.....	20 00
Ashburnham, Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. S. A. Freeman.....	9 16	RHODE ISLAND—\$242.90.	
Rev. J. D. Crosby.....	10 00	Central Falls, A Friend.....	25 00
Barre, by J. H. Goddard.....	129 26	East Providence, Samuel Belden, to const. Henry A. Brewster, Mrs. Mary E. B. Churchill and Samuel B. Babcock, L. Ms.....	150 00
Boston, Woman's Home Miss. Assoc., by Miss Sarah K. Burgess, Treas., special.....	195 00	Pawtucket, by E. R. Bullock.....	42 90
W. E. M.....	24 40	Providence, A Friend, for Debt.....	25 00
Brockton, Mrs. J. R. Perkins, for the Debt.....	2 00	CONNECTICUT—\$8,145.82; of which Legacies, \$5,215.28.	
Brookfield, Mrs. R. B. Montague.....	5 00	Miss. Soc. of Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec....	415 81
Campello, A Friend.....	5 00	Received by F. T. Jarman:	
Centerville, Mrs. H. D. Crosby and Betsy Thacher.....	5 00	New Haven, A Friend.....	\$200 00
A few friends.....	3 00	A Friend.....	4 00
Charlton, by A. E. Fiske.....	27 35	<hr/>	
Chicopee, Legacy of Maria Smith, by E. B. Clark, Ex.....	1,0 00	Received by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Sec. Woman's H. M. Union of Conn.:	204 00
Curtisville, Mrs. Frances M. Clarke .	5 00	Columbia, Apple Blossom Mission Circle, for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	\$10 00
Dalton, Mrs. J. B. Crane.....	200 00	Stonington, Aux.....	15 00
Danvers, W. F. Putnam, special.....	100 00	Berlin, Ch.....	25 00
Dorchester, Mrs. Walter Baker, special	100 00	Golden Bridge Mission Circle, by O. P. Wilcox.....	8 00
East Hampton, Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Payson Ch., \$25; Home Mission Band, \$15, by Lydia A. Ferry.....	40 00	A Friend, "Special Providence"....	25 00
Foxboro, On account of Legacy of Mrs. Susan Payson, by Thos. B. Pourne, Ex.	241 40	A. N. Wilcox.....	10 00
Framingham, Mary L. Brown.....	10 00	Bethel, Ch., \$174.51; A Thank-offering from a Friend, \$10, of which \$5. for Debt, by W. Beard.....	184 51
"A Lover of our Country".....	2 00	Bristol, by E. Peck.....	202 69
Gloucester, Knight.....	100 00	Connecticut.....	1 00
Goshen, Mrs. H. M. Putney.....	1 00	Darien, Mrs. W. E. and F. H. Gleason.	6 90
Harvard, A Thank-offering, from J. S. Eaton, M. D.....	5 00	East Hampton, Palo Bevin.....	25 10
Haverhill, Mrs. Samuel Chare.....	10 00	East Hartford, South Ch., by E. Roberts.....	31 00
Haydenville, by C. D. Waite.....	30 00	East Morris, F. Lyman.....	5 00
Lancaster, Interest on Miss Sophia Stearns's Legacy, by W. W. Wyman, Ex.	4 64	East Woodstock, by J. M. Paine.....	11 00
Lawrence, Trinity Cong. Ch., by J. Hartley.....	15 00	Fairfield, Abby B. Nichols.....	5 00
Lowell, A Friend in Eliot Ch.....	5 00	Farmington, Cong. Sunday-school, by H. W. Baibour.....	37 17
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Massachusetts, W. L.....	200 00	Miss W. F. Jones.....	1 00
O. B.....	5 00	Hampton, First-fruits of 1888, by Rev. D. Demison.....	6 00
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From an Unknown Friend, by I. S. Cornish, special.....	50 00	Hebron, First, by E. P. Spaford.....	11 75
North Adams, A Friend.....	10 00	Ivoryton, A Friend, to const. Miss Belle Northrop a L. M.....	100 00
Northampton, Legacy of Tamesin S. Clark, by S. D. Drury, Ex.....	2,000 00	Jewett City, Second Ch., by H. L. Lee Kensington, by Dr. J. D. Quill, to const. Rev. A. J. Benedict a L. M.....	36 00
Northboro, the Evan. Cong. Ch., by C. A. Lawrence.....	13 64	Lakeville, Salisbury Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. M. H. Williams.....	41 25
A Friend.....	50 00	Mrs. M. H. Williams, of which \$5, for the Debt.....	10 00
Pittsfield, Mrs. H. A. Campbell, \$50; Miss Elizabeth Campbell, \$25; Miss Grace Campbell, \$25.....	100 00	Lebanon, Three Friends in First Cong. Ch.....	15 00
Randolph, Cong. Sunday-school, by Rev. J. C. Labaree, special.....	35 00	Mansfield, C. H. Learned.....	5 00
Sheffield, First, by H. Dutcher.....	12 17	Middletown, Ladies' H. M. Soc. First Ch., by Miss C. M. Bacon.....	10 00
Springfield, Legacy of Charles Merriam, by Charles Marsh, Ex.....	10,000 00	Milford, Plymouth Ch., by A. A. Baldwin.....	50 00
Legacy of Chloe Blake, C. J. Leonard, Ex., by C. Marsh, Treas.:			

Plymouth Ch. Sunday-school, by S. Hawkins.....	\$10 36	Binghamton, A Friend.....	\$5 00
Meriden, E. K. Breckenridge.....	4 40	Brooklyn, Lewis Ave. Ch., by A. G. Brinckerhoff.....	25 75
Morris, Cong. Sunday-school, by J. W. Skilton.....	20 75	A Friend, \$10; A Friend, \$1; A Thank-offering, \$5; A Friend, special, \$2.....	18 00
Mystic Bridge, by A. F. Young.....	17 00	Mrs. M. Ellison, for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	10 00
A Friend.....	10 00	Canastota, Miss L. Lewis.....	2 00
Naugatuck, by Miss Ellen Spencer.....	75 00	Candor, E. A. Booth.....	25 00
New Hartford, S. P.....	14 50	Carthage, \$20.75; North Lawrence, \$10; Philadelphia, \$21; Stockholm, \$25.64; by Rev. F. V. D. Garretson.....	77 39
New Haven, College Street Ch.....	12 00	Champlain, A Friend.....	2 00
North Cornwall, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. D. Rogers, freight.....	1 00	Ellington, by Rev. A. W. Taylor.....	3 00
Northfield, by Peck Brothers, to const. Mrs. E. Preston and Mrs. J. L. Platt L. Ms.....	50 00	Fairport, Sunday-school, for Children's Bohemian Fund, by Miss C. Hobart.....	25 00
Northford, add'l, by E. Smith.....	5 00	Franklin, by G. Mann.....	44 25
North Haven, Elizabeth and Etta Marleigh.....	17 00	Friendship, by Rev. M. Gaffney.....	5 00
Norwalk, Two Boys, for Debt.....	5	Hopkinton, A Friend of Missions, to const. V. A. Chittenden a L. M.....	50 00
North Woodstock, by Miss M. J. May.....	2' 35	Little Valley, by Rev. J. H. McKee.....	3 90
Old Lyme, First, by R. Griswold.....	9 64	Lockport, First Ch., E. Simmons.....	10 00
Orange, by S. D. Woodruff.....	14 00	Morrisville, by G. S. Tillaghast.....	5 52
R. J. Woodruff.....	1 00	New York City, Oliver W. Coe, \$5; H. R. Munger, \$100; Miss E. A. Smith, in Memory of Mrs. E. F. Smith, \$10; Rev. J. W. Schermerhorn, \$5; W. Abbott, \$1; A Friend, \$10.....	176 00
Plymouth, W. W. Bull.....	10 00	North Java, by Rev. J. H. Mallows.....	4 98
Pomfret, First, by Mrs. C. C. Williams.....	114 20	North Walton, by W. S. Webb.....	18 00
Putnam, Rev. A. L. Love, special.....	5 00	Norwich, by J. Hammond.....	67 49
Salisbury, by Rev. J. C. Goddard.....	31 38	Ladies of the Cong. Ch., by Mrs. R. A. Barber.....	13 40
Saybrook, Seaside Mission Band, by Mrs. B. Palne.....	11 00	H. T. Dunham.....	10 00
A. A. Pratt.....	50 00	Oswego Falls, by Rev. C. Olmstead.....	14 25
Scitico, A Friend in full to const. Mary E. Stowe a L. M.....	40 00	Perry Center, by F. C. Benedict.....	56 00
South Britain, by H. P. Downes, to const. D. M. Mitchell a L. M.....	56 18	Port Chester, Milo Mead.....	3 80
Southington, by S. B. Neal.....	146 81	Rome, W. B. Hammond, special.....	10 00
Southport, A Friend for Debt, by Rev. W. H. Holman.....	15 00	Sayville, by W. Greene.....	25 00
South Windsor, First Ch., by C. P. Rockwell.....	8 48	Sherburne, First Cong. Sunday-school, by G. W. Lathrop.....	21 48
Stamford, First Ch., by P. H. Brown.....	10 00	Springville, S. P. J., special.....	5 00
Stratford, Two Friends for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	10 00	Walton, First Cong. Sunday-school, by F. W. Tobey.....	35 44
Suffield, Legacy of Susan A. King, by Harriet D. Bartlett, Adm.....	215 28	Warsaw, Cong. Sunday-school, of which \$20 for Slavic Dept. in Oberlin College.....	50 00
Vernon Center, by A. W. Post.....	30 00	West Groton, Ch., \$20; Sunday-school, Birthday Box, \$5, by Rev. J. Cunningham.....	25 00
Waterbury, Second Cong. Sunday-school, Infant-class for Sunday-school work, by A. M. Blakeley.....	23 94	Woodville, by J. H. Wood.....	12 49
Ladies' Benev. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. H. M. Dutton.....	60 00	Farmingville, by Rev. F. A. Valentine erroneously acknowledged in Feb'y	3 15
Watertown, Mrs. W. S. Munger's Sunday-school class of Boys, special.....	4 60	NEW JERSEY—\$151.37.	
Westchester, by A. R. Bigelow.....	5 39	Bloomfield, D. B. C.....	50 00
West Hartford, A Friend.....	3 00	Jersey City, by Rev. N. M. Sherwood.....	13 03
Westport, Saugatuck Ch., \$24.56; special coll., \$25.80; Sunday-school, \$25, by W. C. Woodworth.....	75 36	Newark, Elitweed Pomeroy.....	10 00
West Redding, Mrs. J. H. Meeker, for the Debt.....	20 00	X. Y.....	1 40
Windham, by W. Swift.....	37 62	Orange Valley, Mrs. Lowell Mason.....	50 00
Winsted, Mrs. M. A. Mitchell.....	50 00	Passaic Bridge, Y. P. S. C. E. of First Ch., for work among the Indians.....	6 15
NEW YORK—\$1,431.93.			
Received by Mrs. L. H. Cobb, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:		Paterson, W. Mitchell.....	10 00
Brooklyn, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of the Pilgrim Ch., special, for Salary Fund.....	\$137 50	Plainfield, Miss Coddington, by Susan M. Smalley, special.....	5 00
Churchville, Ladies' H. M. Union, special for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	10 00	Trenton, J. Browe.....	2 00
Iliomer, Ladies' Aux.....	10 00	Warrenville, by Rev. G. Baderstiseher.....	3 79
Watson, Ladies' Aux.....	10 00	PENNSYLVANIA—\$168.81.	
	167 50	Baigor, by Rev. J. Williams.....	24
Albany, First Cong. Sunday-school, for Children's Bohemian Fund, by W. S. Brower.....	11 29	Braddock, T. Addenbrook.....	4
C. A. Beach.....	50 00	Canton, Henry Sheldon.....	10 00
A Friend.....	75 00	Guy House, Ladies' H. M. Soc., \$5; Mrs. F. M. Guy, \$2, by Mrs. F. M. Guy.....	7 00
Antwerp, Sunday-school, \$13.40; Grifins Mills, \$5; Riga, \$5, by Rev. C. C. Creegan.....	23 40	Guy's Mills, by Rev. H. S. Thompson.....	20 00
Batavia, On account of Trust Fund of the Tracy Estate, by J. F. Lay, Trustee.....	109 00	Le Raysville, by H. C. Lyon.....	8 85
Berkshire, First, by S. L. Ball.....	134 50	Mt. Carmel, by Rev. D. D. Davies.....	9 65
Bal. of coll., by Rev. J. J. Hough.....	1 00	Philadelphia, Mrs. P. Fobes.....	15 00
		Providence, Welsh Ch., by Rev. R. S. Jones.....	20 00
		Scranton, First Welsh Ch., Hyde Park, by H. W. Davis.....	58 60
		Sharpsburg, by Rev. W. McCracken.....	5 00
		West Bangor, by Rev. J. Cadwalader.....	2 00
		West Pittston and Exeter, by Rev. S. B. Cooper.....	4 39

MARYLAND—\$211.70.	
Frostburg, by Rev. W. C. Jones.....	\$11 70
Maryland, A Friend.....	290 00
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$25.00.	
Washington, W. F. M. S. of First Ch., special, for Salary Fund, by Lizzie Patterson.....	25 00
VIRGINIA—\$31.50.	
Herdon, by Rev. J. K. Mason.....	30 75
Mannborough, D. L. Greene.....	75
WEST VIRGINIA—\$2.80.	
Ceredo, by Rev. A. H. Chittenden.....	2 80
GEORGIA—\$30.00.	
Atlanta, Ladies' Miss. Soc. Ch. of the Redeemer, by Mrs. F. C. Wade, special	30 00
ARKANSAS—\$5.00.	
Siloam Springs, by Rev. V. E. Loba....	5 00
FLORIDA—\$14.57.	
Florida.....	5 00
Longwood and West Longwood, by Rev. L. C. Partridge.....	2 50
Orange City, by Rev. S. V. McDuffee..	7 07
TEXAS—\$9.21.	
Austin, Tillotson Ch., by Miss M. J. Adams.....	9 21
INDIAN TERRITORY—\$7.00.	
Doaksville, by Rev. A. Gross.....	3 00
Hopkins, by Rev. H. H. Hines.....	4 00
NEW MEXICO—\$45.00.	
Albuquerque, by Rev. J. S. Jewell....	43 00
San Mateo, Rev. W. C. Montgomery..	2 00
KENTUCKY—\$1.04.	
Berea, by A. J. Hanson.....	1 04
OHIO—\$1,066.88.	
Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser:	
Atwater, Rev. W. T. Richardson.....	\$5 00
Brownhelm, by Mollie G. Goodrich.....	3 00
Claridon, by J. H. Warriner.....	20 52
Cleveland, Madison Avenue, by L. Golden.....	30 09
Irving Street Ch., by Mrs. Pickard.....	11 30
Freedom, by A. Bryant.....	13 50
Hudson, by Miss E. E. Metcalf.....	11 94
Medina, by H. A. Horn.....	48 47
North Ridgeville, by Rev. J. P. Riedinger.....	12 67
Radnor, Sunday-school, \$10; Willie Powell, \$1; Watkin Powell, \$1, Henry Powell, 50c., by John Powell.....	12 50
Saybrook, by Rev. N. D. Lanphear.....	18 30
Siloam, Sunday-school, by D. R. Evans.....	1 45
Tallmadge, by W. Alling.....	133 45
Tokio, Zion Welsh, by J. George.....	18 73
Toledo, Wash. Street, by A. U. Young.....	5 00
Central, Y. P. S. C. E., by Dr. Bacon.....	6 00
Wayne, by W. B. Smilie.....	15 00
West Williamsfield, add'l.....	1 50
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Received by S. P. Churchill, Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland, Dec.:	
Cleveland, First.....	\$32 00
Euclid Avenue.....	103 37
Oberlin, Second, Sunday-school, by Mrs. Crafts.....	25 00
Toledo, Wash. Street Sunday-school.....	5 00
Troedredaler, Sunday-school.....	11 20
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Ohio Woman's H. M. Union, by Phebe A. Crafts, Treas.:	
Akron, Young People's Assoc. of Cong. Ch. P.....	\$7 50
Cleveland, First, L. H. M. S., Plymouth Ch., L. B. S., Aux.:	2 27
Conneaut, Cong. Sunday-school Opportunity Club.....	1 60
Hudson, L. H. M. S.....	15 00
Olmsted, Second Cong. Ch., W. H. M. S.....	5 00
Springfield, First Ch., W. H. M. S.....	5 00
First Cong. Sunday-school Boys' class.....	20 00
-----	1 50
----- \$57 27	
Castalia, by Rev. C. J. Dole.....	25 00
Chatham Center, by M. W. Packard....	25 50
Cincinnati, Columbia Ch., by J. N. Cole	16 26
Cleveland, by Rev. E. C. Scoville.....	55 00
By Rev. J. H. Hull.....	4 16
Rev. J. R. Nichols.....	5 00
A Friend, A Thank-offering.....	10 00
Cuyahoga Falls, Cong. Sunday-school, for Sunday-school work, by L. K. Freeman.....	15 75
Findlay, by Rev. G. J. Jones.....	33 26
Fort Recovery, by Rev. M. W. Diggs..	4 00
Garrettsville, by H. N. Merwin.....	12 00
Hampden, by Rev. H. A. Richards..	10 00
Lodi, Ch., \$11.70; A Friend, \$5, by G. Burr.....	16 70
Marietta, Mrs. D. W. Mills.....	10 00
Newark, Plymouth Ch., by Rev. E. J. Jones North Monroeville, First Ch. and Sunday-school, by R. B. Foster.....	6 76
Norwalk, First Cong. Sunday-school, by Rev. R. J. Smith.....	10 00
Oberlin, First, by H. G. Husted.....	75 16
W. M. Mead.....	13 80
Pagetown, L. C. Meeker.....	1 00
Perrysburgh, Rev. J. K. Deering.....	2 60
Pittsfield, First, by J. E. Davies.....	1 00
Rootstown, by J. W. Seymour, of which \$10 special.....	36 73
Salem, David A. Allen, to const. Mrs. W. Ripley a L. M.....	25 00
Springfield, First Cong. Sunday-school, Mrs. Hastings' class, by Mrs. C. T. Hastings.....	5 00
Steubenville, William Richards.....	20 00
Unionville, Mrs. E. F. Burnelle, \$5; Mrs. E. Stratton, \$2, by Rev. J. C. Burnelle	7 00
Wauseon, by S. J. Clark.....	5 03
INDIANA—\$1,092.41; of which Legacy, \$1,000.00.	
Received by Rev. E. D. Curtis:	
Friends, special.....	\$5 00
Angola, Woman's H. M. Union. Cong. Ch., in full, to const. Rev. F. E. Knopf a L. M.....	3 00
East Gilead, Sunday-school....	15 75
Fremont, Woman's H. M. Union.....	1 50
Cong. Sunday-school.....	4 35
Indianapolis, Plymouth Ch., Sunday-school, special.....	3 00
Michigan City, Cong. Sunday-school.....	10 00
Pleasant Lake, Friends.....	10 56
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Jeffersonville, Legacy of Mrs. Mary J. Smith, by J. H. M. Campbell.....	1,000 00
Indianapolis, Woman's H. M. Soc. Mayflower Ch., \$28.66; Coal Bluff Mission, \$4.24, by Rev. J. Hayes.....	33 00
ILLINOIS—\$197.93.	
Alton, C. Phinney.....	\$25 00
Amboy, Mrs. L. B. Mead.....	5 00
Chicago, Leavitt Street Ch., by A. M. Ellsworth.....	36 53
L. A. Field and wife.....	100 00
Mrs. L. T. Nelson.....	40
Elgin, Mrs. Bosworth's Bible Class of	

First Cong. Sunday-school, by Morgia Williams.....	\$24 00
Elmore, Thos. Armstrong.....	7 00

MISSOURI—\$651.34.

Received by Mrs. A. E. Cook, Treas. Mo. Woman's H. M. Soc.:	
Amity.....	\$1 00
Carthage, Ladies' H. M. Soc.....	9 29
Kansas City, Ladies' Aux. of Olivet Ch.....	5 00
Ladies' H. M. Soc. Clyde Ch.....	5 40
Meadville, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of Cong Ch.....	6 25
Pierce City, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of First Ch., \$11; Cheerful workers of First Ch., \$9.....	20 00
St. Louis, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of the Pilgrim Ch.....	119 83
Cheltenham, by Rev. J. Morgan.....	166 77
Churches and Individuals in Missouri, by Rev. G. T. Holcombe.....	7 00
De Soto, by Rev. D. Q. Travis.....	32 70
Kidder, by Rev. J. M. Bowers.....	25 00
La Grange, by Rev. J. Reuth.....	23 00
Pierce City, Cong. Sunday school, for Children's Bohemian fund, by Rev. G. S. Ricker.....	5 00
St. Louis, Pilgrim Ch., add'l, by G. L. Day.....	1 25
German Ch., by Rev. G. Horst.....	347 62
Webster Groves, by A. Plant.....	33 00
	10 00

MICHIGAN—\$2,069.68.

Received by Rev. L. Warren:

Allegan.....	\$56 00
Armada.....	8 25
Bedford.....	10 00
Benton Harbor.....	10 00
Charlotte.....	25 00
Chelsea.....	15 00
Clinton, W. S. Kimball.....	5 00
Covert.....	14 00
Mrs. J. Jefferies.....	50
Detroit, Trumbull Ave.....	11 87
Mrs. G. M. Lane, \$1; Mrs. I. Hinsdale, \$1.....	2 00
"Aliquits".....	50 00
Dorr.....	42 00
Village.....	25 00
Dowagiac, Mrs. P. W. Perry.....	5 00
Galesburgh.....	9 00
Genesee.....	3 25
Grandville.....	2 00
Inlay City.....	30 21
Jackson, Mrs. C. Harris.....	50
Kalamazoo, F. Hudson.....	5 00
Lake City, George W. and Fred. I. Moore.....	60 00
Lansing, W. H. M. S.....	4 37
Rev. L. Warren, special.....	10 60
Leslie.....	1 50
Lexington, C. S. Nims.....	16 03
Ludington, Ch., \$16.48. Ladies, \$15.....	31 48
Manistee, Oak Street, Y. P. S. C. E.....	9 00
The Children's Mission Band, for "Hunter Horse Fund".....	8 00
R. G. Peters.....	200 00
A Friend, \$5; Mamie Walker, \$1.....	6 00
Marion, J. E. Lee.....	20 00
Morenci, Sunday-school.....	10 00
Muskegon, Mite Boxes, \$23.67; W. F. Wood, \$25.....	48 67
Northport, Dea. W. Gill.....	15 00
Olivet, W. B. Palmer.....	1 00
Port Huron, to const. Mrs. M. D. Sanborn and Mrs. S. A. Jones L. Ms.....	200 00
C. G. Meisel & Bro.....	5 00
Romeo, Miss M. A. Dickinson.....	20 00
St. Joseph, Birthday offerings.....	7 73

Salem, W. H. M. U., Second Ch. Sunday-school.....	\$10 15
Somerset.....	7 00
Tawas City.....	29 15
Cheerful Givers.....	3 20
Traverse City.....	20 57
Utica, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Vernon.....	5 00
Vicksburg, W. H. M. U.....	16 11
Waterveh, Rev. W. B. Dada.....	20 60
Webster, Sunday-school, Miss. Soc.....	2 00
Benev. Soc.....	9 23
Wheatland, Ch. and Dea. N. Rowley.....	26 13
W. H. M. U.....	21 50
Sunday-school.....	17 65
Whitehall, J. C. Lewis.....	4 21
	25 00
	\$-1,230 36

Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union, Almont.....	\$5 00
Bedford.....	7 00
Charlotte, Ladies' Benev. Soc.....	39 15
Detroit, Ladies' Union.....	2 88
Mrs. E. D. White.....	1 00
Grand Ledge.....	10 60
Grand Rapids.....	60 00
Greenville.....	15 04
Ithaca.....	5 00
Jerome.....	7 08
Kalkaska, "Willing Workers".....	10 00
Lake Linden, L. M. S.....	10 00
Lansing, Sunday-school of Plymouth Ch., special.....	9 48
Lowell.....	10 00
Mattawan.....	10 00
Memphis, Cheerful Givers.....	2 00
Nashville.....	4 93
Onondaga, Mite Boxes.....	1 00
Pentwater, Mrs. L. F. Waldo, \$1; Mite Boxes and Sunday-school coll., \$5.....	6 00
Port Huron, Mrs. A. E. Wastell, \$1; Mrs. M. A. Kelsey, \$1.....	2 00
Portland.....	5 00
Reed City.....	13 10
St. Joseph.....	16 65
Stanton.....	10 23
Tipton, W. H. and F. M. S. of Franklin Cong. Ch.....	10 00
Whitehall, Miss Carrie Blackman.....	1 00
From Beacon Fund.....	6 30
	280 44

Hunter Horse Fund:

Alpena, A Friend.....	1 00
Essexville, Sunday-school.....	1 00
Grand Junction, Sunday-school, Busy Bees.....	2 00
Lacey, A Friend.....	1 00
Lansing, W. H. M. S., from Mite Boxes.....	7 00
New Baltimore, W. C. Milton, \$2.50; Hiram Mills, \$1; Miss Jennie Mills, 50c.....	4 00
Olivet, Morning Star Miss. Band Proceeds from investment of five cent pieces by Olivet Morning Star Band.....	31 94
Young Ladies.....	2 50
Osego, Miss Mabel Temple.....	1 00
Reed City, Sunday-school Christmas offering.....	6 00
St. Clair, "A. T. S." Soc.....	10 00
St. John's, Cheerful Givers.....	5 00
	77 44
Allegan, W. B. West, to const. Abram Stien a L. M.....	357 88
Almira, First, by Rev. E. Linkletter.....	50 00
Ann Arbor, Young People's Miss. Soc. of the First Cong. Ch., by R. C. Scott.....	4 00
Benzonia, \$17.33; Homestead, \$5.02, by Rev. O. B. Waters.....	60 00
	22 35

Canandaigua, \$5.08; Morenci, \$4.70, by Rev. H. Coate.....	\$9 78
Chase, "Thank-offering," by Rev. F. W. Bush.....	5 93
Cllo, First, by Rev. F. C. Wood.....	20 00
East Fulton, by Rev. W. H. Shannon..	6 24
Essexville, \$5; Kalkaska, \$18.13; Needmore, \$6.90; Rondo, \$6.00; Vanderbilt, \$14.02; Wolverine, \$8.31, by Rev. C. F. Van Auken.....	58 42
Fremont, by Rev. G. Benford.....	5 11
Genesee, First, by Rev. F. C. Wood.....	10 00
Hudson, by C. B. Stowell, to const. L. C. Garrison a L. M.....	56 43
Lainsburg, by J. V. D. Wyckoff.....	11 00
Maybee, by Mrs. D. Keller.....	1 00
Olivet, by G. W. Keyes.....	11 28
Port Huron, Young People's H. and F. Miss. Soc., by Martha Mulford.....	25 00
Ransom, by Rev. R. Gordan.....	32 61
Sheridan, by Rev. A. H. Claflin.....	5 00
Sugar Island, by Rev. J. McGregor.....	5 00
Tipton, Franklin Ch., by Rev. H. A. Putnam.....	12 00
Vanderbilt, \$8.25; Berryville, \$2.64, by Rev. J. J. Kanagy.....	10 29

WISCONSIN—\$44.74.

Wisconsin Woman's H. M. Union, Mrs. C. C. Keeler, Treas.: Beloit, First Ch., W. H. M. S., \$14.50; for Bohemian work, \$1.30.....	\$15 80
Lake Geneva, W. H. M. S., for Bohemian work.....	5 20
Bristol, Miss A. L. Fowler.....	21 00
Clear Lake, by Rev. M. Peterson.....	10 00
Lake Geneva, Milo Barnard.....	1 94
North Prairie, Mrs. Jane H. Hollingworth.....	10 00
Tomahawk, by Rev. G. A. Hood.....	1 40

IOWA—\$87.12.

Buffalo Grove and Wesley, by Rev. L. C. Johnson.....	4 50
Burlington, by J. H. Merrill.....	5 52
Clinton, by Rev. G. E. Christofferson..	5 00
Grand View, German Ch., by H. Lieberknecht.....	2 10
Muscataine, A Friend.....	15 00
Waterloo, Rev. M. K. Cross.....	5 00

MINNESOTA—\$610.51.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley: Fairbault, by H. Wilson.....	\$50 23
Medford, by D. McKinley.....	10 00
Morris, Sunday-school, by Rev. J. B. Fairbank.....	7 00
Winona, First.....	100 00
	\$167 23
Minn. Woman's H. M. Soc. Mrs. J. N. Cross, Treas.:	
Austin.....	3 35
Benson.....	4 00
Clearwater.....	8 00
Elk River, Sunday-school, for Bohemian Fund.....	5 90
Excelsior.....	7 62
Glyndon.....	5 00
Sunday-school, for Bohemian Fund.....	4 00
Lake City, to const. Mrs. E. Clement a L. M.....	50 00
Mantorville.....	2 80
Marshall.....	14 00
Mazeppa.....	7 00
Minneapolis, Plymouth.....	39 00
Pilgrim.....	10 00
Cromo Avenue.....	17 98
Second, Misses Sunday-school class.....	6 50
New Richland.....	2 00
Paynesville.....	7 00
Rochester, Whatsoever Society.....	40 00

St. Paul, Park W. M. S., special.....	\$10 00
Spring Valley.....	2 65
Stillwater.....	6 50
	\$253 37

Ads, by Rev. S. Stone.....	14 25
Appleton, by Rev. J. T. Marvin.....	8 85
Hawley, by Rev. O. M. Smith.....	6 27
Lake Benton and Tyler, by Rev. F. Emerson.....	5 50
Lamberton and Walnut Grove, by Rev. G. H. Smith.....	2 00
Lyle, Stewart, Preston Lake and Dassel, by Rev. W. J. Parmelee.....	3 07
St. Anthony Park, by Rev. J. H. Chandler.....	38 50
St. Paul, A Friend in Plymouth Ch., special, by Rev. J. H. Morley.....	100 00
Stillwater, by Rev. J. H. Albert.....	5 00
Wadena and Verdale, by Rev. C. B. Fellows.....	4 47
Walnut Grove, by Rev. G. H. Smith.....	2 00

KANSAS—\$399.02.

Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Treas. Kansas H. M. Soc.:	
Woman's Home Miss. Soc.....	\$40 20
Eureka.....	10 50
Great Bend.....	5 00
Hawatha.....	5 00
Paola, Ch.....	46 72
Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 65
	113 07
Altoona and Village Creek, by Rev. T. V. Davies.....	3 82
Ash Rock, New Harmony and Mt. Ayr, by Rev. R. S. Osborn.....	4 75
Atcison, \$32; Highland, \$5; Lenora, \$5; St. Mary's, \$5, White City, \$27.30, by Rev. A. Blanchard.....	74 30
Blue Rapids, by Rev. E. Skinner.....	1 50
Carbondale and Ridgeway, by Rev. M. J. Morse.....	15 25
Dover, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Rev. L. H. Platt.....	16 00
Glen Valley, Lenora and Wakeman, by Rev. L. V. Slaso.....	25
Grizland, Rotate and Sunny Side, by Rev. D. H. Minick.....	3 00
Hill City and Edmonds, by Rev. N. R. George.....	2 50
Jetmore and Harold, by Rev. J. H. B. Smith.....	8 00
Linwood and Lenape, by Rev. J. W. Spring.....	2 50
Little River, by Rev. H. H. Gilchrist.....	7 00
Longton and Elk Falls, by Rev. G. Marsh.....	6 50
Manhattan, by J. W. Blain.....	67 41
Milford, by Rev. R. B. Foster.....	6 00
Mt. Hope and Haven, by Rev. E. J. Collins.....	6 29
Onaga and Clear Creek, by Rev. J. J. Wilson.....	10 00
Partridge, by Rev. F. B. Hyde.....	6 33
Pomona, Rev. L. Newcomb.....	1 00
Smith Center, by Rev. W. C. Sanford.....	8 05
Solomon City, A Friend, Thank-offering for Debt.....	5 00
Stafford and Plevna, by Rev. L. Hull.....	12 50
Wakefield, by Rev. R. Kerr.....	8 00

NEBRASKA—\$70.76.

Received by Rev. J. L. Maile: Fremont, Ch., Rev. L. F. Perry, pastor, special.....	\$68 10
Syracuse, by Rev. E. H. Baker.....	15 00
	83 10
Received by Mrs. D. B. Perry, Treas.:	
Arlington, by J. B. Chapman.....	18 00
Berlin, by Rev. E. H. Baker.....	6 50
Kearney.....	23 50
Lincoln, by S. H. Leavitt.....	13 50

East Hartford, Ct., Chapel Soc., through "The Cong. Home Miss. Union of Conn.," by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, barrel	\$75 00	Woodstock, Vt., Ladies' Aid Soc. of First Ch., by Carrie A. Munger, box.....	\$40 00
Ladies' Sew. Soc., through Home Miss. Union of Conn., by Mrs. N. S. Nash, box and freight.....	66 45	Mrs. F. Billings, three bundles.....	
Excelsior, Minn., Young Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Alice Bardwell, two boxes.....	25 00	By Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Michigan:	
Farmington, Me., Ladies, of the "Old South" Ch., by H. M. Merrill, box and freight.....	70 00	Ithaca, "The Gleaners" Y. P. S., box..	20 00
Ferrisburgh, Vt., L. A. Carpenter, box.		Ypsilanti, W. H. M. S., box.....	50 00
Hartford, Ct., Ladies' Soc. of Asylum Hill Ch., by Mrs. J. H. Cone, box.....	233 76	By Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Iowa:	
Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Park Ch., Auxiliary to the Woman's Cong. H. M. Union of Conn., through the Cong. H. M. U. of Conn., by Mrs. Thomas W. Russell, three barrels.....	216 00	Burlington, box.....	95 00
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Pearl St. Ch., through Woman's Cong. Home Miss. Union of Conn., by Hattie E. Cowles, barrel.....	67 01	Charles City, barrel.....	25 60
Lansing, Mich., Friends, by Rev. L. Warren, organ for H. M. Ch.....	60 00	Decorah, box.....	104 37
Lebanon, N. Y., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. L. Ballard, box.....	75 00	Keokuk, barrel.....	67 00
Madison, O., Woman's Home Miss. Soc. of Central Ch., by Mrs. L. H. Kimball, barrel and freight.....	66 81	McGregor, box.....	25 81
Medway, Mass., Mrs. Peter Adams, box.	28 00	Marion, box.....	122 00
New Britain, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of South Ch., through Woman's Cong. Home Miss. Union, by Kate M. Brown, two boxes and freight.....	232 79	<i>Receipts of the Maine Missionary Society, from Oct. 1st, 1887, to Jan. 17th, 1888, JOHN L. CROSBY, Treas.</i>	
New Haven, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Ch. of the Redeemer, by Harriet A. Miller, box.....	180 00	Aroostook Conference, by Rev. C. H. Percival.....	\$6 25
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of College Street Ch., by Mrs. L. H. Fowler, box and freight.....	150 00	Ashland and vicinity, by G. W. Christie..	37 25
Davenport Ch., through the Woman's Cong. Home Miss. Union of Conn., by Mrs. J. A. Biddle, barrel.....	92 00	Augusta, South Cong. Ch. and Soc., additional, by E. A. Nason, Treas.....	25 00
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mary E. Bennett, box and freight	165 41	Bangor, Walter Brown, Esq., legacy, by H. C. Goodenow and J. S. Wheelwright, Esq., Ex's.....	900 00
New London, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Alice Chew, box.	200 00	Central Church, by W. S. Dennett, Tr.....	125 00
Dorcas Soc. of Second Ch., by Mrs. J. W. Eggleston, box.....	200 00	Hammond St. Church, adopl.....	2 25
Newport, R. I., United Ch., by Mary A. Pritchard, cask and cash.....	156 61	First Ch. and Soc., by W. P. Hubbard, Tr.....	22 00
Newport, Vt., Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. J. R. Hall, box and freight.....	60 03	Bath, Wilter St. Ch., for Am. H. M. Soc.	160 54
New York City, Mrs. Dr. E. P. Hoyt, box	60 00	Mrs. Sarah H. Jenks, legacy, by John S. Elliott, Ex.....	1,000 00
North Cornwall, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. D. Rogers, half barrel and bundle.....	65 57	Central Ch. and Soc., by F. S. Partridge, Tr.....	26 25
Norwich, Ct., Woman's Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by S. L. Huntington, two barrels and box.....	174 00	Blanchard, Sunday-school, in part for L. M., by Rev. J. E. Adams.....	10 00
Orange, N. J., Ladies' Soc. of Orange Valley Ch., by Mary E. Burtis, box and freight.....	200 00	Bluenill, Ch., by Rev. H. A. Freeman.....	5 00
Philadelphia, N. Y., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Margaret Anderson, barrel.....	22 65	Brewer, First Cong. Sunday-school, by W. I. Bunker, Tr.....	10 00
Providence, R. I., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Union Ch., by Mrs. Wm. Knight, two barrels and box.....	274 00	First Ch., Mrs. Catherine Hardy, to const. Caleb Holyoke, Esq., L. M.....	20 00
St. Louis, Mo., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Pilgrim Ch., by Mrs. W. J. Washburn, three barrels and three half barrels.....	383 62	Brunswick, First Ch., R. L. Stawood, Tr.....	65 97
Sharon, Ct., Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. J. M. Delavan, barrel and freight.....	10 00	Bucksport, Elm St. Ch. and Soc., by Ed. Swazer, Tr.....	50 00
South Orange, N. J., Montrose Sabbath school class, by Mrs. John Van Vechten, box.....	100 00	Calais, First Ch. and Soc., to const. J. Barker L. M., by A. L. Clapp, Tr.....	32 00
Springfield, Mass., Elizabeth J. Hale, barrel.....	50 00	Camden, Sunday-school, for North Anson Ch.....	11 00
West Winsted, Ct., Ladies' Soc. of Second Ch., by Mrs. John Mix, through Home Miss. Union of Conn., barrel and freight	161 75	Elm St. Ch., by Johnson Knight, Tr.....	25 83
Whitneyville, New Haven, Ct., "The Sunny Circle," by Mrs. Burton A. Davis, half barrel.....	16 00	Caseo, Union aux., by Mrs. Julia A. Jordan.....	8 00
		Dedham, Cn. and Soc., by Rev. S. W. Chapin.....	4 50
		Ellsworth Falls, Ch., by Bea. F. E. Hartshorn.....	10 56
		Falmouth, First Ch., by Rev. H. C. McKnight.....	22 25
		Freeport, Rev. Daniel Lane, for North Anson, Ch.....	2 00
		Garland, Ch., by Rev. P. B. Thayer.....	5 00
		Gorham, Ch. and Soc., by J. Riddon, Treas.	38 51
		Hancock Co. Conference, by Rev. H. A. Freeman, Tr.....	29 00
		Harpswell, Cong. Ch. and Soc., by Rev. J. Dinsmore.....	32 72
		Lewiston, Pine Cong. Ch., for North Anson Ch.....	32 00
		Lyman, Ch., by Rev. G. E. Chapin.....	10 00
		Machon, Cong. Soc., by C. S. Wilder, for the A. H. M. S.....	13 00
		New Gloucester, Ch., by Rev. Arthur Shirley.....	100 00
		North Waterford, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. J. E. Adams.....	4 10
		Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Littlejohn, for North Anson Ch.....	8 00
		Williston Ch., by G. T. Thurston, Tr.....	49 12
		High St. Ch., by H. W. Shaylor, Tr.....	267 53
		S. Lawrence Ch., by J. J. Gerrish, Tr.....	15 24
		State St. Ch., by W. S. Corey, Tr.....	300 00
		Saco, First Ch., by J. W. Littlefield, Tr.....	13 66
		Sandy Point, Ch. and Soc., to const. Rev. C. Harbatt a L. M.....	20 00
		Searsport, Second Ch.....	16 70

Strong, Mrs. S. Stanley, by Rev. J. L. Pratt.....	\$1 00
Waterford, First Cong. Ch., by J. S. Plummer, Treas.....	4 42
Wells, B. Maxwell, Esq.....	20 00
West Brooksville, Ch. and Soc., by W. J. Skellon.....	3 00
Winthrop, Mrs. Narcissa S. Bourne (add'l), Legacy, by A. P. Snow, Adm'r.....	2,000 00
Yarmouth, First Parish Ch., by C. L. Marston, Tr.....	50 60
York Conference, by J. S. Richards.....	7 42
Woman's Maine Miss. Aux., by Tr.....	236 00
Income from Stocks, etc.....	1,404 75
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	\$7,243 56
Previously acknowledged.....	3,179 53
Total, June 13th, 1887, to date.....	\$10,423 09

Receipts of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society, from October 1st, 1887, to January 1st, 1888. L. D. STEVENS, Treas.

Alstead Centre.....	\$4 50
Alstead, East.....	7 50
Amherst.....	2 00
Atkinson, for A. H. M. S., \$4.25.....	8 00
Berlin Mills.....	11 00
Bristol.....	9 25
Claremont, Miss C. F. Dickey.....	10 00
Colebrook.....	15 00
Durham, for A. H. M. S., \$25.50.....	59 60
Eppah, for A. H. M. S., \$33.....	65 00
Exeter, First.....	103 00
Second, for A. H. M. S.....	162 63
Franklin, for A. H. M. S.....	20 00
Gilmanton, Legacy of Henry W. Peaslee Greenfield.....	50 00
3 32	
Hanover Ch., in Dartmouth College.....	27 80
Hebron.....	7 00
Hollis.....	17 58
Hopkinton.....	20 00
Keene, First.....	40 00
Second, Legacy of Dea. Duran, \$545; Ch. and Soc., \$28.61.....	583 61
E. W. Clark.....	5 00
Nashua, First.....	50 00
New Ipswich, for A. H. M. S., \$1.97.....	4 97
Orford.....	14 48
Ossipee Center.....	12 25
Plymouth.....	5 85
Randolph.....	5 00
Rindge, Ladies' Sewing Circle, for A. H. M. S., \$57; Ch. and Soc., \$15.52.....	73 09
Salmon Falls.....	8 63
St. Johnsbury, Vt., Rev. C. F. Morse.....	10 00
Stoddard.....	7 53
Stratham, for A. H. M. S., \$9.70.....	14 70
Swanzy.....	15 00
Tilton.....	53 02
Troy.....	5 34
Weare, So.....	10 00
Westcr, To const. Miss Susan C. Putney a L. M.....	34 55
Westmoreland.....	4 14
Wilton.....	10 00
New Hampshire Cent Society.....	72 67
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	\$2,103 92

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, in January. REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

Alford, by Rev. A. Alvord.....	\$7 50
Andover, Miss Elizabeth Clough.....	10 00
Chapel, by Warren F. Draper, for A. H. M. Soc.....	330 00
Attleboro, First, by A. H. Robinson.....	30 39
Second, by A. B. Carpenter.....	35 00
Falls, Central, by Rev. Geo. L. Jenness.....	7 00
Barnardston, by Henry Slate.....	13 00

Beverly, Washington St., by A. Haskell.....	\$204 55
Boston, Dorchester, A Friend "B".....	5 09
Jamaica Plain, Boylston St., by F. J. Leighton.....	16 68
Mt. Vernon, J. D. Leland, by J. H. Tyler.....	100 00
Park St., by W. B. Garritt, add'l.....	85 00
Homeland Circle, by Isabella H. Hobart, towards salary of Rev. L. P. Broad, Tepeka, Kansas, and for L. M. in A. H. M. Soc. of Mrs. Albert G. O'Brien and Miss Jennie M. Burr.....	100 00
Roxbury, Eliot, by A. McLean.....	133 00
Alpine McLean, to const. himself a L. M.....	30 00
Rev. B. F. Hamilton, D.D., by A. McLean.....	20 00
Estate of Henry B. Hooker.....	50 00
Emmanuel, by Francis J. Ward.....	62 65
Miss A. E. Cornelius, special, for case of need.....	8 00
Mary R. Bishop.....	50 00
Specially designated for Rev. R. W. Fletchler, Ortonville, Minn.....	50 00
Bradford, First, by S. W. Carleton, for A. H. M. Soc.....	79 27
Braitree, First Parish, by Mrs. Frank H. Dearing, proceeds of a fair conducted by the "Helping Han's Society".....	50 00
Brockton, Campello, South, by E. B. Estes, for A. H. M. Soc.....	25 00
Brookline, Harvard, by H. B. Eager.....	75 95
Chelsea, Central, by Azel Ames.....	26 22
Chester Center, by Rev. Chas. Morgan.....	8 75
Clifton Springs, N. Y., Mrs. M. B. McClure.....	4 00
Clinton, First, Evangelical, by Henry H. Greene.....	20 85
Dedham, First, by Calvin Guild, (of which \$200 for A. H. M. S.).....	253 30
E. Paul.....	5 00
Enfield, Ct., Sheffield C. Reynolds, of which \$50 to const. Mrs. Frances S. Reynolds L. M. of A. H. M. S.....	500 00
Exeter, N. H., XX for Bohemian work.....	10 00
Fall River, First, by P. H. Borden, 3d.....	159 21
Third, by Alex. Lawson.....	9 74
Falmouth, First, by Rev. H. K. Craig.....	21 00
North, A Friend.....	5 00
Fitchburg, A Friend.....	50 00
C. C., Two Friends.....	25 00
H. F. Coggeshall.....	10 00
Framingham, Plymouth, by F. B. Horne, Saxouville, Edwards, Mission Band, by A. W. Parmenter.....	30 00
Gariner, First, by Dan'l H. Rand.....	55 00
Georgetown, Memorial, Sunday-school, by John W. Bailey.....	14 40
Gloucester, Evangelical, by Joseph O. Procter.....	220 75
Greenwich, Mrs. E. G. N. Blodgett, by Rev. E. P. Blodgett, special for needy missionary.....	5 00
Sunday-school, by Lillian H. Kelley, for Rev. H. A. Schaulier's Bohemian work.....	25 04
Groveland, by Mary A. Clarke.....	13 00
Sunday-school, by Mary A. Clarke.....	5 00
Hadley, North, Second, by J. C. Howe, to const. Mrs. Florence L. Howe L. M. Hampden Benev. Association, by Chas. Marsa, Tr.....	30 00
Long Meadow, Gentlemen's Benev. Soc.....	\$83 70
Ladies' Benev. Soc.....	97 30
Ludlow, First.....	23 97
Union Evan.....	14 01
Springfield, First.....	228 74
South.....	193 62
Westfield, First.....	269 14
West Springfield, Park St., of which \$4 for Spanish work in N. Y. City, and \$44.59, for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	63 59

Hardwick, Gilbertville, by A. H. Richardson.....	\$13 00	Winchester, Mrs. C. E. Conant, special for Iroquois, Dak. parsonage.....	\$10 00
Haverhill, Center, by Ezra Kelly.....	90 00	Woburn, First, by G. R. Gage.....	260 70
West, by Walter F. Poore, for A. H. M. S.....	40 00	North, by Sam'l Thompson.....	42 47
Sunday-school class No. 4, by A. L. Sargent.....	8 34	Worcester, Piedmont, by C. F. Marble (of wh. \$20 for Debt).....	70 00
Heath, Rev. B. B. Cutler.....	2 00		
Holliston, E. B.....	2 00	Home Missionary.....	\$10,659 01
Hubbardston, by Alden Pollard.....	13 55		26 70
Hyde Park, First, A Friend, "For the Debt".....	5 00		\$10,685 71
Interest on Bank Balances.....	25 54	<i>Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss. Soc., in January.</i>	
Jessup, Fund, Income of.....	150 00	Andover, Chapel, Sewing Soc., by Mrs. S. E. Jackson, barrel and box.....	\$150 00
Lakeville, Union, by Rev. S. B. Andrews	4 40	West, Ladies, barrel.....	55 00
Leicester, by J. C. Watson.....	315 65	Boston, Dorchester, Pilgrim, by Mrs. O. Bramhall, barrel.....	127 00
Lowell, Kirk St., by W. A. Mack, for A. H. M. Soc.....	681 00	Roxbury, West. So. Evangel., Ladies, by Mrs. C. J. Smith, barrel.....	86 50
Mahoning City, Penn., Welsh, by Rev. F. T. Evans.....	12 75	Bridgewater, Scotland, by Mrs. S. D. Keith, package of children's clothing.	
Malden, Mrs. Rev. T. A. Merrill.....	2 00	Brookline, Miss Craft, package, unappraised.	
Marlboro, Mrs. Lucy A. Patch.....	1 40	Chelsea, Mrs. C. A. Richardson, magazines.	
Medford, Mystic, Ladies, add'l, by Mrs. Rev. J. L. Hill.....	10 00	Hatchville, Sewing Circle, by Mrs. H. W. Hatch, package children's clothing.	
Melrose, Orthodox, by C. C. Goss.....	96 18	Leicester, Ladies' Char. Soc., by Miss E. E. Loring, barrel and freight.....	114 25
Merrimac, by Hon. J. D. Pike, for A. H. M. S., to const. John L. Merrill L. M.....	150 00	Malden, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. E. M. Copeland, barrel.....	48 42
Middleboro, North, by Dea. A. Pratt, to const. Rev. Clarence Eddy L. M.....	46 78	Newburyport, Belleville, Ladies, by Mrs. D. T. Fiske, barrel and cash.....	132 50
Millbury, First, by D. T. Marsh.....	39 71	North, Ladies, by M. E. Sumner, barrel freight and cash.....	64 60
Second, by Ira N. Goddard, to const. Mrs. Ellen Howe L. M.....	51 26	Prospect St., Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Abbie S. Edwards, barrel and freight	133 25
Milton, by Cyrus Brewer, for A. H. M. S. Monson, Est. of Andrew W. Porter, by E. F. Morris, Ex.....	100 00	Rockland, Ladies, Value of barrel reported in Dec. H. M'y.....	47 50
Newburyport, North, by J. B. Creasey.....	850 00	Salem, Miss S. P. Chamberlain, Lady's sash, unappraised.	
Newton, Eliot, by D. E. Suow.....	27 23	Spencer, Ladies, by Mrs. J. C. Grout, barrel and half-barrel, freight and cash.....	132 65
Center, First, by Chas. H. Bennett, for A. H. M. S.....	123 56	Springfield, Hope, Ladies, by Mrs. W. E. Wright, box.....	63 00
West, Second, Sunday-school, by J. A. Symonds, for A. H. M. S.....	151 22	Memorial, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Ellen M. Smith, box and half-barrel.	112 00
Northampton, Edwards, Benev. Soc., by S. D. Drury.....	25 00	Stoneham, Stevens, H. M. Soc., by "S. J. R." barrel.....	63 00
North Brookfield, First, by A. G. Stone.....	268 00	Watertown, Phillips, Ladies' Sewing Circle, by Mrs. M. Fuller, barrel.....	62 00
Northfield, Trinitarian, by Mary T. Dutton.....	93 23	Westboro, Ladies' Sewing Circle, by Susan M. Miller, barrel and freight....	88 00
Oakham, by Jesse Allen.....	40 00	Whitinsville, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Lila S. Whiton, box and freight.....	252 48
Otis, Rev. S. W. Powell.....	24 88	Worcester, Old South, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. J. H. Rogers, barrel and freight.....	152 40
Pepperell, Evangel., by Chas. Crosby... Y. P. S. C. E., by Chas. Crosby.....	5 88	Worcester, Union, Young Woman's Assoc, by Mrs. Frank E. Kimball, barrel and freight.....	82 84
Pomona, Los Angeles Co., Cal., Miss Sarah E. Wheeler.....	43 50		
Rochester, North, Union, by Rev. S. B. Andrews.....	6 10		\$1,967 39
Rockport, by Zeno A. Appleton.....	80	<i>Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in December, WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.</i>	
Salem, South, by Sam'l Johnson, 2d.....	13 55	Berlin, Kensington, by William Upson... \$12 00	
Somerville, E. Stone.....	18 79	Bolton, by Rev. L. H. Barber.....	13 59
East, Mr. and Mrs. H. Howard, to const. Miss Carrie A. Converse, Milford, N. H., L. M. of A. H. M. S.....	325 46	Bridgeport, Park Street, by F. W. Storrs	44 20
Spencer, by F. E. Dunton.....	100 00	Bridgewater, by Geo. C. Bennitt.....	24 72
Stockbridge, by D. R. Williams.....	50 00	Canton, Collinsville, by J. S. Heath, \$30; for A. H. M. S., \$20.....	50 00
West, Center, by Rev. A. Alvord.....	191 41	Danbury, Second, by L. P. Treadwell.....	7 00
Sunderland, First, S. School, by N. A. Smith, for A. H. M. S.....	62 43	East Haddam, First, by Eugene W. Chaffee, for A. H. M. S.....	25 00
Taunton, Trin. (Broadway), by Geo. M. Wood ward.....	2 55	Farmington, by F. C. Jones.....	42 81
Tisbury, Miss Cornelia Dunham, Est. of by S. W. Carey.....	34 08	Franklin, by Rev. H. E. Hart.....	7 50
Wakefield, by Geo. R. Morrison.....	175 00	Glastonbury, First, by E. H. Andrews... \$10 00	
Walpole, A Friend.....	100 00	Greenwich, North Greenwich, by Jabez Husted, to const. Jabez Husted, of Round Hill, Ct., a L. M.....	61 60
Ladies' Benev. Society, by Mrs. E. P. Stetson, to const. Mrs. C. Idella Kendall L. M.....	19 95	Griswold, by Rev. Chas. H. Peck, to const. William S. Porter, of Jewett City, Ct., a L. M.....	60 00
Ware, Hon. Wm. Hyde and family.....	5 00		
Webster, First, by Edwin L. Spalding, special for Fr. Prot. Coll.....	35 00		
Wellesley, Miss Ross, by Rev. P. D. Cowan, for French work.....	1,000 00		
Wellesley Hills, by Albion R. Clapp.....	10 00		
Westfield, Second, L. R. Bartlett, to const. himself L. M. of A. H. M. S.....	55 00		
Weymouth, North, Pilgrim, by Rev. W. D. Leland, to const. Rev. W. D. Leland L. M.....	50 00		
Whitin Fund, Income of.....	36 64		
Williamsburg, by Wm. A. Hawks.....	120 00		
	102 24		

Hartford, First, by C. T. Welles, \$1; "Hawes Fund," \$35.25.....	\$36 25
Park, by William Very.....	5 00
Kent, by John Hopson, for A. H. M. S.....	3 59
Killingly, Williamsville, by William E. Atwood.....	25 60
Lisbon, by Rev. Q. M. Bosworth, for A. H. M. S.....	18 00
Litchfield, Northfield, by H. C. Peck.....	10 00
Manchester, First, A Friend, for a needy Western Missionary.....	10 00
Marlborough, by Wm. W. Bolles.....	16 72
Middletown, First, by R. H. Stohart.....	51 15
South, by Edward Douglas.....	49 09
Montville, William H. Home.....	1 00
New Britain, First, by A. N. Lewis.....	157 39
South, by Wm. H. Hart, \$240.86; special, \$5; special, \$2.25; special, \$50, to const. Noah C. Rogers, of New York City, a L. M.....	298 11
New London, First, by C. D. Boss, Jr.....	144 78
Norfolk, by J. N. Cowles.....	7 00
Norwich, Broadway, by S. B. Bishop.....	465 41
Park, by H. L. Butts.....	50 00
Preston, by William Morse.....	30 09
Patanam, Second, by H. N. Penn, \$15.46; for A. H. M. S., \$25.46.....	40 92
South Windsor, Wapping, by F. W. Gilbert.....	24 84
Suffield, by J. W. Speiman.....	6 87
West Suffield, by B. J. Sheldon.....	3 00
Thomaston, by P. Darrow.....	21 50
Torrington, First, by Rev. F. F. Jordan.....	5 50
Third, Church and Bible School, by Frank M. Wheeler.....	103 75
Torrington, Torrington, by C. H. Barber, for A. H. M. S.....	18 52
Vernon, Rockville Second, by H. L. James.....	29 82
Talcottville, by M. H. Talcott, \$110; for A. H. M. S., \$110.....	290 00
Waterbury, Second, by B. G. Bryau.....	75 60
West Hartford, by A. C. Sternberg, \$14.20; for A. H. M. S., \$160.78.....	174 98
Winchester, Winsted, First, David Strong.....	10 00
	\$2,462 61

Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in January, WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.

Bethel, by William Beard.....	\$64 13
Bristol, Sunday-school, for A. H. M. S., by Ida C. Sessions.....	60 00
Canaan, by Rev. D. M. Moore.....	20 45
Falls Village, by U. H. Miner.....	15 00
Chatham, East Hampton, First, by Rev. E. P. Root.....	23 00
Colchester, Westchester, by A. R. Bigelow.....	10 66
Derby, Ansonia, by B. A. Cramer.....	27 65
East Hartford, by E. A. Williams.....	17 79
East Windsor, Broad Brook, Mrs. W. H. Thompson, to const. Eugene C. Blodgett, of Broad Brook, a L. M.....	50 00
Farmington, Unionville, A Friend.....	5 00
Greenwich, Stanwich, by Alex. Lockwood.....	20 24
Hartford, A Friend.....	5 00
Asylum Hill, by Dea. Charles E. Thompson.....	562 51
Lyme, First, by Rev. E. F. Burr.....	45 00
Morris, by Dea. S. A. Whittlesey.....	13 41
Naugatuck, by Miss Ellen Spencer.....	25 00
New Haven, Fair Haven, Second, by Lucius Rowe.....	44 69
Newtown, by A. C. Moore.....	20 00
Norwich, First, by Lewis A. Hyde.....	6 45
Second, for A. H. M. S., by George D. Cot.....	267 29
Plainfield, by Rev. H. T. Arnold.....	7 00
Plainville, Solomon Curtiss, personal, to const. Mrs. Sarah H. Dunham, Edward S. Higgins, Miss Cora J. Norton, Mrs. Sarah M. Keeney, William W. Bullen,	

Mrs. Kittle S. Alderige, Mrs. Mary J. Recor, Mrs. Olive Hemingway and Clayton S. Woodford, all of Plainville, L. Ms., \$800; A Thank-offering, from H. A. F. for A. H. M. S., \$5.....	\$865 00
Ponfret, by Mrs. C. C. Williams.....	4 72
Redding, by T. M. Abbott.....	21 84
Salisbury, by Rev. John C. Goddard.....	11 07
Somers, Somersville, by E. C. Chapman.....	19 00
Southington, by L. B. Neal.....	12 60
South Windsor, First, by C. J. Rockwell.....	3 05
Sprague, Hanover, by Rev. E. W. Merritt.....	9 75
Stamford, Long Ridge, by Rev. S. Y. Lum.....	5 00
Suffield, First, by J. W. Speiman.....	12 89
West Hartford, Anson Chappell, personal, \$10; Est. of Abigail Talcott, by Emerson A. Whiting, Trustee, for A. H. M. S., \$65.....	75 00
Weston, by Rev. A. J. Park.....	6 50
Wilton, by B. Gilbert.....	50 00
Winchester, by L. A. Bronson.....	10 74
Woodcote, by Silas L. Hotchkiss.....	8 00
Woodstock, West Woodstock, by Arthur W. Bicknell.....	3 50
	\$3,367 73

Boxes.

Bridgeport, First, Ladies' Soc., Sewing Machine, value.....	\$20 00
South Windsor, Ladies' Soc., barrel, value.....	88 25

Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in December, AARON B. MEAD, Treas.

Aurora, First Ch., Woman's H. M. Soc.....	\$55 00
Batavia, E. C. Bradley, \$5; William Coffin, \$5.....	10 00
Bureau, In support of services.....	10 00
Canton, Mrs. John W. Ingersoll.....	5 00
Champaign.....	32 00
Chebanse, Woman's Miss. Soc.....	3 50
Chesterfield.....	5 00
Chicago, First Ch., \$110.92; New England Ch., \$62.02; E. W. Blatchford, \$200; Bethany Ch., \$14.75; Lincoln Park Ch., Woman's Miss. Soc., \$20.48; Tabernacle Ch., \$7; Western Ave. Chapel, \$15.62; Grace Ch., \$13.75.....	444 54
Crete, Rev. Samuel Porter.....	1 00
De Pue, In support of services.....	10 75
Dongola, In support of services.....	25 00
Earlville, \$28.12; "J. A. D.," \$50.....	78 12
Elgin.....	13 34
Evanston, J. M. Williams.....	25 00
Galesburg, First Ch. of Christ, \$169.5; Sunday-school, \$30.69.....	200 14
Garden Prairie, special.....	9 47
Gene-seo, Mrs. Theresa Nourse.....	25 00
Gridley.....	20 00
Ivanhoe, Fremont Ch.....	50 00
Joy Prairie.....	61 36
Kewanee, \$10; Mrs. H. E. Kellogg, Memorial offering, \$5.....	105 00
Lacon, "Dorcas".....	10 00
Lawn Ridge, John Crawford.....	10 00
Marseilles.....	26 86
Melvin, special.....	13 50
Morgan Park, Mrs. A. Wiswall.....	10 00
Naperville.....	51 02
Nora.....	21 10
Oak Park, \$5; Ladies' Benev. Soc., \$17.....	22 00
Ottawa, W. H. M. Soc., \$50; Sunday-school, \$9.56.....	59 56
Payson.....	6 00
Peoria, First Ch., \$300; Mrs. Schimpff, \$2.40.....	302 40
Puttfield, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Doocey.....	5 00
Princeton.....	26 75
Providence.....	32 00
Ravenswood.....	41 63
Riley, special.....	2 67
Roodhouse.....	6 25
Sandwich.....	104 00
Stark, Mrs. Peterson, special.....	2 00
Toulon, W. H. M. Union.....	1 45
Tremont, J. K. Kellogg.....	50 00

Ulin, In support of services.....	\$15 00	Ames.....	\$8 50
Chicago, James F. Claflin, special.....	25 00	Aurelia.....	3 75
Rev. E. A. Paddock, special.....	13 75	Avoca.....	20 00
Rev. J. D. Wyckoff, at Warren, special.....	2 44	Belmond, \$7.10; S. S., \$3.....	10 00
A Friend.....	5 00	Bellevue, Woman's Soc.....	10 00
Mrs. R. M. Pearson, Polo.....	3 00	Burlington, \$70; Woman's Soc., \$130.....	200 00
Bureau Association for special work.....	75 00	Cedar Falls, Woman's Soc.....	3 65
		Cedar Rapids, Mrs. L. B. Stephens, \$50; Rev. C. A. Towle, 55.....	55 00
	\$2,132 60	Clinon, Industrial Soc.....	50 00
<i>Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society</i>		Charles City, Woman's Soc.....	20 00
<i>in January, AARON B. MEAD, Treas.</i>		Cresco, \$12.46; S. S., Birthday boxes, \$5.00.....	18 00
Algonquin, special.....	\$1 97	Crocker Center.....	1 25
Amboy.....	50 00	Decorah, ad'l.....	25 30
Buda.....	124 61	Denmark, \$20; Woman's Soc., \$16.....	36 00
Bureau, In support of services.....	7 97	Des Moines, Pilgrim, \$20; Woman's Soc., \$11.76; Young Ladies, \$25; Bequest J. P. Foster, \$300.....	356 76
Canton, Woman's Miss. Society.....	5 60	Dunlap.....	25 82
Chenoa, Mrs. E. M. Pike.....	5 00	Eddyville.....	8 30
Chicago, New England Ch., Young Ladies' Miss. Soc., \$17.03; Ladies' Miss. Soc., \$8; Lincoln Park Ch., Woman's Miss. Soc., \$17; South German Ch., \$5.....	47 03	Emmetsburg.....	6 17
Crete.....	1 18	Excelsior.....	10 20
De Pue, In support of services.....	12 94	Exira.....	1 64
Dongola, In support of services.....	42 00	Fairfield, Woman's Soc.....	12 67
Elgin.....	12 00	Fontanelle.....	7 00
Emington.....	10 00	Ft. Dodge, \$7; S. S., \$8.....	15 00
Englewood, First Ch., Jun. Miss. Soc.....	5 00	Given, \$7; S. S., \$6.77.....	13 77
Galesburg, First Cong'l Ch., \$102.36; S. School, \$10.20; First Ch. of Christ, \$25; L. Marsh, \$1.....	138 56	Grand View.....	8 00
Gap Grove, Abijah Powers.....	100 00	Greene's Grove.....	11 00
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Dr.		Revenue Account.		Cr.	
To Balance from last account ...	\$104,719,734 31	By Endowments, Purchased Insurances, Dividends, Annuities and Death Claims.	14,128,423 60		
" Premiums.....	17,110,901 62	" Commissions, Commutations, Taxes and all other Expenses	3,649,514 49		
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Of what local church is he a member?

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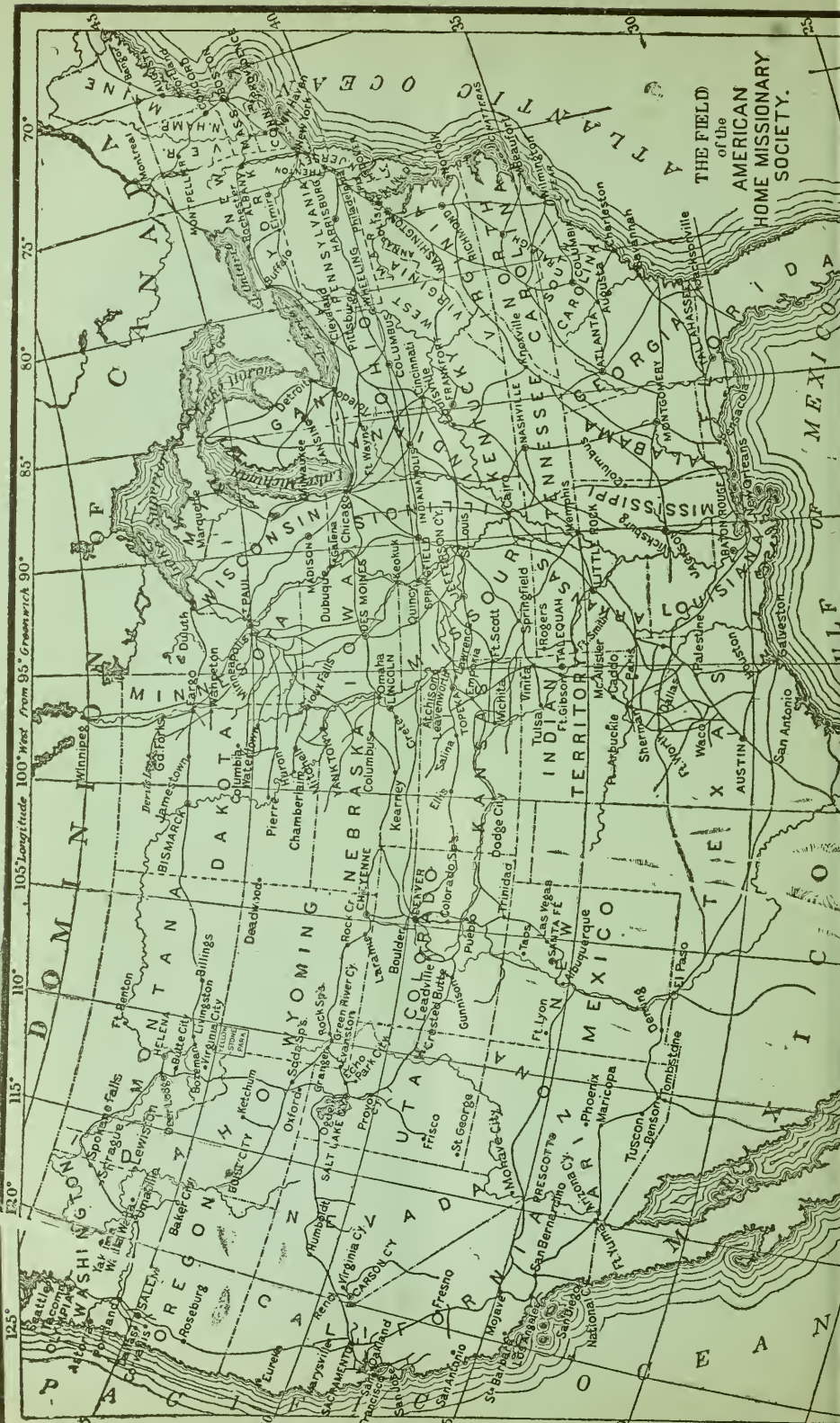
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MR. ALFRED S. BARNES.

A Minute passed by the Executive Committee.

OUR Heavenly Father having, since the last meeting of this Committee, taken unto himself the soul of our departed friend and associate, Mr. Alfred S. Barnes, we desire to place on record our appreciation of the rare qualities of mind and heart which pre-eminently fitted him for a place of so great responsibility and usefulness.

Mr. Barnes was consecrated to the work of Christ in all its branches, and in every land. But his wide acquaintance with our own country, its

vast extent, resources and possibilities, its manifest call to be a chosen instrument of God for the conversion of the world, roused his enthusiasm. His keen sense of its perils from many sources, and his deep conviction that its safety lay wholly in its loyal allegiance to God and his truth, made him intensely earnest in giving the pure gospel to all our people, whether home-born or foreign-born, and whatever their color or condition. To this work, during his nine years of service on this Executive Committee and its Finance Committee, Mr. Barnes gave freely of his money, his time, his business skill and his prayers. His faith and courage helped us in the darkest hours; his known integrity and prudence strengthened the confidence of others in the wise management of the Society's affairs; his genial spirit won our affection and makes his departure a serious loss to us, compensated only by the knowledge that it brought to him immeasurable gain.

As a tribute to his dear and pleasant memory, we inscribe this Minute on our records, and by it would convey to his bereaved family our hearty sympathy with them in a loss, the magnitude of which our knowledge of their beloved earthly head enables us in some degree to measure, while we prayerfully commend them each and all to the Father of heavenly consolation.

CIRCULATE IT.

THIS from *The Vermont Chronicle* is worth cutting out: "The American Home Missionary Society has issued a pamphlet of sixteen pages, containing brief extracts from that remarkable book, 'Our Country,' prepared by Rev. Josiah Strong, D.D. It is illustrated by colored diagrams, impressing upon the mind, through the eye, some most important facts. One diagram shows at a glance the relative proportion of native to foreign-born population, the latter being nearly one-half as many as the former. Another shows the immense preponderance, in eight of the Territories, of the Roman Catholic population over the number in evangelical churches. A third sets forth the fact that the Mormons hold as large an area of good agricultural land as is embraced in Great Britain and France. A fourth illustrates the insignificant amount expended by all denominations for missions, home and foreign, in comparison with the annual liquor-bill of the country. A fifth presents the fact that the aggregate wealth of the United States is greater than the combined wealth of the Russian and Turkish empires, Sweden and Norway, Denmark, Italy, Australia, South Africa and all of South America. A sixth indicates the growth of the cities by showing the relative population living in cities in 1800, compared with the relative number in cities of over 8,000 in 1880. In 1800 there were only about four per cent, whereas now there are nearly twenty-five per

cent. of our people congregated in cities. A seventh impresses the fact that of the annual increase of the wealth of church-members in the United States, amounting to \$391,740,000, only about five and one-half millions are devoted to missionary work. On the closing leaf we have all the states of Europe (with the exception of Russia), besides China, Japan and Palestine, laid down on the United States and Territories, leaving out Alaska, and only just covering them. These diagrams are accompanied with many striking facts that cannot fail to impress the reader. It is an excellent home missionary document. There is no danger that the people of this country will be too deeply impressed with the immense home missionary work that God has given them to do, the great wealth he has put into their hands wherewith to do it, and the, as yet, inadequate and stinted contributions which are given to meet our responsibilities. There is a great educating power in such an illustrated document as this. It should go into every family, and be looked at by every child. The lesson once learned from it will never be forgotten. Though it tells the story of our vast area, our immense wealth and possibilities, it is not likely to foster national pride. The accompanying facts so clearly reveal our national shortcomings, weaknesses and perils, that they are fitted to make one sober and turn to Heaven for help, while he puts in his best work to save the nation."

THE January number of *Our Southern Work*, issued by Secretary Tompkins and Evangelist Perdue, gives the State of Illinois twelve valuable pages of attractive reading upon Congregationalism. Southern Illinois ought never to ask the standard Southern question, "What is Congregationalism?" These pages also open our eyes to the rapid growth of the work in the southern part of the State since the I. H. M. S. has been pushing it so vigorously. After listening to a report of this work, Rev. Dr. Goodwin said that Southern Illinois had heretofore been called "Egypt"; but he proposed hereafter it should be called "The Land of Promise." It would seem that the great masses of people in that section begin to feel the need of a simple New Testament church, in which all can freely unite. The Congregational church meets this need. We call attention to two valuable articles in the January number—"A New Testament Church," by Secretary Tompkins, and "Impressions of Egypt," by Rev. Mr. Perdue.

A CORRECTION.—In our last month's issue, we quoted from "Fresh Facts and Figures" the following words: "One hundred men have recently offered themselves for service in these States, but have been told that, on account of the embarrassed condition of the A. H. M. S., they could not be encouraged to come." Some of our friends have written us as though they thought these men were still standing at the door of the Society waiting for work. Men who offer themselves

as Home Missionaries as are not the kind who "wait for a call." They are men who have been called of God to *work*, and work they will, if not in the inspiring field of Home Missions at the front, helping to lay the foundations, then in some other field upon foundations already laid. Few of these men are now available for our work. They have entered upon other plans. Men, however, are constantly offering themselves and new fields are constantly pleading for help. It sometimes happens that a friend of Home Missions wishes to have at least one representative of his own in the field, and asks especially for the privilege of helping some man to undertake work that otherwise could not be done. Such friends are always welcome.

[THE following letter from a Home Missionary has been received by an officer of this Society.]

MARCH 1st, 1888.

I COME to you for help in my deep distress. My wife died quite suddenly on the 28th, after an illness of seven days. She leaves me with three little children—Bessie, aged four, Karl, aged three, and a little baby twenty-eight days old. I have no relative on whom to call, and my wife's relatives are all in Sweden. I do not know what to do. My situation is too difficult for me. It has been suggested that I find a good Christian family who would be willing to take my baby boy. In that case I could board the others, and so get along. Can you help me to find such a home for my little one? Is there not a childless couple in your wide acquaintance who would like to adopt a fine, healthy little boy? I would not want my child to go to any but Christian people. I had the happiest little home and the dearest little family in the country. Last December my boy Arthur was taken, and now the mother has joined him in the home above.

A QUESTION.—At one time this country was in urgent need of immigrants—so much so that land was offered to settlers for nothing. Now, immigration has exceeded not only our hopes but our wishes. We are told that there have arrived from over seas, within the last ten years, a million more people than inhabited these United States when our Government was formed. There are indications that immigration this year will exceed that of all past years, because of the present unsettled condition of Europe. A serious question confronts us. *Are we threatened with that evil day, when the conditions of American life shall be the very same which these immigrants now seek to escape?* There is one solution to this terrible question. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST must be aroused to true Christian patriotism, so that the cry as to "new work" shall be, "Advance!" instead of "Halt!" At that day Christian institutions shall be planted in every dark place, and America shall control the incoming millions, instead of being subject to them.

VOICES FROM THE WEST.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF HOME MISSIONS WRITE AS FOLLOWS:

FROM CALIFORNIA.—“In this State there are 120 places of from 100 to 500 people each where no religious services are held by any denomination. Ten of our churches are to-day pastorless, because the Home Missionary Society is not able to help them. Seven new churches should be organized at once, and would be, if only money and men could be provided. I have recently had to discourage at least six men from entering upon this work, simply because there was no money to pay them.”

“Has it occurred to the churches East that in less than two decades California is to have a population of over 5,000,000 people? Do they realize that, unless we provide freely and promptly for these incoming thousands and millions, ultimate California means no gospel and no God?”

FROM OREGON AND EASTERN WASHINGTON.—“From 150 to 200 neighborhoods in this field are entirely destitute of regular services. Twenty-six of our churches are pastorless, and five or six more could be organized immediately, if only we had the money and men. During the past year I have had to write at least a dozen men that I could not encourage their coming until the Home Missionary Society is able to help us.”

FROM WESTERN WASHINGTON.—“Five of our churches are to-day pastorless, not because of a lack of men, for during the past few months I have had to say to at least five good men, ‘Do not come; there is no money to support you.’ When churches are pleading for help, when children are growing up without the opportunity of hearing the gospel, *when mothers are saying that for twenty years they have been burying their dead without a prayer at the grave, and wondering, if there are Christians in the world, why they do not come to help them*—when one has to face such things as these right here in our own land, it is pretty hard to receive word from our Home Missionary Society that, because of a lack of money, we must *retrench* and cut off a portion of the work already begun. Has it come to this? ‘O Lord, how long?’ ‘He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. Precious shall their blood be in his sight.’”

FROM DAKOTA.—“In this Territory there are at least one hundred and twelve communities entirely destitute of the gospel. Sixteen organized churches are pastorless, and I could organize thirty more at once, if only money and men could be provided. Recently I have had to say to at least twelve good men, ‘We cannot support you out here until the Home Missionary Society is able to help us.’”

FROM NEBRASKA.—“At least fifty neighborhoods are to-day without regular religious services by any denomination. Twenty of our churches are pastorless, and I could organize fifteen more at once if only money and men could be provided.”

FROM MICHIGAN.—“After a careful study of this field, I am sure it is safe to say that between 225 and 300 places of from 100 to 500 people each are to-day entirely destitute of religious privileges. Twenty-four of our churches are pastorless, and thirty churches should be organized at once, and would be, if only the Home Missionary Society were in a condition to help us. Besides, if that Society were better supported, so that home missionary work could receive better compensation, it would be easier to persuade young men to enter the ministry.”

FROM MINNESOTA.—“Eighteen of our churches are now vacant. In all of these the money question is the main one. Ten churches could wisely be organized at once, but we cannot go ahead so long as the Home Missionary Society is unable to help us.”

FROM INDIANA.—“We have seven churches in hopeful fields which we cannot supply with pastors. Our inability to promise assistance has turned away several men from our work during the past summer.”

FROM FLORIDA.—“I know of scores of places in this State entirely destitute of the gospel, and more than 200, perhaps 350, have service not oftener than once a month. Fourteen of our thirty-four churches are pastorless, because of the lack of means to furnish the pastors. In the next three months I could wisely organize at least eight churches, if only money and men could be provided.”

FROM KANSAS.—“Twenty of our churches are vacant, and I have had to discourage twelve men recently from coming to our help, on account of the embarrassed condition of the Home Missionary Society. Fourteen churches should be organized at once in destitute fields.”

FROM COLORADO.—“The reports from the Home Missionary Society have been such that I have not dared to advance. I have been pained—my very heart has ached—to see these opportunities slipping out of our hands. Sometimes it has seemed to me that, unless we were able to meet these calls and push the work as the occasion demands, we might about as well retire from the field. The friends East evidently do not comprehend the situation. I wish the pastors at the East could go with me for a month and see what I see, and hear what I hear—what a story they would tell on their return home! The Lord grant that throughout our entire land there may be a new and deeper interest in the saving of our nation, and a larger consecration of money to home missionary work! Surely, it is *high time to get up!* The day of our opportunity is fast passing. Tell the churches and friends

these facts, and let them know that the extension of this work is limited only by the lack of money and men."

FROM A HOME MISSIONARY.—"DEAR SECRETARIES:—I grasped your letter eagerly as it came. Now, thought I, the draft has come and I can meet that bank note. But, lo! instead of sending us a loaf, the Society wants one. My church is still in debt to me on last year. A fearful hail-storm swept over our fields, then the drought—not a field of grain thrashed within ten miles of us, and only one-tenth part of a crop of corn. And we, as a church, just trying to launch out into self-support!

"Well, *we will do what we can*; but, would to God the eastern churches could take this little church as their example! Your circular letter suggests that we 'need a better acquaintance with the great needs of the work.' We know enough now to make us groan in spirit.

"Here is our Association reaching to the Colorado line. Not thirty miles away, a church ready to be organized with thirty members—no money, no man. The churches could be doubled in this region and the membership also, but for the same cry—no money, no men!

"It makes our hearts ache to hear the cry for help coming from our borders; to know that there are hundreds of miles of new railroads, and not a church near them; that we are losing thousands of members, and golden opportunities; and souls by hundreds are going down to perdition who might be saved; children growing up in sin who should be led to Christ—all for lack of help from those who grasp the Lord's money and won't let Him have it."

A VOICE FROM THE EAST.

TO THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLE OF AMERICA.

EVIDENTLY the time has come for something to be done. These "Voices from the West" are Macedonian cries that *must* be answered. The responsibility is great, but it is *ours*, and we cannot rid ourselves of it. God will hold us to an account. To do the work which we *ought* to do because we *can*, and which we *can* do because we *ought*, would require not less than \$1,000,000 a year, or FIVE CENTS A WEEK from each of our church-members. By the blessing of God a noble work was accomplished last year with only half this amount. Eight thousand souls were saved, and ten thousand gathered into our churches. But it was only half the work which might have been done. Shall we not at least take a great step in advance during the coming year, and add not less than half a cent a week, per member, to our contributions for last year, making a round \$600,000 to use in helping to save our land for Christ?

Is it too much to ask? Is it too much to expect? Shall we pray God to save our country while we withhold from Him the means? Let every Christian do his duty *now*.

HOW LONG SHALL IT STAND?

BY REV. C. M. SANDERS, COLORADO.

THE Executive Committee of the A. H. M. S. by vote at a recent meeting, *shut off all new work* for want of funds. "That vote will stand until the treasury is relieved;" thus write the Secretaries.

What is involved in this statement? If you would know, sit for a while in the office of these Secretaries, and listen as they read to you the letters coming to them from different superintendents of the rapidly growing West. If this does not answer the question, come west, join one of these superintendents in a trip over a portion of his immense field, and take in the situation. He is helpless to respond to the calls coming to him from all points of the compass. Paul reports a vision. In the night's darkness there stood a man of Macedonia and prayed him, saying, "*Come over into Macedonia and help us.*" What would have been Paul's action had there been forty such men seeking his attention, and were the vision a daily occurrence?

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE AT ONCE to open the iron jaws of this screwed-up vise. Already—I am sorry to write it—more than one of the noble pastors of our churches have been obliged to leave their fields, and more than a score of promising fields have been denied their request for a Congregational church.

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE.—There must be more rope if we are to extend the needful assistance to our messengers, and aid those who rightly call upon us for a helping hand. But what shall that something be? How many are answering, "I wish we knew what to do." I call to mind the counsel of two good men of large experience in God's service. One says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; *and it shall be given him.*" The other says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass." I am reminded of a third, of whom it is said that he called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh, that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested." Now, are suggestions in order? If so, allow me to suggest

A SEASON OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

to be observed by our churches throughout the country. And how would this line of thought do?

I. PRAISE.—2 Chron. 5: 13, 14; 2 Chron. 20: 20-22; Acts 16: 25.
 II. CONSECRATION.—Ex. 32: 29, f. c.; Rom. 12: 1. III. THE SITUATION.—
 Luke 10: 2; 13: 34; Judges 5: 23; Mark 12: 41-44; John 8: 20, f. c.

IV. PETITION.—2 Chron. 29: 31; 14: 11; Is. 41: 10; John 14: 7-8; Heb. 4: 14-16; Gen. 32: 28. V. FREEWILL OFFERINGS.—Ps. 116: 18; Ex. 35: 4, 5; Ex. 36: 5-7.

Thus His kingdom will come, and the beloved nation will be saved.

[Why not make use of this line of thought at the next Monthly Concert of Prayer for Home Missions?—ED.]

MISSIONARY PLUCK.

DURING the past month it has been impossible to meet my appointments on account of the drifting snow; but last Saturday, under protest of friends, I started to visit some of my families in the region beyond Dakota River. Leaving Yankton, I made a detour through a corn-field, where the stalks are still standing. This to avoid the snow-drifts filling the road. Back again on the road to contend with huge drifts. A mile farther where the wind with the moving snow had unlimited sway. Then came the bridge over Dakota River; then the fierce wind with driving snow for three-quarters of a mile. The next mile was up the steep hillside—no road. The high table land was now reached. Still no road, snow deep—nearly upset many times by drifts, and my only means of transportation being a blind horse about to fail, I prudently made for port from this wild sea of snow. Reaching a small house, a man appeared at the door and shouted, "Won't you stop?" "That is what I purpose doing," I cried. "Oh, it is Father Nichols! You just go right in; I'll take care of blind Topsey." Go in I did and was helped to unfasten my wraps. For an hour and a half there was a busy housewife, dividing her time between the table and cook stove, which resulted in a warm dinner. Then we began to improve in our bodily condition. After a while the good housewife handed your missionary a Bible, and we had devotions, after which a door was opened and I was ushered into an inner sanctuary. "Now," said the man, following me, "we all want to join your church, and we mean to before long."

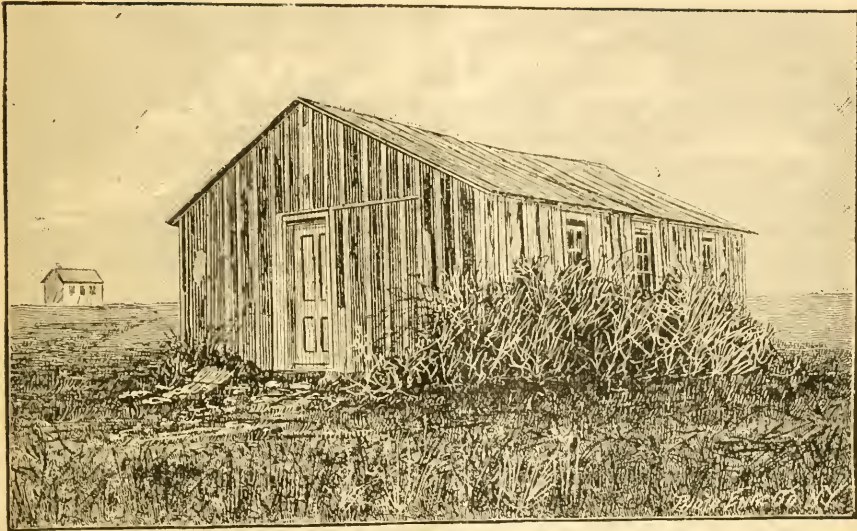
The night was fearfully cold. I had to use my buffalo-robe and lap-robe and horse-blanket on the bed to keep from freezing; mercury down to 20° below zero. Next morning started for a preaching appointment, only five miles distant. I was two hours and fifteen minutes making the journey,—most of the way over the prairie with no roads. Once the runners were up and the box was down and I spilled out. I found a congregation of sixteen earnest men and women to preach to. Then followed a battle with the northwest wind for another five miles, to meet the next appointment.

On Thursday your missionary encountered his first blizzard in eight years of labor in Southern Dakota. It beggars description. It

would have to be experienced in order to be appreciated. In the school-house where I was to preach yesterday, they held an inquest over the body of a man, found in the fence corner frozen to death. Fifteen others have also perished between here and Scotland, Tyndall and Bon Homme. We hear to-day that this storm will reap a harvest of death numbering 600 people in our Territory. It has been a warning to the writer to do with his might what his hands find to do, while there is opportunity. My work is a blessed, hopeful and morally paying work. "Forward!" is our word. I know the good old Society which has helped so many churches will help us yet a little longer, until we can gather strength to go alone. We don't believe in hanging on to the Society one moment longer than we are obliged to.—*Rev. D. B. Nichols, Yankton, Dak.*

CORVALLIS, OREGON.

My little church here consists of more devoted active Christians, I think, than is usual among the churches. The climate may have something to do with this, as the brisk "sea breeze" that reaches from the ocean to our part of the beautiful Willamette Valley removes the sluggishness of the atmosphere and stirs up even the most unwilling. But we think it is not only the climate, but the divine grace, ever pledged to answer prayers, which gives us life and has done so from the start here. Born as this church was in a religious ferment in the town about three years ago, it has preserved its sweetness amid it all, and its individual members show a godly walk under whatever discouragements Satan heaps and piles up in the path before them. The history of their organization into a Congregational church would be a grand thing to have published far and wide as a tract, entitled something like this, "Why I am a Congregationalist." Though we are not a multitude yet, we are growing in numbers and in graces, and have laid plans, not only to capture this town for Christ, but to spread the light of the gospel over the whole county, in which no other self-governed church exists, I believe—certainly no other Congregational church. I can but hint at these interesting facts; but in the interests of pure religion and the gospel salvation, let us all rejoice that Congregationalism is, by the origin of this lively little church, shown to be as well adapted to this Northwest as to the East—yes, as truly indigenous to this part of our country as any. That the Lord, the Holy Spirit, may ever abide among us here to make spiritual (which is the *true*) Congregationalism flourish yet more abundantly, is the prayer and aim of my little flock.—*Rev. Geo. H. Lee.*



A PIONEER CHURCH.

BY REV. C. M. DALEY, PASTOR UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WILLOW LAKE, DAK.

THIS is the picture of a pioneer church in Dakota. A queer looking building, with its open cracks, sagged roof and tarred paper flapping in the wind, to be called a church, isn't it? But it is the best and only one that the people of Willow Lake, Dakota, have been able to afford, and a right good purpose it has served.

The people who compose the Union Congregational Church of Willow Lake came to that part of Dakota five years ago, to get for themselves free homes. We came with very limited means. One man had one hundred dollars, another perhaps two hundred, another fifty dollars, and some, after filing on their land, had absolutely nothing. Many of us had come from Christian homes, where we had the advantages of the church, Sunday-school and prayer-meeting; and we brought with us the desire for Christian worship. Early in June of 1883 a number of the people met at a neighbor's house, only twelve by twenty feet in size, and organized what has since been known as the "Willow Lake Union Sunday-school." We continued to meet at the same place during the summer, some coming ten or eleven miles with ox-teams. Later in the season we were enabled to get the use of a sod house, some twenty by thirty feet inside. In this old sod house, with only two small windows to let in the light, beside the cracks in the door, with no floor except the black loam of Dakota, we met, until the snow and severe weather made it impossible to get there.

We recall many interesting experiences in the old house. One good

brother tells this story. He went one morning after a storm, and found the house with two inches of snow over the floor. The stove and the hay which we use for fuel, were gracefully wreathed in crystals. He brushed the snow off the stove, built a fire, and then with a little board swept (?) the room. The house was in readiness for the congregation, and although the smoke puffed down the pipe so as almost to strangle us, we had a good attendance and a profitable service. Some of the sisters who used to go with oxen, and were more than three hours on the road, tell how they enlivened the trips by singing, studying the Sunday-school lesson, and sometimes by reading a sermon.

Early the following spring we met and reorganized the Sunday-school, using another building more centrally located, ten by fourteen feet in size. Our numbers increased, and we saw it would be impossible to hold services here long, and so a plan for a Union church building was talked of. But how could we build with so little money? That we must have a place in which to meet was a felt necessity, and every one was ready to do all he could.

Still our means fell short of even enough to put up this rough \$125 building. God opened the way; for it was so ordered that one of our number, a good man from Illinois, received some money and lent us enough to make up the deficiency. It was pleasing to notice the interest that every one took in putting up the building, and the feeling of ownership that each one had. Our ladies who furnished the picnic dinner on that day, took as much pleasure in driving a nail into this building as some of our railroad magnates do in driving the golden spike. It was such an improvement upon any place in which we had met before, that we might be pardoned for a little feeling of pride. It was here that the Congregational church was organized by Rev. Smith Norton, Oct. 5th, 1884, with a membership of sixteen.

Then came the question, What shall we do for a minister, and how can we support one if a man should come? We found it impossible to do anything that autumn, but we kept up religious services by reading sermons. Early in the spring we were fortunate in securing Rev. W. B. D. Gray, who is now Sunday-school Superintendent for South Dakota, to come from his home thirty miles away and preach for us once a month for the year. In the winter we were again cast upon our own resources on account of Mr. Gray's illness, but kept up our services as before.

Again and again we called for Christian young men from the eastern seminaries, but none would consent to take so new and large a field under such difficulties, and still we were left to ourselves. It was one long series of disappointments. When arrangements were almost made with one would-be missionary, some drawback attendant upon our frontier life, or distance from the railroad, made him give up the thought. Another was about to come, but was prevented by ill-health. Finally, *the*

conclusion was forced upon us that we could not expect outside help.

We must depend upon ourselves. Therefore, we concluded to call one of our own number to act as pastor and carry on the work among us.

Thus our little church has struggled along with almost every discouragement that a church could have, until now it has a membership of twenty-four. Its influence is felt in the whole community. Look at its field! Half way between De Smet on the south and Clark on the north, it is twenty miles from *any* church north or south, and forty miles east or west from any Congregational church. The community adjacent to it contains some five hundred people. Its pastor has also been working outside of this community, having supplied three neighborhoods beside his own with preaching, while one of the young ladies of the church has superintended an out-station Sunday-school the past season.

This year has seen a railroad graded through by the Manitoba Co., giving us Duluth as a grain market and also a direct line of communication to outside points. A town site is already located, and the half-dozen residences of the old town have been moved down. This old church which it is impracticable to move, has been left behind. And now, want is staring us in the face. The old church is worth nothing except to make over into sheds for the teams. We can secure no place in which to meet for more than one or two Sabbaths at a time. Every Saturday evening the pastor helps to clear out one of the stores, that services may be held on the Sabbath. A new town is rapidly springing up, and we feel that some provision *must* be made for carrying on the Lord's work. In order not to lose what has been done, we must provide *immediately* for the future.

But how shall we meet the demand? We will cheerfully do all in our power. Many of our people are living in unfinished houses; many are trying to build, and are already carrying heavy burdens. With the drawbacks and hardships of pioneer life, church building is made doubly hard. We are willing to sacrifice our own comfort to see this work of the Lord which has been begun here, go on. It is not a beautiful church that we want, nor a large one. We thought for about \$1,500 we might build a neat little chapel, that would be attractive and large enough for our services here for several years. Who is ready to help bear the burden with us, by giving his five, ten, twenty dollars, or more, remembering that *it is not unto us, but unto the Lord*, that the gift is made?

REV. DR. DORCHESTER, in his "Christianity in the United States," says, "The toils and triumphs of the American Home Missionary Societies are without a parallel in ancient or modern times."

NOT ONLY LIFE, BUT GROWTH.

I AM very glad to send my offering to help liquidate the debt which hangs like a black cloud over the Society. It is but a mite, yet remembering that all large bodies of water are only drops united in one "great whole," I may hope that this little mite will find its place among the larger mites already flowing in. WE MUST help the Home Missionary Society, not only to live, but to put out new branches, and bear much fruit. It must have a living root in every self-supporting church in the United States, and these churches "should be consecrated to it, and believe in it."

Any one who reads much can see for himself how fast the tide of emigration is setting back into this wonderful Republic, and the dangers which threaten our institutions of learning; the grafting therein destructive and corrupting "isms," having in themselves seeds destructive to republicanism, religion and virtue. The cry, "To arms! To arms!" should sound loud and long, until it is heard and felt throughout our land; until the nation is thoroughly awake to these impending dangers, and men, women and children are working with a will to keep the Society and the treasury full of means, and the field well equipped with men. They must be wide awake, working men, too! And they must be liberally supported while they work. For this I pray, and may our country be remembered by all praying people.—G.

A TRUE STORY.

MORE than twenty years ago a young man of seventeen, with consent of parents and friends went forth into the world to seek his fortune. He had been brought up under religious influences. His father was a good Methodist, and his mother a "strong Baptist." The mother hardly wanted her boy to unite with any but the church of her choice, and it was the choice of the boy also; but the youngest sister could not see that brother go out unguarded by church influences, and so secretly advised her brother to unite with God's people, and enter into active service wherever he found his home. Consequently, the first good news was that he had united with the Congregational church, there being no Baptist church in the place. At once the prosperity of the young man commenced. His spiritual life was deepened. His business affairs were blessed—as he invested small sums in the lumber country, and had charge of a large supply store in a thrifty town, now a city. Soon he became the mayor, and at present stands on the highest platform in all good deeds.—*A Lady in Buffalo, N. Y.*

HYGIENE FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

BY E. CUTTER, M.D., LL.D.

Drinks, Continued.

4 *Tea*.—Its moderate use is unobjectionable, as a general rule. We think generally it is used too strong. It should not be used thrice daily. The best and really cheapest tea, which suits the writer, is the Congo Tea, that comes from India overland *via* Russia. One teaspoonful of this tea is enough for a family of four adults. It is simply put into the pot standing on the supper table, boiling water is poured over it, and in two or three minutes it is ready for use. Probably the most objectionable thing about the conventional tea is *the sugar*. Sometimes it is best to do without the milk or cream, but don't have the tea too strong. If one drinks the hot water, as advised, there will be but little trouble from tea drinking. Indeed, tea, under these circumstances, could well be dispensed with altogether, and save expense.

5. *Coffee*.—It is an excellent drink, especially for those exposed to the vicissitudes of the weather in cold seasons and climates. A hundred years ago, Count Rumford wrote and told how to make coffee. Still, if one can judge from his experience in traveling, coffee poorly made is an exception rather than the rule; and it seems as if something needs to be said further on the subject, so that the good wives and hostesses of Home Missionaries who want to comfort and strengthen their husbands and ministers with coffee, can do so when they have hot water, *in one minute's time, surely every time*, and with the best effects on the dyspeptic sermonizers. The first thing is to have good coffee, very finely ground. The ordinary fine coffee is not fine enough; it should be run through a coffee-mill twice. The next thing is to have an earthen coffee-pot,* in which is a cotton bag suspended from the top. The third thing is boiling water. Suppose the minister comes in worn out and weary; simply pour hot water into the pot to warm it, pour it off, put the cotton bag in the pot, put coffee in the bag; pour on boiling water, wait thirty to sixty seconds, then pour out, ready to drink at once. If it is the wife who pours, he will love her the more. If it is a hostess, she will receive her reward. In case of great lack of housekeeping articles, the process may be followed which college boys practice—that of putting the coffee in a clean handkerchief stretched

* Those who wish to gladden the Home Missionaries with a present of an earthen coffee-pot, may address H. P. Webster, 90 Blackstone Street, Boston, Mass., who gives reduced rates to Home Missionaries, and furnishes a coffee apparatus for churches, whereby coffee can be made in five minutes.

over a bowl. The hot water is then poured over it, and the coffee is made at once.

Coffee is much better without sugar, which is needless, covers the taste of the coffee, and ferments in the intestines, sometimes to the detriment of the drinker.

KINDS OF WATER.—6. *Spring.*—This is the best of all, and to have its free use should be a compensation for almost any loss entailed by absence from civilization.

7. *Well water* is apt to be loaded with salts (saltpetre, etc.) and yeast fermentation (vegetations), when the wells are located among men. The driven well is the best, as no animal or secretion can get into it; but if driven into a soil impregnated with sewage, it is no better than the rest.

8. *Hydrant water*, usually, is a botanical and zoological garden; but people use it just the same. It is not settled whether it is injurious; still, it is safer to filter this water through cotton cloth, and boil it. The fact is, cities should have two supplies of water side by side—one of the common hydrant water for uses other than drinking; and one for drinking, derived from spring water. The late W. E. Baker, of Wellesley, Mass., successfully used just such a system for his hotel.

9. *Distilled water.*—The enormous consumption of “Hygiea Water” shows the demand for distilled waters. When water is so easily distilled from every steam boiler or cooker, it is surprising that more of it is not used. In 1886 the writer devised such an apparatus for a Home Missionary among the alkali deserts of Idaho. But very soon a Boston party will put an invention for this business in the market, that is designed to set on the stove in every kitchen, and make all the drinking water desired. This water does not taste badly, and is an admirable detergent.

10. *Cistern water.*—Contains the impurities of the atmosphere, and of the roof surfaces of the water-shed that supplies it. These can be removed by filtration through cotton cloth (at five cents a yard), which is an admirable filter, but needs frequent reversing and washing to be kept clean.

11. *Milk.*—This is a wonderful liquid, containing all the elements to make a human being. It is best taken warm from the cow, full of life and heat. It gives strength and confers flesh. When it disagrees, the liver is apt to be out of order. In that case, drop the milk, and wash out with hot water. It may be taken freely, especially by children. Milk is very sensitive to bad odors and liable to adulteration and contamination in a manner that proves the depravity of the human race; but if taken close to the producing animal such dangers are obviated.—*Broadway and Fifty-fifth Street, New York, February, 1888.*

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

As usual, several pages of interesting reading-matter are crowded out of this, the last number of the year, by the Index. There are those, however, to whom these index pages are most helpful in pointing out material which may be arranged for the next missionary meeting, concert exercise, or entertainment. A special effort has been made this year to classify such material for the aid of these hard-working missionary committees.

WE are in receipt of a most attractive paper, issued by the New York Union, which bears the heading, "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION, NEW YORK STATE" Whosoever begins this bright little sheet will finish it at one reading, for its four pages are filled with matter of thrilling interest. Its editor hopes that the paper will reach all the women of our Congregational churches in *New York State*. We pray that it may reach all the women in the land! We suggest that a copy be sent to the officers of our seventeen Woman's H. M. Organizations.

WE cannot offer a "one hundred dollar prize" for the best article on "*How to organize, conduct and interest a Home Missionary Circle for ladies or children*," but in the name of the Master—whose we are, and whom we serve, and whose cause is dear to our hearts—we do most earnestly solicit contributions to these pages in the form of thoughts, suggestions, plans, exercises and helpful experiences upon this subject. We can hardly over-estimate the value of such help to those who wish to organize new work in new fields, and also to those who are struggling to hold and deepen the interest in societies already organized. We are moved to make this appeal by the grateful welcome accorded to every scrap published in *The Home Missionary*, which suggests any fresh method of work, from "Mrs. Jones's Picture," "Emergency Women," "The Way Out," "An Easter Penny," "S. S. Concert Exercises," "Helen Harrison's Awakening," etc., to the paragraph of a dozen lines.

"WELL! well! here it is nearly noon and my morning work not done yet. What a wonderfully interesting paper that *Home Missionary* is, anyway! It is the first time I have ever seen one, and I was so interested in it that I completely forgot my morning duties." Such were the cheering words from a good woman away in Washington Territory whose pastor had left her a copy of *The Home Missionary* to read.

NO CHURCH—NO SABBATH—NO GOD.—How I want money to put into this work! Just think of people in our America begging and praying for some one to bring the gospel to them! Children actually crying for Sunday-schools—and this Society has to say, “No money!” Just think of towns with saloons at every corner, and no church, no Sabbath, no God. And here at Castle Garden thousands are pouring in every day on their way to the West, to make other towns and cities of the same sort. Yet people think our America will somehow come out whole and sound; and in this feeling of security lies our great danger, I think.—*R. P.*

CALIFORNIA W. H. M. U.

CALIFORNIA women are not happy because California was included in our January list of States *without* “Woman’s Home Missionary Organizations,” and they have lost no time in sending official notice of a CALIFORNIA WOMAN’S STATE HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

President, Mrs. J. K. McLean, Oakland; Vice-President, Mrs. M. L. Merritt, Oakland; Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Havens, Oakland; Secretary, Mrs. M. L. F. Eastman, San Francisco. With full hearts we extend to this new Union of the “beauteous land on the western sea,” a cordial right hand of fellowship with hearty greetings. The good time is coming when, from Massachusetts Bay to the Golden Gate, and from Minnesota to Mexico, the earnest women of these United States will have joined hands in a thoroughly organized, whole-hearted, persistent effort, with God’s help, to redeem this beloved land for Christ. Heaven speed the day! The story of how and why the California Union came into being will be given to our readers in another number. There is a pleasant rumor that our circle of organized societies will ere long be enriched by the addition of Indiana, Colorado and Florida.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THIS venerable Society, better known as “The New Hampshire Female Cent Institution,” was organized in 1805, by Mrs. Elizabeth McFarland. Its contributions to Home Missions have gradually increased from five dollars in 1805, to over \$2,000 in 1887. Art. III. of its Constitution tells us that “Any female over fourteen years of age may become a member of the society by paying annually one cent a week. Children may become members by paying any sum not less than ten cents a year.” The officers of this society consist of a “Treasurer, and so many solicitors as may be needful.” Always preserving the simplicity of its original plan, this Society has, with uninterrupted interest, reached its eighty-third year, and is found rejoicing that its work is still carried on by ready and efficient helpers.

“No woman,” writes the treasurer, “can be a true lover of her country who loves not the cause of Home Missions. With all love and interest for the foreign missionary work, let me remind you that the women of some of our churches give to the foreign work five, and even seven times the amount of their contributions to home missions. We would not wish them to give any less to the foreign work, but cannot they do more for that at home? To those who attend the annual meetings of the American Home Missionary Society and the American Missionary Association, it seems that the importance of home missionary work cannot be over-estimated, and should, at least, share equally with the work in foreign lands. Our country is becoming the home of perishing heathen of all nations, as well as of the many thousand ignorant ones born upon our own soil.

The success of Home Missions furnishes the only hope that our country shall save herself and others. Shall we not strive to realize more fully the close connection which binds the home work with the foreign? We must keep the fountain clear, pure and full, if we would have the streams that flow from it full of health-giving power, wherever they may spread. We must educate the children of our own State in the gospel, that they may be fitted to carry it to the remote parts of our own land as well as to countries beyond the seas. Let our contributions be so large in the next year that a greater proportion may be sent to the American Home Missionary Society for work upon the frontier.”

MICHIGAN.

THE Michigan Woman's H. M. Union is very much alive. Its officers have recently addressed a most earnest appeal to the women of the State, urging them to a more vital interest in Home Missions. They have also prepared a series of “Lessons for Auxiliaries,” which are issued monthly in *The Beacon*; and as though this were not enough for these busy women, they have determined to go to the root of the matter by gathering the young people and children into a “North Star Mission Circle,” for work in the Upper Peninsula.

SUPERINTENDENT MONTGOMERY says: “We looked about for \$200 to help poor Scandinavian students in Carleton College. It was all pledged by a few friends in Minnesota; but one, who promised twenty-five dollars, has been sick all winter, and writes that he cannot fulfill his pledge. The students were depending upon this. One of them must be disappointed, for, indeed, I do not know where to look for this extra contribution.”

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

I KNOW some people who will never be happy, because they were not taught when young to adapt themselves to circumstances. They grumble and fret when any little pet plan is upset, or any personal discomfort must be endured. I am thinking of a few of my YOUNG PEOPLE, who feel out of sorts when their part of the Magazine is "cut down," or even left out altogether; and when answers to the "Questions," which they have prepared with great care, are not printed. Let me tell you, my young friends, that when these things happen, the editor feels as badly as you do, but has to make the best of it. Will you do the same? When your part of *The Home Missionary* is "cut down," there is always a good reason for it. This month it is the Index. In this voyage of life, the sea will not always be smooth, so, my boys and girls, begin *now* to make the best of the rough weather. Remember,—our Lord Jesus Christ is at the helm, and nothing can happen to us which he does not permit. If you live long enough, you will yet thank him that you could not always have your own way.

THAT Dakota boy, Harry, must be a Yankee after all! See how he gets around our home imssionary conundrum.

"Will you please send me," he writes, "that book published by the Home Missionary Society, the title of which is composed of sixteen small letters and six capitals?" Well, Harry, look at the editorial note over the "Questions" this month, and you will see that title written out.

Those who read the story of the "Blizzard" in the March Magazine, may be interested in Harry's description of it. He says: "About half-past eleven o'clock the other day a heavy wind struck us, accompanied by very fine snow, and in a few moments it was flying so that you couldn't see much of anything before you. I had just been out to the barn, and the wind was southeast, and it was quite warm. I came into the house, and had scarcely taken off my hat, when the snow flew so we couldn't see the barn. Father was out there then, and when he came in his face and ears were covered with a thin coat of ice. Our minister was three miles away from home and started to come back on foot. The storm struck him and he had a pretty hard time. A man went out after him, and when he found him, he was trying to see through his glasses, which were blocked with snow. He froze his face and nose and the back of his limbs. The trouble is, the snow whistles around you and up into your face, and stops up your eyes and ears and nose. One man who was stuck in the snow, was found with his head and face completely covered with ice. I read *The Home Mission-*

ary, and the story of that man at the 'Extreme Frontier' is just the way it is here."

QUESTIONS.

WE advise those young people who wish to answer the present questions in *The Home Missionary* to send a postal to "The Editor, 34 Bible House, N. Y.," asking for the "Origin and Work of the A. H. M. S." If you write your name and address plainly, you will receive the book.

31. Where has Superintendent Albrecht gone?
32. What is the name of the new Superintendent who has taken his place?
33. What Society does this magazine represent?
34. Are you trying to help it?
35. Why?
36. How are you helping this Society?
37. How old is the American Home Missionary Society?
38. In what year was it born?
39. Were there any other missionary societies in our country then?
40. What were their names?
41. Where did these societies send missionaries?
42. Why was this American Home Missionary Society started?
43. Who first suggested such a society?
44. Where was he going at the time?
45. In what was he riding?
46. Who were his companions?
47. What effect did his suggestion have upon his companions?
48. Why did the eminent ministers of New England come to Boston, Mass., January 11th, 1826?
49. In what city was the American Home Missionary Society formed?
50. How many people came together to form it, and in what church did they meet?

WHAT HE DID BELIEVE.

THERE was once a boy who had a good father, and a good mother—which, I am free to say, is much more common. This boy, when he was growing up, went away from home. He said the nest was too full, and some of them had got to make their way in the world.

When he was going his father did not give him a long sermon in parting advice, for he had given his teachings as they went along. Just in the way in which Moses, in the name of the Lord, charged the men of Israel to teach their sons.

So when John was going away his father said, at the last, "Don't forget," and he answered, "No, father." This happened long ago, before this country was well settled, and when the Mississippi River seemed farther off than California and Oregon do now.

One day, some years after this boy left his home, a man from Kentucky had to go farther west with a sum of money to make some payments. His only way was to take the money with him in his saddle-bags and go on horseback. He set off alone, being very careful what company he fell in with on the way. This man was what is called an infidel—which means not having faith, not believing. Sometimes he believed in and trusted his fellowmen, but *never* did he trust in the God who made him.

He traveled on from day to day, through the woods, crossing rivers, sometimes seeing people in solitary cabins, sometimes in small settlements—and the way grew more and more uncertain, though he used his compass and was very careful to follow directions. One night he went on and on and it began to grow dark, and he did not come to the settlement which he expected to find. He seemed to go deeper and deeper into the forest, and finally he was forced to own that he might have to lie down under a tree and rest as he could. Just then his horse pricked up his ears and started forward a little, and he saw in the distance the glimmer of a light. Somebody was there; but then, with all that money, it might be that he would fall among robbers or murderers. However he went forward and found a rough log house, and no one there but a solitary man. This man came forward, made the stranger welcome, showed him where to put his horse, gave him some food, and then they sat by the fire—not long, for they were very tired. The stranger made himself ready for the rough couch pointed out to him, put his saddle-bags under his head, and made up his mind that he might pretend to sleep, but that he would watch all night.

When all was quiet the man of the cabin said, "Stranger, I always read a chapter in the Bible before I go to bed." The infidel had nothing to say; he didn't believe in Bibles. Afterward the man knelt down and prayed. The bad man, who did not believe in a God, nor in Bibles, nor in Christ, nor in Christian faith, *did* believe that a man who prayed every night and morning could neither be a thief nor a murderer, and he closed his eyes and slept in peace.

More than that, he saw how wicked and inconsistent it was to deny Christianity when he showed that he believed in it, and he became a Christian, and a faithful one, and he told this story to men who couldn't believe.

The man in the wilderness, who prayed in the presence of this scoffer and unbeliever, was our friend John. You see *he began right*, and didn't lose time by trying the wrong way first.—*Esther*.

AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

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JAMES M. GORDON, Esq., *Treasurer*.

[Money for the Society may be sent to JAMES M. GORDON, Esq., Treasurer, No. 10 Congregational House, Boston; or to Rev. ALEXANDER H. CLAPP, D.D., 34 Bible House, New York.]

DOANE COLLEGE.—In the brief space allotted to this article, we propose to answer some of the questions asked by those who know little or nothing about the college, and also by the large number who have given liberally to its support from time to time.

Doane College was chartered in 1872, and is a Home Missionary enterprise, owing its origin to the Congregational Home Missionary churches of Nebraska, and receiving their cordial support. During the fifteen years since it was founded, it has given instruction to more than nine hundred different students. The attendance for the year 1887 was 212, and the faculty consists of a president, six professors, a preceptress, music teacher, and teacher of drawing and painting. The courses of study are very similar to those found in other western colleges, requiring, for their completion, three years of preparation and four years in the college department. It has been the constant aim of the trustees and faculty to surround the students with such influences as would lead them to enter upon an active Christian life, and many precious seasons of revival have been experienced, and hopeful conversions witnessed.

Many of the graduates are doing home missionary work in the West, and one, with his wife, is now on the way to Inhambane, in East Central Africa, whither he has been sent by the American Board. Nine young men, six of whom are in the college department, and six young ladies, have agreed to enter upon missionary work after the completion of their studies in college. At the present time there is an unusually deep religious interest, which commenced on the Day of Prayer for Colleges.

When the college was located in Crete, it received six hundred acres of choice land, overlooking the town and beautiful valley of the Big Blue River. With the exception of a few acres which have been sold for building lots, this land is still owned by the college. It is increasing in value from year to year, and will eventually be a source of income, if the trustees are not forced to sell it in the payment of current expenses. The buildings are three in number and all of brick. One of them is a thoroughly equipped astronomical observatory. It is also a signal service station, co-operating with the United States Signal Service at Washington, and is the central station of the Nebraska Weather Service. The other two furnish accommodations for the library, cabinet, classes in all departments, and dormitories for

one hundred students. The assets of the college are made up of these three buildings, erected at a cost of \$55,000, an endowment fund of \$25,000, and the land. An indebtedness of \$20,000 has been incurred in the building of Ladies' Hall. Tuition being necessarily low, ranging from \$17 to \$24 per year, the amount received from this source is less than one-sixth of the current expenses.

From these few facts, it will readily be seen that the great need of the college is an increased endowment. It is now necessary to raise from \$6,000 to \$7,000 each year to carry on the work.

Doane College occupies an important place among the educational institutions of Nebraska. Through its indirect influence, the Nebraska Chautauqua Assembly, which brings together annually many thousands of Christian workers, has been located at Crete. We trust that the work which has been so well begun may be well sustained. The catalogue for 1887 is now published, and will be cheerfully sent to those desiring information not contained in this meager report.—*Address Pres. D. B. Perry, Crete, Neb.*

LAST October there was held in the city of Atlanta, Ga., a conference of churches, looking toward a union, of some fifty Congregational Methodists, seven Free Protestant Methodists, and the four Congregational churches of Atlanta. A basis of union was agreed upon, and the matter was reported back for final action to the several churches as individual churches. On February 29th these churches, represented by delegates, assembled in convention at the Church of the Redeemer to effect a permanent organization.

The roll-call showed some forty Congregational Methodist churches represented, seven Free Protestant Methodist and four Congregational churches. By invitation the American Home Missionary Society was represented in the person of Rev. S. F. Gale, its Superintendent for Florida, and Rev. J. H. Frazee, of Knoxville, Tenn. This convention adopted the constitution and by-laws of the General Congregational Association of Florida, and propose to be represented by an organ published at Atlanta. At the closing session a Home Missionary Society for the State of Georgia was organized, of which Rev. G. R. Turk, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, was elected president.

“Thus ends the first conference of the United Congregational Conference of Georgia,” said one of the delegates. “The enthusiasm and perfect understanding of these brethren, coming from different churches and of different training, was quite remarkable. One spirit seemed to possess each member present—namely: How can we do the most good for the Master? Certain it is that no such gathering can be held, with such a purpose and outlook, without accomplishing much for the cause of Christ.”

WOMAN'S STATE H. M. ORGANIZATIONS.

New Hampshire Female Cent Institution, org. 1805, Miss Annie A. McFarland, Concord, Sec.	North Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Nov., 1883, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood, Sec.
Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. 1872, Mrs. H. L. Chase, Minneapolis, Sec.	South Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Sept., 1884, Mrs. S. E. Young, Sioux Falls, Sec.
Nebraska Woman's Home Miss. Association, org. Oct., 1874, Mrs. E. H. Baker, Sutton, Sec.	Connecticut, Woman's Home Missionary Union org. Jan., 1855, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Hartford Sec.
Maine, Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, org. June, 1880, Mrs. Gertrude A. Denio, Bangor, Sec.	Missouri, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1885, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3100 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Sec.
Michigan, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1881, Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lansing, Sec.	Illinois, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1885, Mrs. C. H. Tantor, Chicago, Sec.
Kansas, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1881, Mrs. Addison Blanchard, Topeka, Sec.	Iowa, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. June, 1886, Miss Ella E. Marsh, Grinnell, Sec.
Ohio, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1882, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin, Sec.	California, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1887, Mrs. M. L. F. Eastman, Sec.
New York, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. C. Creegan, Syracuse, Sec.	Nebraska, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Nov., 1887, Mrs. L. F. Berry, Fremont, Sec.
Wisconsin, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead, Sec.	

MISSIONARY BOXES.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.

2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.

3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.

4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise, as "fast freight," by railroad, taking two receipts from the Company.

5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of freight (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.

6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for freight, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in THE HOME MISSIONARY.

7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.

8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding the name of the place from which it comes.

9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a list of contents to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the size of each adult, and the age and sex of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.

10. These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society. It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$2,107 07
A. M. W. D.....	215 00
Connecticut, Hartford.....	10 00
Illinois, Chicago.....	5 00
Massachusetts, Braintree, \$5; Springfield, \$7.....	12 00
New York, Brooklyn, \$10; Saratoga, \$7.....	17 00
Vermont, Williston.....	2 00
	\$2,368 07

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$3,483 91
Connecticut, Columbia, \$15; Rockville, \$12.....	27 00
District of Columbia, Washington.....	42 50
Michigan, Manistee, \$50 58; St. Clair, \$10; St. Joseph, \$77.68.....	183 26
New Jersey, Montclair.....	80 00
Vermont, St. Johnsbury.....	75 00
	\$3,846 67

APPOINTMENTS IN FEBRUARY, 1888.

Not in commission last year.

Bachelor, Francis P., Phillips and South Jacksonville, Fla.
 Bailey, James G., Rogers and Lowell, Mo.
 Calnow, John C., Cleburne, Tex.
 Crawford, Andrew K., West Point and out-stations, Cal.
 Frickstad, Taral T., Raymond, Cal.
 Halliday, Joseph C., Kiowa, Kan.
 Hosford, Thomas J., Hood River and out-stations, Or.
 Jenkins, David T., Lusk, Wyo.
 Kennedy, Albert E., East Pueblo, Colo.
 Lewis, Edward R., Edwardsville, Penn.
 Preston, Riley L. D., Sherburne, Minn.
 Richards, Samuel, Riverdale and out-stations, Mo.
 St. Clair, Peter, Rushville, Neb.
 Smedley, Merwin T., Jennings, La.

Re-commissioned.

Bingham, Charles M., Daytona, Fla.
 Bowers, John M., Kidder and Sharon, Mo.
 Bryngelson, August, Wood Lake, Doeler's Lake, Grantsburg, Trade Lake and eight out-stations.
 Carlson, Joseph W., Stillwater, Minn.
 Champlin, Oliver P., Rushford, Minn.
 Countermae, John D., Albany, N. Y.
 Drew, James B., St. Paul, Minn.
 Earl, James, Evangelist in Minn.
 Evans, John G., Nanticoke, Penn.

Hanford, Samuel I., Long Pine, Neb.
 Hamilton, Henry P., Eldred, N. Y.
 Hayes, James, Coal Bluff, Perth, Fontanette and Carbon, Ind.
 Holt, Marcus L., Omaha, Neb.
 Jones, John A., Cottonwood, Cal.
 King, John W., Eaton, Col.
 Lucas, Oramel W., Pendleton, Or.
 Marlow, Richard T., Iberia and Unity, Mo.
 Mason, Javan K., Herndon, Va.
 Mather, Wallace E., Paris, N. Y.
 Montgomery, W. C., San Mateo and Rinconada, New Mex.
 Morris, George, Port Costa and Crockett, No. Cal.
 Olmsted, Charles, Oswego Falls, N. Y.
 Parrish, George R., Leigh and Howells, Neb.
 Perry, George H., Oneida and Capioma, Kan.
 Sage, Charles J., Evangelist in Mo.
 Seward, Arthur L., Coalville, Echo, Henefer and Wanship, Utah.
 Shanton, I. Allen, Howard City, So. Dak.
 Skelton, William J., Buffalo, Wyo.
 Small, Charles H., Mt. Pleasant, D. C.
 Stewart, William C., Etna, Oro Fino, Callahans Glendennings, McConahue and Sawyers' Bar, Cal.
 Storer, F. A. S., Syracuse, N. Y.
 Todd, John W., Barnesville, Minn.
 Travers, Robert M., Raver na, Neb.
 Van Dalsem, Henry A., Dickinson, No. Dak.
 Van Wagner, James M., Green Ridge, Mo.
 Williams, John, Bangor, Penn.

RECEIPTS IN FEBRUARY, 1888.

MAINE—\$1,252.33.

Received by J. L. Crosby, Treas.
 Maine Miss. Soc.:
 Bath, Union Meeting of Winter Street and Central Chs. \$51 13
 New Castle, Second Ch., \$50, of which to const. Capt. John G. Brastow a L. M. 80 60
 Portland, State Street Ch. 60 79
 Second Parish Ch. 152 52
 Y. P. S. C. E., Second Parish. 10 00
 Yarmouth, First Ch., by C. L. Marston 50 00
 ----- \$405 09
 Received by Rev. W. G. Puddefoot:
 Auburn, W. A. Robinson \$5 00
 Lewiston, R. C. Stanley 5 00
 Yarmouth, B. Freeman 10 00
 ----- 20 00
 Augusta, T. Clark 2 00
 Bangor, Willing Workers of the Central Ch., by Miss L. H. Roberts 75 00
 Blue Hill, Lizzie L. Peters 1 00
 Center Lebanon, A Friend 5 00
 Hollowell, Ladies' Cent Soc., by Miss Mary C. Dole 14 00
 Kennebunkport, Mrs. Martha J. Ross.. 250 00
 Lyman, A Friend 2 00
 North Bridgton, by F. O. Chadbourne.. 2 30
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 J. J. Gerrish, to const. Miss Hattie S. Gerrish a L. M. 50 00
 C. A. Brown 25 00
 W. W. Brown 100 00
 W. W. Mitchell 25 00
 Saco, First Parish Ch., by J. W. Littlefield. 13 44

Searsport, by E. B. Sheldon \$21 50
 Wells, B. Maxwell 25 00
 West Auburn, by S. N. Grose 22 00
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 Cong. Sunday-school, by A. M. Williams 13 40
 Antrim, Mrs. Mary W. Holman 5 00
 Bethlehem, Mrs. B. F. Winch, by Rev. W. P. Philbrook 10 00
 Candia, by E. Hill 30 00
 Concord, First, by Rev. F. D. Ayer, to const. W. P. Fisk and H. W. Brickett L. Ms. 100 00
 Mrs. Allen Folger 3 00
 Derry, First Cong. Sunday-school, by Bessie M. Upton 16 93
 B. Chase, Jr. 5 00
 East Derry, First, by G. C. Morrison... 18 35
 Exeter, Two Members of the First Ch. A Friend 10 00
 A Friend 2 00
 Francestown, by A. Downes 22 06
 Hanover, A Friend, for Debt 10 00
 Haverhill, W. O. Burbeck 2 00
 Henniker, Ch., special coll., by Rev. F. L. Allen 35 06
 Hinsdale, Ch., \$15; Cong. Sunday-school, \$10.13, by C. W. Clark 25 13
 Lebanon, by Mrs. J. S. Davis 50 00
 Lyme, by Rev. E. P. Butler, to const. G. W. Randlett a L. M. 64 44
 Nashua, by Rev. W. G. Puddefoot... 19 26
 Edward Spaulding 100 00
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 Mrs. A. W. Newcomb's Sunday-school class. 3 00
 West Lebanon, by H. French 37 00

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Brattleboro, Rev. C. O. Day.....	\$1 00
A Friend.....	50 00
Cornwall, by Rev. M. C. Stebbins.....	68 68
Derby Line, Ella G. Johnson.....	5 00
East Corinth, J. B. Kemp.....	15 00
Lunenburg, C. W. King.....	10 00
Lyndon, L. W. Hubbard.....	1 80
Manchester, E. J. Kellogg, for Debt...	5 00
New Haven, E. Special.....	5 00
Norwich, J. G. Stinson.....	105 00
Orwell, by S. H. Bascom.....	27 56
Pittsford, Mrs. N. P. Humphrey, \$10; M. Humphrey, \$2.....	12 00
Randolph, Mrs. D. Washburn, Birth- day offering.....	1 00
A Friend.....	1 00
Rutland, by J. C. Emery, Treas. Vt. D. M. Soc.....	50 00
St. Johnsbury, Ladies of South Ch., by Mrs. W. P. Fairbanks, for Salary Fund Friends, by Mrs. S. M. Howard.....	75 00 25 00
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Vermont, Friend of Home Missions.....	200 00
Williston, A. Bliss, for Children's Bo- hemian Fund.....	2 00

MASSACHUSETTS—\$23,806.09; of which
Legacies, \$14,268.78.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas., \$6,000; and \$1,001.22, By request of donors.....	7,001 22 299 25
Amesbury, Union Evan. Ch., by E. A. Goodwin.....	8 52
Ashburnham, Mrs. S. A. Freeman.....	5 50
Athol Center, Mrs. J. F. Merrill.....	2 00
Barre, A. G. Williams, by Rev. J. F. Gaylord.....	5 00
Barre Plains, W. W. Glazier.....	10 00
Berlin, S. L.....	2 00
Boston, Benj. Moody.....	5 00
Braintree, Infant Sunday-school, First Parish, for Bohemian Ed. work, by S. H. Thayer.....	5 00
Cambridge, A. B. Hart.....	5 00
Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Sawyer....	5 00
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East Bridgewater, Woman's Ccng. Ch., by G. M. Keith.....	15 66
East Granville, Y. P. S. C. E., by L. B. Dickinson.....	4 60
Enfield, A Friend.....	5 00
Fitchburg, Mrs. E. G. Tobey.....	5 20
Foxboro, L. D., for Debt.....	10 00
Framingham, A. M.....	2 00
Granville, L. B. Dickinson, for Debt....	4 80
Hampshire Co., A Friend, for Debt....	5 00
Holyoke, First Cong. Ch.....	25 00
Leicester, From a Lady, Gold dollar, by A. H. White.....	1 00
Long Meadow, Miss Sarah W. Storrs....	5 00
A Friend.....	2 00
Lowell, John Street Ch., by W. Morey... Horace Rogers, \$25; S. G. Mack, \$20, by Rev. G. S. Ricker, special.....	12 21 45 00
F. S. Hart.....	2 00
Monson, Mrs. C. M. Holmes, Jr.....	25 00
Mrs. Luther Peck.....	10 00
Monterey, M. S. Bidwell.....	25 00
Newburyport, W. W. Goodwin.....	100 00
Newtonville, Avails of Legacy of Mrs. Mary P. Hayes, by A. Blume, Att'y for Ex.....	4,268 75
North Abington, Rev. J. H. Jones.....	5 00
Northampton, C.....	100 00
North Andover, by J. S. Sanborn, to const. G. E. Hathorn and Miss L. G. Saunders L. Ms.....	100 00
North Brookfield, Mrs. H. M. N.....	20 00
North Dana, Mrs. M. P. Esty.....	5 00
Northfield, Rev. M. H. Wells.....	10 00
Pittsford, Fanny T. Allen.....	50 00
Quincy, J. H. Wheelie.....	2 00
Randolph, G. B. Belcher and daughter.	10 00
Revere, A Friend.....	1,000 00

Reading, Mrs. C. Temple.....	\$2 00
Rockport, W. H. Colby.....	5 00
Salem, G. A. Perkins.....	50 00
Shelburne Falls, L. M. Packard.....	5 00
South Amherst, Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. E. T. Darlung, for Woman's Dept.....	37 75
Springfield, C. H. Barrows, for Child- ren's Bohemian Fund.....	7 00
S. Morris Coe.....	10 00
Souvenir.....	5 00
Stockbridge, Sarah B. Cone.....	100 00
Sutton, A. W. Putnam, to const. E. T. Putnam and E. E. Putnam L. Ms....	100 00
Tapleville, J. Richmond.....	50
Waltham, Mrs. L. Y. Moore.....	40
West Berlin, J. F. Larkin.....	10 00
West Brookfield, W.....	1 00
A Friend.....	50
Westfield, Miss E. Carver.....	25 00
Whitinsville, Legacy of Charles P. Whitin, by E. Whitin, Ex.....	10,000 00
Williamstown, Rev. J. H. Denison.....	100 00
Mrs. Mary H. Hopkins.....	25 00
A Friend.....	25 00
Worcester, Miss Anna S. Whitcomb....	8 20

RHODE ISLAND—\$1,449.06.

Received by E. Barrows, Treas. R. I. H. M. Soc.:	
Barrington.....	\$15 72
Providence, Beneficent Ch.....	54 00
.....	69 72
Bristol, A Friend, a "Gold Piece".....	10 00
Central Falls, A Friend.....	50 00
Pawtucket, Young Ladies Pastors' Aid Soc., by Alice M. Treacart.....	50 00
Friends, by Rev. A. McGregor.....	22 50
Providence, Union Ch., by C. H. Leon- ard, M.D., \$841.82; Sunday-school, \$5, by J. W. McAnslan.....	891 82
Pilgrim Ch., by H. C. Waters.....	84 50
Beneficent Cong. Sunday-school, by W. P. Chapin.....	50 00
Union Ch., by C. H. Leonard.....	210 52
J. C. Davis.....	10 00

CONNECTICUT—\$1,698.38; of which
Legacies, \$233.00.

Miss. Soc. of Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec....	153 02
Received by F. T. Jarman: New Haven, J. M. B. Dwight.....	\$13 00
United Church.....	21 00
.....	34 00
Received by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Sec. Woman's H. M. Union of Conn.:	
Columbia, Ladies Soc., by Miss A. J. Fuller, for Salary Fund.....	\$15 00
Fairfield Ch. and Parish, by Miss Abby B. Nichols, for Bo- ne-man Work.....	19 68
From Woman's Cong. H. M. Union of Conn., special.....	25 00
Hartford, Infant Dept. of First Ch. Sunday-school, for Child- ren's Bohemian Fund, by Miss Fanny Brown.....	10 00
.....	69 68
Avon, N. L. Case.....	5 00
Bethel, A Friend.....	10 00
Bethlehem, A Friend.....	5 00
Bradford, Avails of Legacy of Levi Linsley, by Charles Page.....	133 00
A Friend.....	1 00
Bristol, Friends.....	3 00
Canter Center, W. G. Hallock, \$10; Miss Sarah B. Hallock, \$5.....	15 00
Chester, by Rev. A. Hall.....	32 00
Mrs. A. L. Smith.....	5 00
Connecticut, A Friend.....	50 00
Covertry, Betsey T. Preston.....	10 00
Cromwell, A Friend.....	10 00
East Haddam, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Reed	100 00

FLORIDA—\$2.50.

Kerr City and Norwalk, by Rev. B. T. Stafford..... \$2 50

INDIAN TERRITORY—\$28.57.

McAllister, by Rev. W. H. Hicks..... 2 90
 Vinita, \$9.75; Children's Soc., \$5, by Rev. N. M. Wheat..... 14 75
 Prof. J. McCarthy..... 11 10

ARIZONA—\$44.00.

Tucson, Ch., \$31.75; Sunday-school, \$5.25; Y. P. S. C. E., \$7, by Rev. H. H. Cole..... 44 00

OHIO—\$726.75.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser:
 Bellevue, \$15.92; Rev. A. P. Johnson, \$5..... \$20 92
 Coolville, Mrs. M. B. Bartlett..... 50 00
 Etnaville, Ch., and Sunday-school, by T. Lloyd..... 15 00
 Lorain, Ch., \$17; Y. P. S. C. E., \$5, by Rev. A. D. Barber..... 22 00
 Ravenna, by S. J. Farnellee..... 25 40
 Rock Creek, add'l, by Rev. S. R. Roseboro..... 1 00
 Springfield, First, by H. G. Forbes..... 25 00
 Sylvaui, by A. B. West..... 8 12
 Toledo, Wash. Street, by A. U. Young..... 5 00
 Twinsburgh, by C. Lane..... 10 00
 Wadsworth, C. N. Lyman, M.D..... 5 00
 West Andover, by H. Holcomb..... 9 05

Received in Jan., by S. P. Churehill, Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland:
 Chatham, Sunday-school..... 27 81
 Chester, Sunday-school..... 23 00
 Clarksfield, Sunday-school..... 2 25
 Cleveland, Franklin Avenue Ch..... 18 75
 Columbus, Rev. B. Talbot..... 1 00
 Lenox, Sunday-school..... 9 36
 Mansfield, Sunday-school..... 15 00
 Mt. Vernon, Sunday-school..... 10 40
 Woman's H. M. Soc. of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. Crafts, Treas. Ohio W. H. M. U..... 11 40
 Talmage, Sunday-school..... 16 13

Belden, Mrs. E. B. Ingersoll..... 134 30
 Cincinnati, Walnut Hills Cong. Ch., by C. A. Stevens..... 5 00
 Clarksfield, Miss L. A. Rowland..... 119 30
 Cleveland, Jennings Avenue Ch., by W. J. Shepard..... 1 40
 Mrs. C. A. Garlick, A Birthday-offering..... 91 09
 Collinwood, by Rev. C. L. Hamlen..... 2 00
 Coolville and Center Belpre, by Rev. J. Jones..... 9 75
 Fields, S. R. Briggs..... 20 00
 Kent, G. O. Rice..... 5 00
 Mr. Vernon, First Cong. Sunday-school, \$16.61; F. N. Spindler, \$4.40, by F. N. Spindler..... 10 00
 Oberlin, Mrs. L. G. B. Hills, \$10; A Friend..... 21 01
 Mrs. L. D. Mattison..... 5 00
 Painesville, First, by G. H. Higgins, to const. G. W. Cressett a L. M..... 20 00
 Perrysburg, Mrs. Mary Hatch, by S. P. Tolman..... 43 90
 Ravenna, Harriet Gates..... 2 00
 Springfield, Ch., \$5.28; Ladies' Soc., \$10, by Rev. W. W. Pierce..... 3 00
 Talmadge, Mrs. T. Priece..... 15 25
 Wellington, E. Benedict..... 5 00
 10 60

INDIANA—\$103.12.

Received by Rev. E. D. Curtis:
 Indianapolis, Mayflower Ch., special..... \$1 50

Orland, First Ch., \$49.90; Cong. Sunday-school, special, \$16.93 66 83

Hebron and Hobart, by Rev. D. W. Andrews..... \$68 33
 Indiana Chs. and Individuals, by Rev. J. R. Preston..... 10 60
 Indiana Chs. and Individuals, by Rev. J. R. Preston..... 14 29
 Indianapolis, Miss H. Prantz..... 50
 Terre Haute, Mary H. Ross..... 10 00

ILLINOIS—\$97.50.

Ashkum, by Mrs. M. Brayton..... 5 00
 Beardstown, E. Gehegan..... 50
 Canton, Mrs. John Ingersoll..... 5 00
 Chicago, Primary class in Sunday-school of the New England Ch. for Children's Bohemian Fund, by Miss C. Hobart..... 5 00
 A Friend to Missions..... 25 00
 Lacon, "D. Jocas," for the Debt, by Rev. J. P. Barrett..... 50 00
 Quincy, "Phil," for the ground-hog's pen..... 5 00
 Ridge Prairie, Rev. A. Kerr..... 2 40

MISSOURI—\$321.82.

Received by Rev. G. S. Ricker, special for Rogers Academy, Ark.:
 Carthage, Rev. A. G. Hibbard, \$15; W. Kelley, \$5; Mrs. Gilman, \$2; J. Hill, \$3; L. M. Soc., \$5..... 30 00
 Neosho, by Rev. A. J. Smith, \$10; Rev. C. Combs, \$5; Rev. N. J. Morrison, D.D., \$5..... 20 00
 Pierce City, Ch., \$10; Sunday-school, \$10..... 20 00

Received by Rev. E. B. Burrows, special for Rogers Academy, Ark.:
 St. Louis, Pilgrim Sunday-school, by J. C. Morris..... 75 00
 Webster Grove..... 25 00
 First Ch., by Dr. L. T. Knox..... 35 40
 Rev. E. B. Burrows..... 44 75

Cameron, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Rev. F. A. Bissell..... 10 00
 Dawn, by Rev. G. Roberts..... 10 00
 Eldon, by Rev. J. Veiter..... 1 50
 Hamilton, by Rev. G. T. Holcombe..... 2 62
 Hyde and Trinity, by Rev. A. W. Wiggins..... 3 00
 Kansas City, by Rev. J. Brewster..... 5 50
 Lamai, C. H. Butler, by Mrs. J. D. Gilman..... 5 00
 Leroy, Mrs. M. McKinney..... 40
 Mine La Motte, by Rev. J. B. Johnston..... 10 00
 St. Louis, by Rev. G. M. Sanborne..... 9 55
 Sedalia, L. H. M. Soc. of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. A. E. Cook..... 8 50
 Springfield, by Rev. J. F. Graf..... 6 60

MICHIGAN—\$1,407.67.

Received by Rev. L. Warren:
 Benzonia, Dea. Amasa Waters..... \$15 00
 Big Prairie..... 56
 Cadillac..... 51 66
 Chelsea, Y. P. S. C. E. for the North Star Mission..... 10 00
 Clinton..... 12 50
 Croton..... 3 36
 Dorr, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Fisher..... 15 60
 Mrs. L. N. Fisher..... 5 00
 Dowagiac..... 10 50
 Eastmanville..... 5 50
 Flint..... 40 25
 Galesburg, A Friend..... 50 55
 Grand Rapids, Opportunity Club, Second Ch., special..... 20 00
 Lansing, add'l..... 53 24
 Marshall, Ladies' Special..... 5 00
 Napoleon..... 15 00

Old Mission.....	\$7 00
Port Huron, add'l.....	25 00
Reed City, Dr. D. S. Taplin.....	15 00
St. Johns.....	54 77
Salem, Second.....	21 89
Union City, Dea. J. W. Clark.....	50 00
Webster, W. W. Tubbs.....	2 00
	\$488 69
Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Alma.....	\$10 00
Ann Arbor.....	23 02
Bangor.....	12 00
Ceresco.....	8 00
Cheboygan, \$10; Special, \$10.....	20 00
Chelsea.....	6 85
Clinton.....	6 00
Delta.....	98
Farwell, for the Debt.....	5 00
Flint.....	17 00
Greenville.....	15 00
Hancock.....	35 00
Horton's Bay, "A Thank-of- fering".....	4 50
Inlay City, Mrs. Robert Sta- pleton, for Emergency Fund	1 50
Laingsburg.....	15 46
Lansing.....	9 97
Manistee, for Salary fund.....	50 58
Memphis.....	5 00
Mapleton.....	5 00
Potterville, Mrs. B. Landers.....	2 00
Saginaw Conference:	
Bay City.....	\$3 75
Blackmar.....	2 83
East Saginaw W. H. M. S., \$61.85; Sunday- school, \$5; Y. L. M. C., \$11.....	77 85
East Tawas.....	3 40
Essexville.....	3 54
West Brauch.....	4 00
	95 37
St. Clair, A. T. S. Soc., for Sal- ary Fund.....	10 00
Traverse City.....	10 00
Wacousta, Mite Boxes.....	2 80
Watervliet.....	7 43
From Beacon Fund for Oct.....	70
For Feb.....	4 55
	393 71
Hunter Horse Fund:	
Charlotte, Y. P. S. C. E.....	\$5 00
Greenville, Sunday-school.....	10 00
Laingsburg, Mrs. Hollister's Sunday-school class of boys	2 00
Ludington, Y. P. S. C. E.....	10 00
Pontiac, Juvenile Society.....	10 00
Port Huron, Y. P. S. C. E., \$9; A Friend, \$5.....	14 00
Rockford, Mrs. Sage's Sun- day-school class, \$1.19; Mission Band, \$2.50.....	3 69
	54 69
Almira, Coll., add'l, by Rev. E. Link- letter.....	1 00
Ann Arbor, Children's Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by H. A. Walker.....	20 00
J. Austin Scott, for Debt.....	100 00
Bancroft, by Rev. A. T. Waterman.....	27 30
Bay Mills and Superior by Rev. I. B. Lillie.....	5 00
Bellaire, \$5.50; Central Lake, 25 c., by Rev. H. A. Kerns.....	5 75
Bronson and Gilead, by Rev. J. M. Sutherland.....	10 44
Chester and Chester Station, by Rev. D. A. Holman.....	9 80
Detroit, Miss Parks's Sunday-school class in the Trumbull Avenue Ch. Sunday-school, special, \$5; for Sun- day-school work, \$5, by E. A. Perry, Treas.....	10 00
Essexville and Munger, by Rev. W. D. King.....	10 50

Fenton, Mrs. P. McKenzie.....	\$10 00
Grand Junction, by Rev. E. I. Ayer.....	3 25
Hay Lake, Rosedale and White Settle- ment, by Rev. J. W. Holt.....	15 95
Kalamazoo, Ch., add'l, by D. H. Harris. Laingsburg, S. H. Manzer, in full, to const. Miss Lida Speer a L. M.....	8 00
30 00	
Maybee and Raisinville, by Rev. J. R. Mason.....	5 00
Muskegon, A Friend.....	2 00
Rondo, \$2.11; Wolverine, \$2.80, by Rev. M. W. Tuck.....	4 91
St. Clair, Mrs. S. F. Hopkins.....	100 00
St. Joseph, by Rev. C. F. Van Auken, for Salary Fund.....	77 68
Vermontville, O. P. Fay, for Debt.....	5 00
Ypsilanti, by G. Holmes.....	19 00

WISCONSIN—\$277.11.

Bloomer, Children's concert, by Rev. F. W. Bates.....	5 00
Brookville, by Rev. O. H. Myren.....	1 50
Fifield, by Rev. H. O. Allen.....	10 00
Fond du Lac, Mr. and Mrs. Julia A. Bryan.....	3 00
Grand Rapids, Mrs. B. Freeman.....	1 00
La Crosse, A Friend.....	50 00
Menasha, E. D. Smith.....	200 00
Peshigo, by Rev. T. W. Spanswick.....	3 00
Tomahawk, by Rev. G. A. Hood.....	2 03
Wood Lake, by Rev. A. Bryngelson.....	1 58

IOWA—\$87.50.

Glenwood, S. G. Gohun.....	1 00
Hillsboro, J. W. Hammond.....	5 00
McGregor, J. H. Ellsworth.....	10 00
Marengo, Mrs. A. K. Hostetter and Kate A. Shumway.....	4 50
Muscatine, M., Special.....	5 00
Tilton, Mrs. M. D. Clapp.....	4 40
Wells, Mrs. I. W. Brownell.....	1 00
Weutworth, by Mrs. M. J. Nicholson, Tr. W. H. M. U., of Iowa.....	1 60
Winthrop, by D. C. McFarland.....	55 00

MINNESOTA—\$532.16.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:	
Faribault.....	\$70 03
Huntley, \$1.34; C. J. White, \$9.66.....	11 03
Janesville.....	5 00
Lake City, by Rev. T. L. Fisk.....	12 00
Mazeppa.....	5 00
Minneapolis, Lyndale Ch.....	10 87
Open Door.....	5 53
Union Ch.....	7 08
Union Ch., Edina Mills S. S.....	3 00
Northfield.....	29 58
Owatonna.....	36 73
Rochester.....	87 83
Waseca, by J. L. Claghorn.....	12 27
	295 92
Received by Rev. D. Magnus:	
Buffalo, \$3; Clear Lake, \$3; Elm, \$3; Harris, \$3; Maple Ridge, by J. P. Rodberg, \$10; Shell Lake, \$2.25; River Falls, \$5; West Superior, Wis., \$2.....	31 25
Detroit, Jessie C. West.....	10 00
Faribault, Literary Soc. of the Minn. Soc. for the Deaf, by G. H. Putnam..	1 25
Farwell, Annie Wiberg.....	1 00
Freeborn, Lottie E. Scoville.....	3 00
Lyle and Rose Creek, by Rev. J. S. Rounce.....	75
Mapleton and Sterling, by Rev. L. H. Moses.....	10 00
Marshall, Cong. Sunday-school, by Rev. R. P. Lyon.....	34 00
Mentor, by Rev. W. W. McArthur.....	2 50
Northfield, First, by C. W. Gress.....	45 00
Sherburne, by Rev. R. L. D. Preston.....	5 36
Stephen, by Rev. W. Steele.....	23 60
Tyler, Two Ladies, by Mrs. J. P. Lechler.....	5 00

Wadena, Mrs. Mary R. Hamlin, \$25;
Abbie C. Hamlin, \$10; B. H. Hamlin,
\$10, by H. B. Hamlin..... \$45 00
Worthington, Union Ch., by G. O.
Moore..... 19 13

KANSAS—\$178.24.

Received by Rev. J. D. Dougherty,
Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.:
Woman's H. M. Soc.....\$23 69
Lawrence, Plymouth Ch. Sunday-school,
in full, to const.
Rev. R. Cordley, C. L. Edwards,
Martha L. Snow L. Ms. 31 77
Osborne, Cong. Sunday-school
Birthday Box..... 4 16
59 62
Air, Mrs. Mary Pollard..... 2 00
Axtell, by E. M. Bell..... 2 00
Celia, by Rev. L. A. Smith..... 1 80
Center Ridge, \$5.69; Scatter Creek,
\$2.10, by Rev. J. Wilde..... 7 79
Chapman, Detroit and Enterprise, by
Rev. J. F. Smith..... 3 50
Clay Center, L. Parker..... 1 00
Cora, by Rev. H. F. Markham..... 13 75
Geneva, J. H. Spicer..... 5 00
Kirwin and Liberty, by Rev. R. F.
Markham..... 12 00
Manhattan, Sunday-school, by Rev. R.
M. Tunnell..... 8 35
Mound City, by Rev. O. E. Lake..... 3 25
Nickerson, by Rev. B. E. Ives..... 4 90
North Lawrence, by Rev. T. F. Norris.
Parsons, First, by Rev. C. L. McKes-
son..... 22 50
Severy and Western Park, by Rev. J.
Cooper..... 10 46
Stockton, First Ch., by Mrs. Sarah
Wells..... 8 17
Wabaussee, First Ch. of Christ, by Rev.
J. F. Willard..... 1 50
Wakefield, J. S..... 1 75

NEBRASKA—\$241.92.

Received by Rev. J. L. Malle:
Clarks, by Miss E. K. Henry.... \$9 50
Fairfield, by Rev. C. E. Har-
wood..... 21 00
West Cedar Valley, by Rev. S.
Kidder..... 10 00
40 50
Received by Mrs. D. B. Perry,
Treas. W. H. M. U.:
Camp Creek..... \$2 00
Crete..... 13 00
York..... 18 00
33 00 73 50
Bladen, \$7.50; Campbell, \$7.50, by Rev.
D. O. Smith..... 15 00
Bradshaw and Randolph, by Rev. H.
Geer..... 27 00
Crete, First Ch., in part, by Rev. W. P.
Bennett..... 81 00
Hemingford, by Rev. N. E. Gardner... 5 27
Leonard, G. L. Taylor..... 2 00
Macon, \$3.50; Upland, \$6.25, by Rev.
W. H. Houston..... 9 75
Ogallala, by Rev. J. A. Thome..... 2 25
Pierce, by Rev. D. J. Baldwin..... 2 00
Riverton, by Rev. W. S. Hampton..... 5 00
Silver Creek, by Rev. J. Roberts..... 4 15
Stanton and Pilger, by Rev. T. Kent... 10 00
Stratton and Trenton, by Rev. G. W.
Rich..... 5 00

NORTH DAKOTA—\$35.00.

Grand Forks, Plymouth Ch., by Rev. A.
L. Gillett..... 25 00
Ladies' Miss. Soc., Plymouth Ch., by
Mrs. A. L. Gillett..... 7 00
Townier, by Rev. I. B. Parsons..... 3 00
Caledonia, Ch., \$3.43; Harwood, W. H.
M. Soc., \$13.50, by Rev. E. H. Stick-

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in February.]

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$90.92.

Received by Mrs. Sue Fifield,
Treas. So. Dak. W. H. M. S.:
Firesteel, W. M. S..... \$2 20
Iroquois, Young Helpers..... 1 00
Sioux Falls, W. M. S..... 10 00
\$13 20
Buffalo Gap, by Rev. E. E. Frame.... 4 56
Clark, by Rev. L. Kingsbury..... 2 15
Eureka, by Rev. H. Heltzer..... 10 60
Highmore, Woman's H. M. Soc. of
Cong. Chs., by Mrs. W. S. Sargent... 8 08
Letcher and Firesteel, by Rev. L. E.
Camfield..... 6 00
Lyonville and Pukwana, by Rev. W.
H. Brearley..... 1 00
Mitchell, \$6.43; Wartburg, \$1.50, by
Rev. C. W. Wurschmidt..... 7 93
Newbury, Ch., \$4; Sister Blume, \$2;
Seimenthal, \$19, by J. Dietrich..... 25 00
Redfield, German Ch., by Rev. A.
Wurschmidt..... 10 00
Volga, by Rev. H. O. Lawrence..... 3 00

COLORADO—\$366.25.

Colorado Springs, Woman's H. M. Soc.
of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. Harriet P.
Campbell..... 25 00
Denver, First, by Rev. C. M. Sanders.. 225 65
By Rev. T. A. Uzzell..... 50 60
By Rev. A. W. Coffman..... 3 00
Leadville, by Rev. C. M. Sanders..... 40 00
Montrose, by Rev. E. B. Reed..... 17 60
Otis, by Rev. G. Dungan..... 5 60

NEVADA—\$10.00.

Reno, Rev. T. Magill..... 10 00

CALIFORNIA—\$2,657.22.

Received by Rev. J. H. Warren:
Ferndale, Rev. P. Coombs..... \$10 00
Gold Hill..... 6 25
Oroville..... 20 00
San Francisco, Y. P. S. C. E.
of First Ch. 16 55
52 80
Received by J. S. Hutchinson,
Treas.:
California Home Miss. Soc.....\$616 37
Cloverdale, W. L. Jones..... 6 00
Grass Valley..... 683 70
Lockeford..... 9 40
Nevada City..... 20 00
Oakland, First..... 200 00
Plymouth..... 29 50
Santa Cruz..... 39 75
San Francisco, First..... 609 70
2,214 42

Berkeley, by Rev. W. F. Bickford..... 7 00
Clayton and Pacheco, by Rev. J. H.
Strong..... 15 00
East Oakland, by Rev. C. F. Clapp... 35 15
Fairview and Pescadero, by Rev. D. F.
Taylor..... 3 00
Oakland, Plymouth Avenue Ch., Seth
Richards..... 200 00
By Rev. W. H. Cooke..... 20 00
Raymond, by Rev. T. Frickstad... 3 00
Rocklin, by Rev. I. F. Tobey..... 13 40
Santa Barbara, Rev. E. Hildreth, to
const. Jim a L. M..... 50 00
Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Pitcher..... 5 00
San Buenaventura, First, by Rev. T. D.
Murphy..... 27 05
Soquel, by Rev. A. B. Palmer..... 6 00
Sunol Glen, by Rev. O. G. May..... 4 50
Tulare, Ch., \$8; Rev. W. D. Williams,
\$5..... 13 00
Vacaville, by Rev. H. W. Jones..... 15 50
Dea. H. Scott..... 2 50

CORRECTION: The following amounts should have been credited to the California Woman's H. M. Union:

Pasadena.....	\$29 74
Saratoga.....	9 00

OREGON—\$50.42.

Received by James Steele, Treas. Oregon and Wash. Ter. Home Miss. Soc.: East Portland, First.....	\$30 22
Woman's O. and W. H. M. Soc.....	2 50
Portland, First Ch., Woman's O. and W. H. M. Soc.....	26 00
Salem, First.....	20 00

Mt. Hood, by Rev. J. W. Eldredge..... \$78 72

1 70

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$29.96.

John River and Wynooche, by Rev. O. A. Thomas.....	1 50
Union Ridge and La Center, by Rev. F. H. Friuh.....	18 76
Washougal, by Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D. D.....	2 70
West Kittitas and South Mountain, by Rev. W. B. Morse.....	7 00

CANADA—\$1.00.

Montreal, Mrs. M. G. Cooley..... 1 00

AUSTRIA—\$163.00.

Innsbruck, Miss Alice Byington, \$160; Mrs. Adèle Brewer, \$3..... 163 00

TURKEY—\$10.00.

Bitlis, in Asia, Rev. R. M. Cole..... 10 00

ANONYMOUS—\$5.00.

Anonymous..... 5 00
Home Missionary..... 270 74

\$3,777 02

Donations of Clothing, etc.

Baltimore, Md., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. Y. S. Brown, box, cash and freight.....	\$75 67
Brooklyn, N. Y., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Central Ch., by Mrs. James H. Goldey, barrel and freight.....	53 85
Burlington, Vt., Ladies' Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. C. L. Smith, barrel and freight.....	140 20
Cambridgeport, Mass., Mrs. E. D. Brooks, barrel.....	25 00
Denver, Col., Ladies of First Ch., by Rev. C. M. Sanders, clothing.....	175 00
East Orange, N. J., Mrs. Geo. E. Adams, box books.....	
Exeter, N. H., Ladies' Soc. of First Ch., by Ellen E. Gerrish, two barrels.....	204 50
Flint, Mich., First Ch., Genesee Conference, W. H. M. S., by Mrs. D. S. Griffin, three barrels.....	82 36
Hadley, Mass., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. Edwin Smith, eight pair stockings.....	7 00
Hartford, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., auxiliary to the W. C. H. M. U. of Conn., through the Woman's Home Missionary Union of Conn., barrel and cash.....	100 00
Ladies' Sew. Soc. of Windsor Ave. Ch., by Mrs. C. E. Stowe, barrel.....	73 00
Milgannum, Ct., Home Miss. Assoc., through the Woman's Cong. Home	

Miss. Union, by Mrs. J. G. Hubbard, barrel.....	\$102 75
Homer, N. Y., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Ellen F. Phillips, barrel.....	44 07
Manchester, N. H., Ladies' Sew. Circle of Franklin St. Ch., by Mrs. E. O. Foss, barrel.....	111 84
Middletown, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by C. M. Bacon, box and barrel.....	109 00
Montclair, N. J., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. J. R. D. Noyes, two barrels.....	175 00
New Britain, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of First Ch., by A. C. Strickland, box.....	100 00
Ladies' Benev. Soc. of S. Ch., through the Woman's Cong. H. M. Union of Conn., by Kate M. Brown, two barrels.....	105 92
New Haven, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mary E. Bennett, three boxes.....	457 43
Ladies' Soc. Dwight Place Ch., by Mrs. C. S. Gray, box, cash and freight.....	183 26
New York City, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Broadway Tabernacle Ch., by Mrs. W. D. Harper, twelve trunks.....	2,768 28
North Adams, Mich., W. H. M. S. by Mrs. E. F. Grabbill, box.....	8 00
Perry Centre, N. Y., Young Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. C. C. Creegan, barrel.....	30 00
Philadelphia, N. Y., Rev. A. S. Wood, barrel.....	20 00
Philadelphia, Penn., J. M. Hulbert, box books.....	
Portland, Me., Ladies' Miss. Circle, State Street Ch., by C. S. Conant, barrel and two packages.....	121 93
Potsdam, N. Y., W. M. C., by Mrs. O. C. Barnes, barrel.....	32 00
St. Johnsbury, Vt., W. H. M. S. of North Ch., by Mrs. Walter P. Smith, box and freight.....	100 00
St. Louis, Mo., Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. S. Knight, barrels.....	108 73
Ticonderoga, N. Y., First Ch., by Mrs. A. W. Dickens, box.....	33 65
Wauregan, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., cash.....	30 00

A CORRECTION: The item on p. 476 under New Haven, should read: Ladies H. M. Soc., of College St. Ch. through the Woman's Cong. H. M. U. of Conn. by Mrs. L. H. Fowler, box and frt. \$150.

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, in February. REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

Alford, by Rev. A. Alvord.....	\$3 31
Rev. J. Jay Dana, to const. Miss E. Elizabeth Dana L. M.....	30 00
Amherst, Second, by H. Sabin.....	10 75
Belchertown, by John L. Montagne, for A. H. M. S.....	55 00
Boston, H. F. Carlton.....	2 00
Brighton, Evangelical, by F. G. Newhall.....	190 00
Charlestown, First parish, by James Rea, for A. H. M. S.....	90 00
Dorchester, A Friend.....	3 00
"E.," special for Mrs. Drake, Iroquois, Dak.....	10 00
Village, by John Durell.....	55 22
Neponset, Stone Mission Circle, by Florence G. Tuttle.....	9 00
Park St., by W. B. Garritt, adtl.....	15 00
Roxbury, Mrs. S. E. Parker and Miss H. M. Atwood, special for Ch. at Esmond, Dak.....	5 00
Ellot, by Alpine McLean.....	21 00
West, So. Evan, by J. H. Guild.....	22 13
Boxboro, Thank-offering for Rev. L. Jones's Work, by A. W. Wetherbee.....	5 25
Braintree, South, by H. B. Whitman.....	10 00
Bridgewater, Central Square, by Geo. H.	

Martin, to const. Wm. D. Jackson L. M. of A. H. M. S.	\$50 00	A Friend, "P".....	\$2 00
Mrs. Sarah L. Allen, by Geo. H. Martin, to const. herself L. M. of A. H. M. S.	50 00	By S. G. E. Pearson.....	25 00
Brimfield, A Friend, by M. H. Corbin, for A. H. M. S. debt.....	31 00	Salem, Mrs. Margaret E. Smith, by S. J. Johnson, 2d, for A. H. M. S.....	15 60
Brookfield, for A. H. M. S.....	100 00	South, A Friend, "K".....	5 00
Brookline, A Friend.....	10 00	Shrewsbury, by L. N. Smith, to const. L. N. Smith L. M.....	44 10
Cambridge, No. Avenue, by P. Hubbard. Chelsea, Miss A. M. Dutch.....	267 43	Somerville, West, Day St., by Peter Gray.....	10 50
Chesterfield, Rev. Elihu Loomis.....	5 00	Walter Hill, by S. A. Underhill.....	33 85
Chicopee, A Friend, for A. H. M. S.....	20 00	Southbridge, Mrs. Mary F. Leonard, for A. H. M. S.....	500 00
Clinton, by H. H. Greene.....	81 30	"Our Country," for A. H. M. S.....	40 00
Cohasset, Second, by P. Bates.....	39 85	Stoughton, First, Sautford Gay, by Rev. C. L. Rotch.....	48 00
Conway, by Francis Howland.....	9 00	Taunton, Union, by Rev. E. N. Pomeroy.....	27 20
Douglas, East, Second, by Thomas H. Meek.....	73 19	Wakefield, Mrs. S. R. Kingman.....	3 80
Dunstable, Rev. H. M. Perkins, for A. H. M. S.....	10 01	Waltham, Trin., by T. W. Temple.....	49 96
Easthampton, First, by W. H. Wright.....	80 15	Ware, East, by Hon. Wm. Hyde, to const. Edwin E. Richardson, Frederick E. Fairbanks, Mrs. John Apperson and May Warner L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.....	765 67
Everett, by Franklu Peirce.....	8 10	Warren, West, John M. Scott for A. H. M. S.....	2 60
Famou.h, Woods Hill, by Mrs. J. W. Bolles.....	8 00	W. B. E. S., for relief of A. H. M. S.....	109 99
Fitchburg, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. R. Eaton Framingham, South, by A. M. Eames.....	217 69	West Boylston, First, by E. B. Rice, for A. H. M. S.....	21 25
Georgetown, First, by L. L. Chaplin.....	39 99	Sunday-school, "Mission Harvesters," by M. F. Hardy.....	10 00
Grafton, Saundersville, by A. E. Gurney. Groton, Union Orthodox, by H. C. Rockwood.....	180 50	West Bro Afield, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. A. Banister.....	10 00
Hampden, Benevolent Association, by Chas. Marsh. Treas.:		Westfield, First, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss Lucy C. Smith, for Mr. and Mrs. Drake, Iroquois, Dak.....	25 00
Chicopee, Second.....	\$57 33	Westhampton, by A. D. Montague, to const. Edwin Bissell Clapp L. M.....	38 00
Monson.....	37 83	West Hartford, Ct., Est. of Lucretia C. Hyde, by A. F. Eggleston, Ex.....	139 40
Ladies' Praying Circle.....	50 00	West Newbury, David Goodrich, by Rev. E. B. Pike.....	10 00
Springfield, Ollivet.....	31 22	Weymouth, East, by C. B. Cushing.....	60 00
West Springfield, First, to const. Rev. C. S. Beardslee L. M. of A. H. M. S.....	50 00	North, First, by Rev. F. H. Palmer.....	54 18
	226 38	South, Second, by Rev. H. C. Aivord.....	32 00
Hanson, by I. C. Howland.....	7 17	Willmarstown, O. M. Fernald, for A. H. M. S.....	12 00
Harwichport, by Rev. Warren Applebee, to const. Rev. W. Applebee L. M. of A. H. M. S.....	55 00	Winchester, First, by Eugene Tappan.....	54 68
Harvard, Rev. C. C. Torrey.....	25 00	Woburn, First, Daniel Richardson.....	500 00
Hawley, East, A Friend.....	2 60	Worcester, S. E. J., for A. H. M. S.....	50 00
Haverhill, Riverside, by Rev. A. Dunnell Hingham, Evan., by J. D. Sanborn.....	15 30	Van, Turkey, Rev. Geo. C. Reynolds, for A. H. M. S.....	10 00
Holbrook, Winthrop, by Elisha Holbrook Ipswich, South, by Rev. T. F. Waters.....	7 42		
Holbrook, Winthrop, by Elisha Holbrook Ipswich, South, by Rev. T. F. Waters.....	43 79		
Lancaster, Evan., by L. Rowell.....	15 00		
Lanesville, Mrs. Eliza Haraden, by Rev. F. H. Reed.....	42 16		
Lawrence, Lawrence St., by C. K. Pillsbury.....	20 00	Home Missionary Magazine.....	\$5,705 04
Littleton, E. C. H.....	230 22		17 40
Malden, Linden, Mrs. T. D. Goodhue.....	10 00		\$5,722 44
Maplewood, by C. O. Bond.....	1 90		
Manchester, Est. of Sally Welch, on account, by Geo. F. Allen, Ex.....	13 03	<i>Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss. Soc., in February.</i>	
Mansfield, Orthodox, by Rev. J. Ide.....	150 00	Ashby, Ladies, by Mrs. F. W. Wright, box of clothing.....	\$14 00
Mass, A Friend, to const. Miss Lucy Jane Gould, L. M.....	9 28	Brookline, Bethany Sewing Society, box of students' clothing, unappraised.	
Mattapoisett, Lemuel Le Baron, for A. H. M. S.....	30 00	Clinton, C. L. Swan, box of clothing, unappraised.	
Middleboro, First, by Chas. Cornish.....	20 60	Daton, Ladies' Sewing Soc., by Miss Clara L. Craue, barrel and freight.....	90 46
Montague, Millers Falls, by Mrs. D. L. Cushman.....	41 13	Great Barrington, Ladies, by Alice Beckwith, barrel and freight.....	77 27
Newbury, First, by Edward Perkins.....	3 00	Marion, Ladies, by Mrs. Sophia M. Luce, barrel and freight.....	37 21
Newburyport, Belleville, by Rev. D. T. Fiske, D.D., to const. Rev. Willis A. Hadley and Mrs. Elizabeth S. Hadley L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.....	33 94	Newton, Elliot, Ladies, by Mrs. F. J. Locke, barrel and freight.....	80 75
Prospect St., A Friend, for Debt.....	110 00	Northampton, Edwards, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. Sarah M. Hodges, box and freight.....	149 34
Newton, Aburndale, A Friend.....	3 00	First, Dorcas Soc., by Mrs. J. H. Searle, box and overcoat.....	210 00
Newtonville, Mrs. H. M. Ware, special.....	10 00	Pittsfield, First, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. Robert W. Adam, box, cash and freight.....	244 33
Norfolk, by N. H. Rockwood.....	5 24	Spencer, Ladies, by Mrs. J. C. Grout, barrel.....	57 00
Northbridge, Rockdale, by Rev. J. H. Childs.....	1 00	Springfield, Memorial, Ladies' Benev.	
Orange, Central, Evan., by Henry W. Foster.....	10 00		
Peru, Mrs. Harriet B. Stowell, by S. S. Bowen.....	16 10		
Providence, East, R. L., Riverside, by F. A. Brigham, for A. H. M. S.....	5 00		
Reading, A Friend.....	6 30		
	1 00		

Soc., by Miss Ellen M. Smith, barrel and books.....	\$75 00	Grant.....	3 00
	\$1,035 36	Grinnell, \$43; Woman's Soc., \$19.52; Birthday boxes, \$93.46; A Friend, \$5....	170 98
<i>Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in February, 1888. WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.</i>			
Canterbury, Westminster, by A. C. Greene.....	\$6 28	Hampton, \$15; Friends, \$4.....	19 00
Coventry, South Coventry, by J. S. Morgan.....	30 48	Hastings, Mrs. Rev. H. M. Case.....	1 00
East Haddam, First, by Eugene W. Chaffee.....	52 40	Hawarden, \$5; Rev. G. F. Hunter, \$5.....	10 00
Glastonbury, Jas. B. Williams, personal, for A. H. M. S.....	100 00	Long Creek.....	4 14
South Glastonbury, Ch. and Sunday-school, by H. D. Hale.....	10 58	Lansing Ridge, German S. S.....	3 00
Haddam, Huganum, by R. J. Gladwin.....	17 00	Manson.....	8 10
Hartford, Asylum Hill, Rev. W. H. Moore, personal.....	50 00	Marion, Miss Daniels's "Bird's-nest".....	1 10
Killingly, South, by Rev. Wm. H. Beard, Ledyard, by Rev. John Avery.....	10 75	Young People's Miss. Soc.....	15 00
Manchester, First, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Antoinette L. Spencer, for A. H. M. S., to const. Antoinette L. Spencer, a L. M.....	22 77	Magnolia, Woman's Soc.....	2 10
Montpelier, by J. N. Cowles.....	2 50	McGregor, Woman's Soc., \$12.07; J. H. Ellsworth, \$10.....	22 07
Old Lyme, by Rev. B. W. Bacon.....	5 00	Montour, \$39.25; S. S., \$5.....	44 25
Old Saybrook, by Robert Chapman, quarterly.....	43 18	Mt. Pleasant, Willing Workers.....	6 00
Orange, West Haven, by Wm. H. Tallmadge.....	67 05	Nashua.....	10 00
Stafford, West Stafford, by David Ereed.....	5 50	New Hampton, Woman's Soc.....	6 25
Thomaston, by I. Darrow.....	\$17 18	Orient.....	5 11
By I. Darrow.....	19 90	Oskaloosa, Woman's Soc.....	5 00
	37 08	Peterson.....	1 50
Eagle Rock, by C. F. Williams.....	15 00	Prairie City, Woman's Soc.....	25 00
Torrington, Third, Estate Cordelia S. Crane, by Milo R. Crane, Ex.....	4 00	Red Oak, Rev. A. M. Beman.....	5 00
Warren, by Tallmadge Swift.....	37 00	Riceville.....	18 75
Waterbury, First, by F. B. Hoadley.....	268 74	Rockwell.....	56 30
Winchester, by I. A. Bronson, for A. H. M. S.....	3 02	Silver Creek.....	12 03
Woodbridge, by F. T. Jarman.....	25 00	Stuart, S. S., \$25; Mrs. C. P. Viele, \$20....	45 00
	\$853 33	Talmage.....	10 00
A CORRECTION: The receipts of Connecticut in the March issue should read \$2,367.73, instead of \$3,367.73.			
<i>Receipts of the Iowa Home Missionary Society, in January. J. H. MERRILL, Treas.</i>			
Almarol.....	\$2 05	Waverly.....	6 62
Ames, \$37.25; Woman's Society, \$17.75, "The Kings Boys," \$1.65.....	56 65	Webster.....	10 25
Anamosa, R. M. E. Cass.....	5 00	Waucoma, S. S., Birthday boxes.....	7 00
Atlantic, Woman's Soc.....	7 00	Williamsburg, Welch.....	56 54
Burlington.....	42 39		\$1,273 87
Cedar Rapids, Woman's Soc.....	1 25	<i>Receipts of the Iowa Home Missionary Society in February. J. H. MERRILL, ESQ., Treas.</i>	
Mission S. S.....	4 29	Algona, Woman's Soc.....	\$4 45
Chester Center.....	11 85	Alton.....	13 75
Clarion.....	15 00	Bellevue, Woman's Soc.....	5 50
Clay, Young Ladies.....	2 60	Burlington, Woman's Soc.....	70 00
Council Bluffs, Woman's Soc.....	33 48	Cedar Rapids, S. S.....	3 13
Cronwell, Woman's Soc.....	5 00	Cherokee, F. E. Whitmore.....	200 00
Davenport, Women's Soc.....	45 00	Cleveland, English, \$21.56; Welch, \$5.50.	27 06
German.....	5 00	Cresco.....	8 60
Des Moines, North Park, \$7.63; S. S., \$4.52.....	12 15	Davenport.....	15 00
Plymouth, Woman's Soc., \$9.12; Young Ladies, \$23.25.....	37 37	Denmark, \$24; S. S., \$4.50.....	28 50
Dubuque, \$90.12; Woman's Soc., \$75; Young Ladies' Soc., \$20.78.....	194 90	De Witt.....	9 97
Dunlap.....	28 55	Dubuque, S. S., \$12.25; Woman's Soc., \$12	24 25
Durant, Young Ladies.....	10 00	Des Moines, Plym., Woman's Soc.....	12 61
Eagle Grove.....	2 25	Eldora.....	46 21
Earlville.....	11 00	Excelsior.....	7 00
Edgewood, N. G. Platt.....	5 00	Farmington.....	9 85
Fairfax.....	11 00	Grinnell, \$28; Woman's Soc., \$13.16; Birthday Boxes, \$18.59; A Friend, 5....	64 75
Fort Dodge, \$5; Woman's Soc., \$25.....	30 00	Kirkville.....	42 00
Franklin, S. S.....	5 40	Le Mart, Woman's Soc.....	6 67
Genoa Bluffs.....	25 60	Lansing Ridge, Woman's Soc.....	7 60
Gilbert.....	21 86	Marion, Woman's Soc.....	20 00
Grand River.....	5 00	Mason City.....	2 52
		McGregor, \$32.61; Woman's Soc., \$7.44.	40 05
		Monona.....	8 86
		Ogden.....	23 75
		Onawa, \$11; S. S., \$5.....	16 00
		Osage, Woman's Soc.....	4 60
		Otho.....	5 45
		Perry, Prof. Lumis.....	5 00
		Peterson.....	25 00
		Polk City.....	12 75
		Rock Rapids.....	40 46
		Sheldon, \$10; Rev. and Mrs. Brintnall, \$5.....	15 00
		Sikley.....	6 50
		Sioux City, Pilgrim.....	6 00
		Storm Lake, J. C. French.....	\$15 00
		Strawberry Point.....	25 00
		Stuart, Rev. A. S. Badger.....	25 00
		S. S., Primary Department.....	5 00
		Tabor.....	6 67
		Tipton, 17.06; Light-Bearers, \$5.....	22 06
		Waucoma.....	5 00
		Webster City.....	30 00
		Wentworth, Woman's Soc.....	1 70
		West Burlington.....	7 50
		Wintthrop.....	30 25
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