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This Society was organized in 1860, and is the pioneer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in this country.

It is undenominational, and so it presents a united Christian front to the heathen world.

It is carried on entirely by women, with unsalaried officers.

Its aim is the salvation and elevation of heathen women.

"Win for Christ," its motto.

IT is an encouragement to hear that the Government officials in Chekiang without any demand from the Foreign Powers, have indemnified all the native converts for their losses during the Boxer incursions. The significance of this movement is great, when it is understood that the Chinese recognise that native Christians can claim equal protection with other citizens.

ALSO the Governor of Shan-Tung, in a letter to Missionaries, says:

"All pledges of Christians to recant, whether given to officials, or to persons acting for them, are null and void, and no further account is to be taken of them. I have, moreover, instructed my subordinates to put out proclamations for public information, lest Christians be subjected to hindrance or annoyance. I purpose hereafter to have lasting peace. Church interests may then prosper, and I can promote your idea of preaching righteousness."

NO work in China has grown more than that conducted by the American Bible Society. The report states that 77,646,700 pages of the Scriptures were published the past year, and the demand

for Mandarin Bibles has increased to such an extent that 21,500 copies were printed to be used by native Christians.

A MOST remarkable statement is made by Bishop Thoburn in these words: "I am convinced that the first generations of Christians in most Oriental countries will be drawn chiefly from what are called 'the lower classes.' Fifty millions of people in India live below the line of social respectability. Their children are seldom permitted to attend Government schools, and large numbers of these people are gravitating often rapidly towards Christianity."

AN extensive work is carried on among the blind of India, and Readers in the principal languages of the country have been prepared in raised Braille dots, which renders teaching this afflicted class a very simple thing. Portions of Scripture are now in extensive circulation and the work is only limited by want of means.

SAYS Rev. F. B. Meyer: "India has 110 weekly newspapers published in the vernacular, which have a distinct bias against Christian civilization. In Lucknow and Cawnpore 50 presses are turning out tons of impure and anti-Christian literature every week. Buddhist priests translate Ingersoll's tracts to counteract missionary teaching, and not a student leaves the University of Madras without receiving a packet of infidel literature. The old religions of India, mighty as they are, are crumbling away before the progress of education. Many a student in passing through college loses all his religious belief. Then, when the soil should be ready for the Christian missionary, the infidel steps in and sows tares. The great fight of the coming century will not be against misbelief but unbelief."

IN EASTERN LANDS.

INDIA—JHANSI.

WIDENING OPPORTUNITIES.

By DR. ALICE L. ERNST.

THE Dispensary patients are coming in increasing numbers, and the Hospital has never been without in-patients since it was opened. We had our first serious operation a week ago, and a patient having a similar disease has made arrangements to come into our Hospital to-day.

During March we had seven patients in our Hospital, five being surgical cases. One poor girl, about fourteen years old, found her way to us greatly reduced by famine and sickness, but is now well and desires to remain with us and become a Christian. As we have no accommodation for such persons, we have arranged for her to go to our Woman's Home in Cawnpore. We have accommodation for fifty-two house patients, and I wish we could create such an interest in the work that more beds could be supported.

We need, so much, a consecrated woman to do evangelistic work in the homes of the women we meet in the Dispensary.

I want to bring this particularly to the notice of some of our Christian friends, who may be able to help in this important branch of the work. While they wait their turn in the consulting-room, our Bible woman, Mrs. Nabi Bakhsh, always teaches them, and this teaching I supplement as time and opportunity permit. She is the wife of a native clergyman, and having a number of small children, can only help us during Dispensary hours. She sings well and has a kind, attractive manner which is much appreciated by the poor sick women who find their way to the Dispensary. But I feel more and more that these women ought to be followed to their homes and the teaching continued there. We could employ to great effect a second woman who would be free from pressing home duties and could devote all her time in following the sick women to their homes, and in continuing there the religious instruction given at the Dispensary. Mrs. Nabi Bakhsh receives three dollars and a half a month, and probably we must give five to the second woman. Will some one who reads this pray that such a woman may be found, and that money for her support may be forthcoming?

ALLAHABAD.

BY THE ROADSIDE.

By Miss EDITH H. MAY.

THE catechist, whose wife we employ, comes to me for an hour's study and prayer on Fridays, and told me of an experience which had profoundly impressed him. I will give it as closely as possible in his own words:

"Miss Sahib, on the wedding day of one of our young teachers I had been very busy, and at ten o'clock in the night the thought of my four-mile walk home was not a pleasant one. But I lit my lantern and started on the dark road, glad that I was not obliged to talk to any one. Presently, I heard steps behind me, and a man's voice praying to Ram. Suddenly something said to me: 'Here is a heathen man praying to a devil. Are you not My servant and will you not call out My name?' But I said, 'I am too weary to think or speak.' Then came the voice, 'Will you not sing of Me?' The words of a simple hymn of praise to Jesus came to me suddenly, so I sang of Him and His power to save, and the weariness left me. When I finished, the man came close to me and said, 'Friend, to whom are you singing, and what did you say about being saved?' So I told him about Jesus and salvation, and then he said he was a stranger from one of the native states, and he had come to Allahabad as a pilgrim. He walked to my house and during the two days that he remained in the village, he visited me to hear more about Jesus, and then he went back to his native town, carrying the Gospel which he had bought from me. Oh! Miss Sahib, I was so thankful that I had yielded to the Holy Spirit and sung out, and it seems so wonderful that God can really lead a man and make His voice heard. When I told my wife, she said, 'How could you hesitate a moment after God had spoken?'"

My own spirit was refreshed as I heard this simple tale, and I felt God does reveal Himself to a childlike heart.

CAWNPORE.

FAITHFUL WORKER.

By Miss L. E. DIETRICH.

I NEVER go out with our Bible woman, Mrs. Matthews, on her round of work to make the Gospel of Jesus known, without a feeling of gratitude that God has

raised up in India a few such women as she who know how, and are bold to proclaim His Word, and also a feeling of gladness for those who support her, and who have the privilege of employing such a worker in India. She seems to know just how to reach the people and hold their attention, and make them understand the truths. I was out looking over her work a day or two ago, and again felt the force of her power as we walked through the narrow lanes of the city streets, among the working-class of people. As we passed the open doors of the houses where the women were engaged in their various occupations, grinding, weaving, cooking, cleaning their bright, brass dishes, or making fuel, she would call out by name to one and another to come and hear the Word of God. Most of them were quite ready to leave their work and follow her to the shady side of the house (chosen in deference to me), where one woman speedily dragged out from her little room the inevitable bedstead upon which I was to sit, as there was no chair in the neighborhood. Here the women gathered around her, in a semicircle, while I silently prayed for the power of God's Spirit to bring home the truths to that little waiting company of women whose lives seemed so dark without Christ. Mrs. Matthews took out her Hindi Bible and Hymn-book, and the women asked for their favorite hymns, which they, too, had learned, and joined in with bright and softened faces. One woman, long past middle age especially attracted my attention; her face, usually sad and dull, was, during the singing of the hymns, in which she joined softly, so happy and bright that one felt that she was not very "far from the Kingdom."

In another house I was much interested in an audience of two men and three or four women,—a sick man whose eyes never left the face of the teacher as she read a portion of God's Word—and an old woman, with a sweet, sad face was listening intently. After the Bible lesson was over, I asked who she was, and learned that she was the old mother of a woman in the house, who had just come from her village for a few days. She could not hear very well, but from the few words she could catch she longed to know more,—so Mrs. Matthews repeated the sweet, old story again, and this time in such a key I fancy the whole Mahalla had no difficulty in hearing wherever they were. And so Mrs. Matthews goes on, day after day, visiting

house after house, one group of people after another, and all with the same message: "Ho, *every* one that thirsteth *come ye*." Many hear; but we long that they shall not only be hearers of the Word, but doers, and accept Christ as their Saviour ere it is too late. Pray much for the worker and for those who have the privilege of hearing her that His will may be accomplished.

In one Zenana we found a Mohammedan woman of fifty years living quite alone. Her husband had been wealthy, and when he died the property had come to her, and she had spent it in trying to buy salvation, by feeding the poor, giving to the needy, digging wells in dry places, and building a fine large mosque, but she had no satisfaction, no assurance of her salvation.

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA.

FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE.

By SHIMAZAKI KEI, one of the Bible Readers.

MISS HAND writes: We send a translation of the letter written by the Bible Reader, Shimazaki Kei, whom I wish you could see. She has been many years in the Lord's service, and her face is happy and peaceful, for she loves to hear God's Word, and loves to speak it to others.

Our Bible Readers go out in pairs, as the Apostles did, some to visit in the homes of the city and villages near us; others to hold meetings for men and women, or to gather the children from the streets into little meetings; while still others go to towns and villages in different parts of the island. In some of these villages little preaching places have been built. Two Bible women often live in the back of them, some of which are no larger than an ordinary drawing-room in America, and from them they go out to visit the people, invite them to the meetings, and seek to bring them to the Saviour. I often think of the day of the great gathering of God's children, when our Lord shall come; when many of the supporters in America will see their Japanese missionaries for the first time, and when they will see too, a great company of blood-washed people, the sheaves of the work that is now being done.

I am glad that the Lord is still keeping me safe in His hands, and that I have another opportunity to write to you. I hope you are in good health as I am. Now let me

tell you about the work that I am doing for the Lord: Going from house to house the people all listen to the Word of God with interest. Two of the families are especially glad to see me, and they are soon to be baptized. In another house, the husband had already found the Saviour, but his wife is still out of Christ, and I go there often to show her the way of salvation. One woman who was formerly a Christian, after her husband's death, quite lost her faith in God from the many trials that came to her and anxiety over the support of her four children, and she gave up coming to church. Last year she was taken ill, and many of our church members visited her, comforting her by prayer and kindness. She finally saw how she had been grieving God by departing from Him, and promised to attend church regularly after her recovery and be faithful from this time. She now delights to hear the Word of God read to her, and even in the midst of pain she is rejoicing in His love. I was glad that God used me as one of the means of her conversion. If we work patiently and with love, I am sure many will be brought to Christ.

I look back on the past and thank God for the blessings our country has received. It is twenty-three years since I entered this Bible School and began my work as a Bible Reader. Twenty-three years ago, there were very few Christians, and wherever we went, we were despised and made a laughing stock. Now we see many churches and the Gospel is being preached in almost all the cities and villages, and many have learned to call on the name of the Lord. It is not so difficult to work now as it was in those days, and how I thank God for this change! It is my great desire to work faithfully and win precious souls for Him, even in my old age.

CHINA—SHANGHAI.

A CHINESE DISPENSARY.

By DR. SARAH KERR.

WITH two members of the China Inland Mission and my teacher, I went to see a Chinese medicine-shop where we saw roots which had been dried and cut into thin slices. One of the men kindly took us into a small back room where, on a bench, were knives used for slicing the dry roots, clam shells and rocks which were to be powdered and used as medicines. Centi-

pedes, dried and fastened on bamboo sticks and neatly rolled up, were to be put with other drugs and an infusion made to be applied to boils; and there were dried snakes, coiled up, to be given in case of paralysis of extremities. At the back of this medicine-shop was a shrine.

We visited also one of the largest Chinese dispensaries in Shanghai. At the door each patient is given a number and on his slip of paper is written "inside" or "outside" according as his disease is invisible or visible. Sometimes there are as many as six hundred patients but usually from one to two hundred, depending upon the weather, or feast days. The numbers of the patients were called out, and if they had a visible disease, they went into a small room in which were two doctors seated at a table with a row of tin boxes in which were powders of various colors. As the patient seated himself on a small stool at the side of the table, he was asked his name and what he came for, and no matter what it was the physicians looked wise and took his pulse with the wrist laid palm upward on a small mat. Three fingers are used, one for the heart, one for the lungs, and one for the liver. The pulse of both wrists is taken.

In Chinese the meaning of the word doctor is one who counts the pulse, as well as a healer of the body. In the drug-room of this dispensary were long rows of drawers, for the drugs are all dry, being sliced roots or flowers, or dried insects. As each prescription is filled the medicine is done up in paper folded securely. Usually the medicine is taken at one dose, unless the disease is very severe. In the court at the back of the dispensary are flowers and shrubs and in the centre a square, open well with a high curb. In this well the doctors told me they sometimes put fish which turn into dragons in some mysterious manner and fly away. At the dispensary also every morning hundreds of beggars are given big dippers full of cooked rice during the winter months.

Next door to this dispensary is a foundling asylum. There is near the door, a deep drawer in which a child may be placed. Then by pounding with a mallet on a wooden, hollow, red painted fish, which hangs there, some one comes out, and the depositor may go away and no questions be asked. These babies are all boarded out. Some are adopted. Most are girls. The boys are spoken for long beforehand.

HOME NOTES.

FOR THE SUNNY DAYS.

WHO of our loyal friends takes our Union work with them in the golden days of sunshine in the mountains or by the sea? True we have had a busy winter, crowded with benevolent duties, and this is our season for the relaxation we all need before we face another season of responsibility. But there is much we can do for our cause, which involves little care,—only a timely word of information, or setting a new wave in motion in our direction.

Since our starting days, a generation of workers has come to the front, and our modest little bell does not give a peal loud enough to attract attention in this age, when everything moves with a rush and whirl. Just at this point a beautiful work might be attempted. Would it not be a simple thing to carry into these quiet haunts of recreation our most attractive leaflets and by a judicious opportunity tell of our existence and our success? In the past, gifts for mission boxes prepared while sitting on shady piazzas or pavillions, have created interest, often followed by offers of assistance.

No work appeals more strongly, even to workers not interested in foreign missions than that which centres around our Hospitals. Could not our Margaret Williamson Hospital in Shanghai, and our Mary S. Ackerman Hoyt Hospital in Jhansi, India, be introduced by handing a stranger the pictures of these beautiful buildings to be found in the February MISSIONARY LINK, 1900, and March, 1901? It was the custom of two of our old friends to tell the story of our first Hospital on the deck of outgoing and incoming steamers, while bound for their annual summering in Switzerland, and the delight with which they brought opportune and unsolicited gifts into our treasury for the furtherance of this Christ-like ministration will never be forgotten.

The current events in the Orient now demanding such persistent attention, could deftly form a text in conversation, for the expansion of Christ's kingdom, and who can measure results, broad and lasting, from the tactful words in and out of season?

Try it, dear friends, in the vacation months and mayhap the autumn may see you coming home laden with richest sheaves.

NEW FRIENDS.

THE warm supporters of the Woman's Union Missionary Society, and all those who have at heart Union work, will be interested to learn that, during the past two months, our forces have been strengthened by the formation of a number of new Bands. These new centres of interest are in Nashua, Lowell, Boston, Framingham, Fitchburg, Westfield, New Britain, and New Haven. Would that the time might speedily come when all the Lord's children would "with *one* heart and *one* mind strive *together* for the Faith of the Gospel."

S. C. E.

FRIENDS OF THIRTY-FIVE YEARS.

THE first annual report of the Concord, N. H. Branch, tells us, of one "whose kindly heart and lively interest in missionary labor," took active measures to awaken an interest among the young women of our city, and April 14, 1866 a Society was formed. In December, 1867, a public meeting was held in the chapel of the North Church, when two Mission Bands were formed, known as the Penacook and Kearsage. A Band was also formed in Miss Dora Merrill's school for young ladies.

The funds raised have been mostly expended in the support of native Bible Readers and teachers.

As the result of its first year's work \$69 was raised, \$54 of which was forwarded to New York for this purpose. Fourteen years later the Secretary wrote of this money, "It was the first ever sent from New Hampshire for the work, and the first in New England, save that of the Boston Branch; but now in every Church of every name where Christ is worshipped some woman's heart has felt the plea and sobbed out a prayer for help."

In January, 1898, as a result of a visit from Miss Ward and Miss Lathrop, we were led to adopt a child, made an orphan by the famine in India, to whom was given the name of our earnest and efficient President, Fannie E. Minot. We quote the words of one of the first members of our Branch, "In the marvelous multiplication of Woman's Boards of every sect, shall not the mother of them all be given the first place in the hearts of her own?"

TO EVERY MAN HIS WORK.

By REV. THOMAS COOK.

(Abridged.)

"No man is born into the world, whose work
Is not born with him; there is always work
And tools to work with, for those who will."

GOD has called every man into being for a purpose. He has a distinct plan for each one of us in sending us into the world. We are not only created to be useful, to take some part in the world's affairs, but he designs each person for some definite place and some specific work. "A place for every man, and every man in his place." This is the law of the house. No idling can be suffered in Christ's household. The true problem is not to be great, or to do great things, but to occupy the place for which we were created, and to do the particular work set down for us in God's plan. Robert Hall once said, that if two angels were sent down from Heaven, one to sweep the streets of London and the other to be its Lord Mayor, they would not debate on the way which was the greatest honour. The greatest thing any one can do in the world, is to fill the place allotted to us, and do the work to which God has called us. None of us can do more with our lives than that. Let us not say what we would do if we had more power, or the purse of the millionaire, but bring to the Master's service what we have. We may call our service poor and barren and grieve over it, but it is great and sublime if we fill the place the Master has assigned us in His vineyard. The oldest, the most timid, the least gifted can do something, but woe is me if in some way or other I do not join in helping God save the world.

If we fail in this, though we may win a place far more conspicuous, our life is a failure. The question of small or great has no place here. Each must live his own life, do his own work, meet his own obligations, and bear his own burden. And each must answer for himself at the bar of God. To mistake our work is a sad blunder, to desert it is a disgrace, but to find it and to do it, is glory enough for the greatest and most aspiring soul. There is no happier man than he who has found his sphere, and who is endeavouring faithfully to do his duty in it.

Spheres of labour differ as much as the capacities of men to fill them. The body of Christ is not one member, but many. All

have not the same office; each has its own work to perform.

We may take it as an axiom, that the Lord will never put a man in a position for which he is not qualified.

MORE LENIENCY.

By DR. TALMAGE.

AS we get older, let us get more lenient. When we hear things adverse to any one, let us always remember there is another side. How often we are compelled to change our opinions of men and things. There frequently comes a great outburst of feeling against public men, and after a vast expenditure of reprehension, we hear explanations satisfactory to all. After a while our turn comes to be pursued, and then we learn by bitter experience how we may be misrepresented and belied. We need to put ourselves into more frequent association with dispositions mild and gentle and which think no evil. Charity, beautiful grace, and rare grace of apostolic and Christ-like commendation—we all need more of it in our speech and lives. Above all, by constant communion with Christ, we will absorb something of that gentleness and love which were the characteristics of his life. No one can be much with him without catching something of his spirit. On the contrary, it is impossible to be much with the hypercritical and acerb without catching their sin. Avoid those who would rather believe evil of others than good. Keep out of the path of nettles and walk in the garden of the Lord.

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE.

MISS Elizabeth Irvine writes: I have begun the translation of hymns for use in our Chapel services. The small hymnal now in use proves inadequate for the needs of the work. We propose to make a book containing one hundred hymns the cost of which will not exceed \$25.00. Perhaps some friends would like to share in this work by contributing a part of this amount.

Dr. Alice L. Ernst from our Mary S. Ackerman Hoyt Memorial Hospital sends this word:

If a box is sent to us, we would like sheets and pillowcases, and counterpanes for single beds; also towels, and cheese cloth for bandages. Perhaps some one would like to send us two small clocks which would keep good time, as they seem imperative.



NEW SCHOOL AT JHANSI, INDIA.

FOR MISSION BANDS.

LITTLE BROWN FRIENDS.

By Dr. ROSE FAIRBANK.

HERE is a picture of our little school, which has just been started in Jhansi, India, with twelve pupils. Dr. Ernst had felt, for some time, that a school was really a necessity, for many children are connected with our Hospital, and to let them grow up without teaching would be most distressing. The question was, where to get a teacher? There is no Christian community here from which we can draw, and so we wrote all over the Province in search of one. When I was in Bombay I found a Christian girl in a Mission school, whose name is Sarah Girdhari, and who knew Hindi; so she came to us, and the school is opened. She is very pretty to look at, better than the picture makes her, with an attractive smile. She is very shy, and we cannot have long conversations with her because she finds it so hard to talk; but she is doing well with the school.

One morning when I went to the Hospital, it was most cheering to hear the children singing, "I am coming, Lord," with a great deal of zeal. Sarah sings very well, and sings a great deal by herself when she is at her

cooking, etc. Our hearts are in this little school, and we are earnestly praying that it may be a source of great good, and a power for bringing children to the knowledge of their Lord and Saviour. Sometime, when it has grown much bigger, I will take another picture to show you the progress. Tara Mune is a girl that Miss May sent us from Allahabad. We are teaching her nursing, and she helps both in the Ward and Dispensary. Tara Mune and Sarah come to my room four times a week, and I give them help in reading, writing, and arithmetic; and sing and pray with them.

GRATEFUL HEARTS.

By LILLIAN E. DIETRICH.

WE all feel, in Cawnpore, India, *very deeply*, dear Mrs. Avery's removal from this world, for we have lost one of our dearest and best friends here below. I mean by "we," not only the American missionaries who had a personal acquaintance with Mrs. Avery, but all the children in the Mary A. Merriman School who have so long been benefited and profited by her financial help, as well as her

sympathy and prayers. We had a little memorial service yesterday in the Mary A. Merriman Building, in which was rehearsed the history of this school from its first beginning, of a handful of children gathering in one small room of a little mud-house, then of its growth through Mrs. Avery's help, prayers, and faithful work, until the present beautiful building, with its *many* young lives rescued, and being trained and taught of Jesus. The girls decided that they would strive to carry out in their own lives Mrs. Avery's wish for them to become so far as was possible, earnest, helpful Christians striving to profit by her example, of living to help those who were less fortunate than they, and to help and befriend the friendless. Then some very earnest prayers followed, asking the Lord to raise up for them and the Mary A. Merriman School some friends who would undertake and carry on the work Mrs. Avery has laid down.

The girls have written a little letter, all their own, which they have asked me to send to Mrs. Avery's brother, and to friends in Chicago, that these may know that her efforts and work for the children here in India were appreciated by them.

"Dear Mrs. Avery's Friends:—

"We, the pupils of the Mary A. Merriman School, were very sorry to hear that our dear friend, Mrs. Avery, has passed away. Although we had not met her, yet we had heard about her and knew that for years she had supported us. We do truly sympathise with you in your sad affliction, but we know our friend is happy, and is in the presence of the dear Lord whom she served.

"We remain yours truly,

"M. A. M. PUPILS."

HOW THEY LIVE.

IN China, in "good society," the wedding ceremonial is elaborate, although the father has offered his daughter to the father of the groom as "an ugly and ill-favored child," and the groom's father, who has accepted her for his son, describes him as "slothful, indigent, and weak in intellect." The bride's procession, for which even a mandarin must make way, goes to the bridegroom's house, is carried over his threshold, and there the husband beholds for the first time the woman he has married.

After the age of eight or ten, the daughters of the wealthier classes are kept within the walls of their own homes, as it is thought improper for them to be seen out-of-doors.

They have few amusements, and though they have not to endure the hard, grinding poverty of the poorer classes, their lives are much more cramped, and they have little variety in them. Some girls are taught to play on musical instruments, and to sing songs or selections from the classics in a high, unnatural key, by no means attractive to our ears.

They spend much time in working embroidery. The paper patterns for these wonderful birds, flowers, and figures which are used in the ornamentation of Chinese clothing can be purchased at embroiderers' shops, but the girls frequently originate their own designs.

Many women have helped to make the history of China, and stories are related of the various virtues possessed by heroines of past ages.—*Selected.*

GRATITUDE OF CHINESE.

A MEDICAL Missionary in China received this letter of thanks from grateful patients.

"I am deeply indebted for my perfect recovery, but being very poor I have no means of offering a recompense. I have merely prepared some bundles of variegated fire-crackers, to manifest my respect, and I will play an instrument of music in front of your house, to return thanks for your vast benevolence.

"In this life, in the present world, I have no power to recompense you, but in the coming life I will serve you as a horse or as a dog.

"The recollection of your kindness will be engraved on our livers and galls for 10,000 generations. Ho Shuh knocks his head and returns thanks.

"May your happiness, Medical Officer and Teacher, be as the Eastern Sun, the waves overtopping each other in a thousand steps; may your longevity compare with the Southern Mountains, and be as perpetual as the Sun and Moon; may your sons and heirs be as numerous as the fruitful locusts. Kwo Tingchang with leaping and joy presents these expressions of gratitude and bows head and worships."—*Medical Missions at Home and Abroad.*

RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America for Heathen Lands from May 1 to May 31, 1901.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston.—Boston Br., Mrs. Henry Johnson, Treas., Trinity Ch. Zenana Band, Miss P. A. Smith, Treas.: To Calcutta, for general work, 14.00; Phillips Brooks Mem'l Scholarship, 50.00; Lowell and Morrill Scholarships, 100.00, in L. L. B. School. To Cawnpore, for general work, 14.00; annual pledge, 150.00. Total, \$328 00
 Immanuel Ch., Mrs. C. P. Lowell, Treas.: For Zenana Missions, 103.00; Miss Ellen J. Baker, 2.00; Mrs. G. G. Lowell, 10.00. Total, 115 00
 Hatfield.—Real Folks Band, per Mrs. A. F. Woods, 2 00
 Lowell.—Y. W. C. Ass'n, per Miss I. A. Bigelow, for famine child, M. A. M. School, 20 00

Total, \$465 00

CONNECTICUT.

New Haven.—Per Mrs. F. B. Dexter, Miss Hillhouse, \$5 00

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence.—Providence Br., Mrs. J. C. Stockbridge, Pres.; Miss Susan Pickham, 1.00; Mrs. Emily Hall, 2.00; Mrs. Caleb Burrows, 1.00; Mrs. W. H. Waterman, 1.00; Mrs. Lucius Lyon, 10.00; Mrs. H. G. Russell, 10.00; Mrs. Frank E. Richmond, 5.00; Miss Sarah C. Durfee, 1.50; Mrs. Thomas Durfee, 3.00; Mrs. Wm. T. Barton, 1.00; Mrs. A. F. Pierce, 1.00; Mrs. F. R. Chapman, 1.00; Miss E. Carlike, 3.00; Mrs. J. C. Stockbridge, 1.00; Mrs. J. L. Lincoln, 1.00. Total, \$42 50
 Collected, per Mrs. J. W. Angell, Grace Church, St. Stephens, Mrs. S. Smith, 50 50
 1 00

Total, \$94 00

NEW YORK.

Albany.—Albany Br., Mrs. F. Townsend, Treas. (see items below), \$28 00
 Brooklyn "Light Bearers' Band" (Ch. of the Pilgrims), Miss A. E. Wood, Treas.: Mrs. Jas. P. Wallace, 50.00; collections, 203.50; Southport, Conn., Mrs. E. S. Waterman, 14.00; Miss Wakeman, 20.00; Miss F. Wakeman, 25.00. Total, 312 50
 To be divided as follows: To Calcutta, for Bible Women, 100.00; to child in orphanage, 30.00; to Yokohama for Bible Reader, 60.00; to Cawnpore, for support of child and work in M. A. M. School, 79.00; previously acknowledged in April Link, 25.00.
 Cold Spring—Miss A. P. Wilson, 4 46
 New York City.—Mrs. A. L. M., for Bible Readers, Japan, 300 00
 Mrs. D. J. Ely, for Bible Reader, 60.00; education of girl, 40.00; both in Japan. Total, 100 00
 Miss A. T. Van Santvoord, for Bible Reader, Yokohama, 60.00; San Tung, in Bridgman Home, 40.00; general work, 50.00. Total, 150 00
 Mrs. Alex. M. Ross, in memory of Mrs. H. V. Hoffman, 20.00; Miss Julia Driggs, 2.00. Total, 22 00
 Mary E. Hays' Band, Miss A. K. Hays, Treas. (see items below), 450 00
 Subscriptions to *Missionary Link*, 9 24
 Stapleton—Mrs. E. C. Bridgman, 20 00

Total, \$1,396 20

PENNSYLVANIA.

Germantown.—W. and O. Band (see items below), \$606 84
 Philadelphia.—Phila. Br., Mrs. Wm. Waterall, Treas.: Harriet Holland Band, Tenth Presb. Ch., Miss M. J. Boardman, Pres., for Henry A. Boardman Scholarship, L. L. B. School, Calcutta, 50.00; Lambertville Aux. for support of Heza Ozawa, Yokohama, 40.00; Kueng Ne, Shanghai, 40.00; To Calcutta Orphanage, 30.00. Total, 160 00
 Scranton.—Scranton Br., Rev. Geo. L. Alrich, Pastor Grace Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., for Jane, Cawnpore, 10 00
 Ladies' Miss. Soc., per Miss R. H. Drinker, for freight fund, 2 00

Total, \$778 84

DELAWARE.

New Castle.—Mrs. F. R. Stockton, for her sister, for Zenana Mission, \$1 00

KENTUCKY.

Louisville.—Kentucky Br., Mrs. S. J. Look, Treas.: The Olive Branch, per Mrs. M. E. Crutcher, Mrs. Andrew Cowan, 1.00; Mrs. J. D. H. Mitchell, 4.00; Mrs. E. L. Warren, 5.00; Mrs. John Beha, 1.00; Miss M. E. Crutcher, 2.00; Mrs. J. Alexander, 1.00; a Friend, 5.00. Total, \$20 00
 Constance Love Mem'l Band, per Mrs. John A. Miller; Miss Florence Y. Love, 1.00; Mem'l Mrs. Love, 1.00; Miss A. Love, 1.00; Miss Graham, 1.00; in memory Mrs. Graham, 1.00; Mrs. Cary, in memory, for mother, 1.00; Miss McDowell, 1.00; Mrs. St. Clair, 1.00; Miss Warren, and in memory, for L. L. Warren, 5.00; Miss Semple, and in memory, for Mrs. Wm. Semple, 2.00; Miss M. E. Miller, 1.00; Mrs. S. J. Look, 1.00; Mrs. J. A. Miller, 1.00. Total, 18 00
 E. T. Perkins Band, fund for Zenana work in Calcutta, under Miss Marston: Mrs. M. B. Adams, 1.00; Miss McDowell, 1.00; Mrs. Douglas Morton, 1.00; Mrs. Dexter Hewett, 1.00; Mrs. D. C. Story, 1.00; Mrs. Annie M. Robinson, 1.00; Mrs. Thomas W. Bullett, 1.00; Mrs. A. E. Richards, 1.00; Mrs. Samuel Dorr, 1.00; Mrs. L. H. Bond, 1.00; Mrs. G. A. Newman, 1.00; Mrs. W. H. Dulaney, in memoriam, 1.00; "The Silent Ten," the King's Daughters, 1.00; Mrs. Geo. W. Anderson, 7.00. Total, 20 00

Total, \$58 00

KANSAS.

Goddard.—Sister Charlotte Kauffman, for support of child, Cawnpore Orphanage, \$20 00
 Grand total, \$2,818 04

ELIZABETH B. STONE, *Ass't Treas.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO MISSIONARY LINK FROM MAY 1 TO MAY 31, 1901.

Mrs. Talcott (Conn.), .50; Providence Br., 2.00; Mrs. St. John, .50; Mrs. E. C. Bridgman, .50; Miss J. Van Vorst, 1.00; Mrs. Alex. M. Ross, 1.00; Morrinstown Aux., .50; Mrs. Jas. H. Penniman, 1.00; Miss Newton (Phila. Br.), .50; Miss Stockton (Del.), 1.00; Miss Keith, for leaflets, .74. Total, \$9.24

HELEN LOUISE KINGSBURY, *Treas.*

RECEIPTS OF THE ALBANY BRANCH FROM JANUARY 1 TO MAY 1, 1901.

Miss E. Mayell, annual subs., 2.00; Mrs. LeGrand Bancroft, subs., 2.00; Mrs. Gertrude Pruyn, annual subs., 1.00; Mrs. George Douglas Miller, annual subs., 10.00; from Miss Mary Isabel Allen, annual subs., 2.00; Miss Esther Haight, through Mrs. R. C. James, 1.00; Mrs. L. M. Palmer, annual subs., in memoriam, 10.00. Total, \$28 00

MRS. FREDERICK TOWNSEND, *Treas.*

RECEIPTS OF THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

Interest on Mrs. C. L. Haddock fund, \$125 00
 From Jno. T. Brown, Treas. S. S. 10th Presb. Ch., from the Harriet Holland Band, for the Henry A. Boardman Scholarship, Calcutta High School, 56 00
 From John Bollen Trust Fund, per Theo. H. Morris, Church Warden Holy Trinity P. E. Ch., 400 00
 Through Mrs. Robertson, from Miss E. M. Newton, including *Link*, 1 00
 Through Mrs. W. W. Farr: Mrs. S. S. Linnard, 5.00; Mrs. W. W. Farr, 50.00; Mrs. Chas. S. Carstairs, 5.00; Mrs. Wm. P. Martin, 5.00. Total, 65 00

From Lambertville Aux.: For support of Heza Ozawa, Yokohama, 40.00; for support of Kueng Ne, Bridgman Home, Shanghai, 40.00; for Calcutta Orphanage, 30.00. Total,	\$110 00
From John A. Howell Memorial Band, for Foreign Missions: Miss Lizzie Howell, 1.00; Miss Emma Howell, 1.00; Mr. Zophar C. Howell, 1.00; Mr. Zophar L. Howell, 1.00; Mrs. Zophar L. Howell, 1.00; Miss Rebecca L. Howell, 1.00; Mrs. E. B. Whiteman, 1.00; Mrs. Wm. Gest, 1.00; Mrs. Geo. D. McCreary, 1.00; Mrs. S. Gordon Armistead, 2.00; Mr. J. W. Patterson, 1.00; Mrs. J. W. Patterson, 1.00; Mrs. Wm. Campbell, 1.00; Mrs. Wm. M. House, 1.00; Mrs. Robert J. Sharp, 1.00. Total,	16 00
Total,	\$73 00

MARY L. WATERALL, *Treas.*

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Interest, .80; a Friend, 10.00; Miss F. Sabine, 5.00; Miss H. Bennet, 30.00; Miss L. Pell, 25.00; Mrs. F. G. Doughty, 6.00; Mrs. A. A. Davis, 2.00; Dr. B. Lord, 10.00; Mrs. Granbery, 2.00; the Misses Granbery, 3.00; Mrs. Johnston, 2.00; Miss Rudolph, 1.00; Gen. Hendrickson, 10.00; Miss B. Sabine, 3.00; Mrs. Womg, 20.00; Miss S. J. Gardner, 3.00; Mrs. C. D. Kellogg, 3.00; Mrs. D. I. Reynolds, 30.00; Miss Dean, 30.00; to support Bible Reader, in memory of Mrs. C. Adams, Miss M. D. Thurston, 30.00; Miss J. McD. Sabine, 5.00; Mrs. Sutton, 5.00; Mrs. Simpson, 10.00; Mrs. Rainsford, 100.00; Mrs. Fielding, 5.00; Mrs. Pettigrew, 1.00; Mrs. Daget, 5.00; S.-S. of 1st R. S. Ch., to support Baga-baka, 28.44; a Friend, 30.67; Miss Dean, 32.00. Total,	\$450 00
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For Japan:	
John Scott, for Shibata Nobu,	\$30 00
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Grace Gospel Church, for Yoshida Machi,	15 00
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Plainfield Friends, for Tanaka Tsugi,	5 00
Mrs. McMurray and Bisel, for Saiki Tachiyo,	5 00
Mrs. C. V. Coles, for Kase Michi,	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Nettleton, for their two Bible Women,	80 00
Stroudsburg Willing Two, for work at Iwamoto,	4 00
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Mr. and Mrs. John McCardle, for Shibano Mitsu,	30 00
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Geo. F. Joly, Jr., for Kida Toyo,	5 00
A. B. C. F. H., for Yamamoto Some,	5 00
Unto Him (Germantown), for Harada Shobi,	10 00
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To Calcutta:	
Ch. of At. Wednesday evening, for Lucy Perry,	\$22 84
Miss S. York, for Bible Woman,	25 00
To Cawnpore:	
Wm. G. Parker, for Miss Dietrich,	200 00
Thos. A. Franklin, for Maria,	5 00
Mrs. Wm. E. Clark, for Martha,	20 00
Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Babcock, for Lydia,	5 00
Mrs. J. H. Moore, Myra, M. A. M. School,	5 00
To Allahabad:	
Prayer Circle, Washington, D. C., for Rosie,	15.00;
for Daisy, 15.00. Total,	30 00
Total,	\$312 84
To China:	
Mrs. A. G. Palton, for Sien Tsung,	\$10 00
A Young Man's Tithes, for Mrs. Tsauing,	5 00
Ch. of At. Dorcas Society, for Loh Me,	5 00
Total,	\$20 00
Grand total,	\$606 84

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