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# Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

(N. E. BRANCH.)

## CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ART. 1. This Association shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of ~~Land Hill~~, auxiliary to the New England Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid its Branch in interesting Christian women in the evangelization of heathen women, and in raising funds for the promotion of this work.

ART. 3. The payment of one dollar (which may be made by weekly offerings of two cents, or twenty-five cents quarterly) shall constitute annual membership, and twenty dollars life membership. The payment of one hundred dollars shall constitute any person an honorary life manager, the payment of three hundred dollars an honorary life patron.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and three or more Managers, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee.

ART. 5. Meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Society shall be held on the ~~last day~~ of each month. The annual meeting shall be held in ~~January~~, when the annual report of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers elected for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the accompanying By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

### BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and supervise its general interests.

2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in absence of that officer, and aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Executive Committee, and of the Society, and keep a full record of the proceedings of each meeting.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the Society, carefully fill the blanks for quarterly reports, and promptly forward the same to the District Secretary having charge of the auxiliary, on or before the first of ~~March, June, September and December~~. She shall also transact all business relating to the paper, with the agent of the "Heathen Woman's Friend."

5. The Treasurer shall receive all money for the Treasury, and make remittance to the Branch Treasurer, on or before the first of ~~June, September, December and February~~, and keep an accurate account of the same. She shall also furnish a card receipt, properly dated, to every contributor to the funds of the auxiliary.

6. It shall be the duty of the Managers to solicit memberships and subscribers for the "Heathen Woman's Friend"; to aid in disseminating missionary intelligence, and in arousing the women of our Church to an appreciation of their privilege thus to labor.

X Jan. Apr. July and Oct. which is the Annual



Kent's Hill. Jan. 30. 1879  
~~Seventh~~ <sup>Eighth</sup> Annual Meeting of the Women's Foreign  
Missionary Society was holden with Mrs. J. L. Morse.  
The meeting was opened by reading of scriptures  
and prayer. Reports of the Sec. and Treas. were  
read and accepted. The report of the committee  
for the nomination of officers was then given,  
and with some amendments, accepted. The  
following officers were elected:

Pres.	Mrs. F. A. Robinson
Vice "	" H. P. Torrey
Rec. Sec.	" C. C. Mitchell
Cor. "	" J. L. Morse
Treas.	" Hamilton
Managers	" E. A. McStear
	" Deuel
	" R. W. Soule

Mrs. H. B. Abbott made Mrs. G. W. Jewett a Life  
Member. Adjourned.

Mrs. F. A. Robinson	Mrs. C. C. Mitchell
Pres.	Sec.



Kent's Hill. Feb. 25

The society met with Mrs. C. Munger. Meeting called to order by the Pres. who read a portion of scripture. This was followed by a season of prayer. Next came the reading of several selections by Mrs. Robinson and Miss Daisy Munger. Adjourned

Mrs. F. A. Robinson      Mrs. C. C. Mitchell  
Pres.                              Sec.

Kent's Hill, March 25

Society met at the house of Mrs. Robinson. Meeting called to order by the Pres. after which the usual order of exercises was carried out.

Mrs. F. A. Robinson      Mrs. C. C. Mitchell  
Pres.                              Sec.

Kent's Hill. April 29

This meeting of the society was at the house of Mrs. Robinson. The meeting was opened by reading of scriptures and prayer. The society then listened to remarks by Mrs. J. L. Morse, who had lately returned from Conference. It was then decided to hold a public meeting in May. On motion the society adjourned.

Mrs. F. A. Robinson      Mrs. C. C. Mitchell  
Pres.                              Sec.

Kent's Hill, May 18

The Public Meeting of the W. F. M. Society, and of the Parent Society was held in the chapel of Sampson Hall. Remarks were made by Rev. C. Munger, Prof. J. L. Morse, and Prof. G. H. Stone, followed by the reading of papers of interest by Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. F. A. Robinson and Mrs. J. L. Morse.

Mrs. F. A. Robinson      Mrs. C. C. Mitchell  
Pres.                              Sec.



Kent's Hill. May 28.

A special meeting was held at the house of Mrs. Robinson for the purpose of making arrangements for the Anniversary meeting.

It having been decided that Mrs. Dr. Stule be invited to deliver the address, it was voted that the money for defraying the expenses be raised by subscription, and Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Abbott were appointed as committee to solicit money.

Adjourned

Mrs. F. A. Robinson  
Pres.

Mrs. C. C. Mitchell  
Sec.

Kent's Hill. June 1.

The Anniversary Meeting of the society took place in the evening at the church. The following order of exercises was carried out; reading of a hymn by Rev. C. Munger, prayer and reading of a hymn by Prof. F. A. Robinson, reading of the treasurer's report by Mrs. Hamilton, the address by Mrs. Dr. Stule, and the singing of the Missionary hymn.

Mrs. F. A. Robinson  
Pres.

Mrs. C. C. Mitchell  
Sec.

Kent's Hill. June 24.

The society met with Mrs. C. Munger. The meeting was opened by reading of scriptures by the Pres. followed by prayer. An article from the Heathens Romanic Friend was read by Mrs. J. L. Moree, after which the society adjourned.

Mrs. F. A. Robinson  
Pres.

Mrs. C. C. Mitchell  
Sec.



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Our Recording Sec. having removed to Atlanta Geo. & the Soc. failing to supply his place, no record has been made of the July & Aug. meetings. The former was held at Mrs. C. Mungers July 30<sup>th</sup>. The opening exercises conducted by Mrs. J. L. Morse in absence of the Pres. A season spent in prayer & select reading, after which we adjourned.

Aug 26. The Soc. met with Mrs Robinson, who opened the meeting by singing & reading of appropriate scripture, followed by prayer from Miss H. Jewett & others present. A little time spent in conversation upon the methods of conducting the meetings with a view to increased interest. The number small.

Tuesday Afternoon Sept 30. 1879 Our meeting was held with Mrs Robinson, our Pres. who opened the meeting by singing, & reading of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Psalms, followed by prayer from all present. Our number being increased to eight before adjournment, which was a source of encouragement.

Various matters were discussed, Mrs Mungers urging us to more prayer for the outpouring of a "missionary spirit" upon the community. The question as to adopting "uniform readings" came up - though not acted upon. Mrs C. J. Abbott elected Rec. Sec. to fill the unexpired term of Mrs Mitchell resigned, whose faithful labors & example will be cherished by us. Then adjourned.

Mrs L. A. Robinson Pres.

C. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

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Tuesday Eve Oct 28<sup>th</sup> The regular monthly meeting of the W. F. M. Soc. was held at the residence of Mrs. Mrs. L. A. Robinson.

A very interesting letter having been received from Mrs L. B. Hoskins of Basara India, suggested the idea of inviting the young ladies of the College to meet with us, & listen to the reading of the same. Accordingly Mrs Robinson extended a very general invitation to both students & ladies of the place - some sixty were present.

After singing, & a most appropriate prayer by Rev C. Mungers, a bountiful entertainment was served, when Mrs Robinson requested quiet, & by a few well chosen remarks, called upon Mrs Morse, who introduced the reading of the letter, by interesting explanations, all of which was listened to attentively & followed by a general expression of interest which we hope & pray may continue. Our hearts were made glad by the addition of two life members, Miss Annie Mungers, & Mrs J. L. Morse by the liberality of Pres. Torrey & Prof Robinson;

Mrs L. A. Robinson Pres.

C. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Tuesday Dec 30. 1879.

Our monthly meeting with Mrs Robinson - only six present, of this number, five united in prayer after the opening exercises. Mrs J. L. Morse then read an interesting letter from Mrs Parker in India, also one from one of the converted scholars which expressed so much gratitude to those who had been instrumental in bringing her to Christ. This being our last meeting for the year a committee was chosen to nominate officers for the next



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year consisting of Mrs Chase, Mrs Hamilton, & Mrs Abbott  
when we were ready for adjournment.

Our November meeting was omitted from the fact that  
several of our number were away. Adjourned

Mrs H. A. Robinson Pres. E. J. Abbott Cor. Sec

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The ninth annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society  
was held at Mrs Robinson's on Sunday Eve Jan 27 1880.  
Owing to a severe rain storm, only few were present: yet we  
decided to proceed with business. The reports of the Treas. & Secs  
were read & accepted. The report from the Com. on  
nominations was given which recommended no change  
in Officers. After some discussion & slight amendments  
it was accepted, and the following Officers were  
elected.

Pres.	Mrs H. A. Robinson,
Vice Pres.	" H. P. Torrey.
Rec. Sec	" E. J. Abbott.
Cor. "	" J. L. Morse.
Treas.	" B. Hamilton
Managers	" Chase
	" Stone
	Miss Adams

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It was thought best to revise our list of members as so  
many who have been connected with the school have left,  
& also to prepare a separate list of Life members.

Hoping to secure the attendance of the young ladies  
at our monthly meetings we voted to change our meeting  
from Tuesday to the last Saturday in the month.

Adjourned

Mrs L. A. Robinson Pres. E. J. Abbott Rec Sec



List of Annual members of the W. L. M. Society.

Mrs E. Robinson.	Mrs Amos Sampson.
" Stone.	" Lowe.
" McNear.	" E. J. Abbott.
" C. M. Robinson.	Miss Emma Ingalls Stone.
" C. Hamilton.	" Sallie Jewett.
Miss P. Robinson.	" E. J. Sturdivant.
" Kittie Hamilton.	" Nellie Logg.
" Annie Hamilton.	Mrs C. Munger.
Mrs J. A. Kinds.	Miss Lillian Munger.
" E. J. Torrey.	" Annie Munger.
" Chase.	" Daisy Munger.
Miss Crystal.	" X Sybil Abbott.
X Mrs L. H. Morse.	" L. Adams.
" R. W. Soule.	X Mrs Stiles.
" H. A. Packard.	X Miss Eva Stiles.
" J. L. Morse.	X " A. Wilder.
Miss Lodie Morse.	X " E. J. Perley.
" Isabel Morse.	Mrs L. W. Jewett.
" Hattie Morse.	" Howes.
Mrs B. W. Harriman.	Miss R. R. Fletcher.
" R. Russell.	" Hattie Backfeller.
" N. Jewett.	

List of members continued.

Mrs Blackman.	" Annie Munger
Mrs Record.	Mrs C. Munger
Miss Abby Morse	" E. J. Abbott
Miss Etta Frost	" Amos Sampson
Miss Julia Robinson	Miss E. J. Sturdivant.
Miss Hattie Jewett, 1881	" Susan Jewett
Mrs Thompson.	" Emma Ingalls Stone
Miss Inogene Blackman.	Mrs N. Jewett
" Louisa "	" B. W. Harriman
May Park 2	" J. L. Morse
Long Henry	Miss Lodie Morse
Filora Mellyphy	" Isobel Morse
Miss Julia Robinson	Hattie Morse
" Etha Frost.	Mrs Chase
" Abby Morse	Cystal
Mrs Record	" R. W. Soule
" Blackman	" H. A. Packard
" Howes	" E. J. Torrey
" E. J. Jewett	" J. A. Kinds
Miss R. R. Fletcher	" M. C. Hamilton
" L. Adams	Miss R. R. Robinson
" Daisy Munger	" Bertie Hamilton
" Lillian Munger	" Annie Hamilton



Mrs C. M. Robinson  
" McNear  
" Stone  
" String  
" Tynan

Members for 1882

Mrs Birbee  
" H. P. Torrey  
" A. M. Winsor  
" A. H. Hamilton  
Kittie Hamilton  
Annie Hamilton  
Mrs A. F. Chase  
Crystal  
Ella Sturdivant  
Mrs F. A. Robinson  
" E. J. Abbott  
" Thea Packer  
" G. M. Jewett  
" W. C. Record  
" Styles  
" McNear  
" M. J. Therman

" R. H. Soule  
Miss Park  
" Adams  
" Julia Robinson  
" Fletcher  
" May Parker  
" Minger  
Mrs Noah Jewett  
" Susie

Members for 1883

Mrs H. P. Torrey  
" A. M. Winsor  
" A. F. Chase  
Crystal  
Ella Sturdivant  
Mrs F. A. Robinson  
" E. J. Abbott  
" Thea Packer  
" G. M. Jewett  
" Noah Jewett  
Susie  
" McNear  
" W. C. Record  
" Styles  
" M. J. Therman  
" Minger  
Miss Adams  
" Fletcher  
Mrs Tynan  
" String  
" Lapham  
Sophie  
Annie  
Eva Style

Mrs Hamilton  
Miss Kittie Hamilton  
" Annie Hamilton  
" Julia A. Robinson  
Mrs Fletcher  
" Frederick French  
" Nelson  
Blackman



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## Members of the Genny Ladies Miss. Soc.

Miss Adams L. M.  
" Park L. M.  
" Waterhouse L. M.  
" Knight-  
" Kner-  
" Sturdivant- } pcc. Oct-82.  
" Ware  
" Flood  
" Fletcher } pcc in Feb.  
" Johnston  
" Hussey  
" Kait } pcc in Feb.  
" Styles } 25-00-00 to be  
" Bailey } members for Spring term  
" Farnel  
" Smith  
Mrs Pres. Smith  
May Smith

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As we come to the <sup>ninth</sup> annual report of our society, we would raise our hearts in gratitude to God for His goodness to us, as a society, & as individuals. Truly His loving care has been about us, & we would that the remembrance of His blessings would stimulate us to increased earnestness in His service.

We regret that the interest in our society for the past year has not been more general, still we would be grateful for the few faithful ones who have been uniform & constant in their attendance at our monthly meetings. We believe that God has smiled upon our weak endeavors; and we thank Him for that love for His cause, which He has implanted in our hearts, and we trust & believe that while we seek His guidance, He will direct & strengthen our every effort for the promotion of His Kingdom in the earth.

Our society now numbers forty-three; seven added during the year - six of this number have been constituted life members, making twelve in all. We are encouraged to go forward, feeling that we are enlisted in the service of One who will surely conquer, & bring all the nations of the world to bow meekly at His feet.

E. J. Abbott Sec. Sec.



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Saturday Afternoon Feb 28. Our monthly meeting met with Mrs E. J. Abbotts. Reading of Scripture by Mrs Chase, followed by prayer from Mrs Robinson & others. Our hearts were greatly cheered by the presence of individuals who have never met with us before; & more especially were we rejoiced to hear a new voice in prayer. It was a season ~~season~~ of unusual interest & encouragement & we were glad to promise each other to strive to sustain a weekly prayer meeting at the same place & time; The ~~last~~ Saturday in the month to be devoted to our missionary soc.

Mrs Morse remarked that twenty dollars had been handed her husband for missionary purposes & he was pleased to constitute Mrs T. A. Robinson a life member of the soc. Mrs Blackman & Mrs Record joined us. We also took action for raising money for the "Home" in Tokio, Japan, recently destroyed by fire. Adjourned.

On Monday Evening Feb 9, our corresponding soc, requested us to meet at Mrs Robinson's to decide upon sending a delegate to the annual meeting of the N. E. Branch which meets in Boston the second week in March. Mrs Hamilton was elected. It was also voted to invite Mrs George Stule of Wilbraham to address at Commencement week. April 14 - being the anniversary of our organization it was suggested that we have some appropriate exercises.

Mrs T. A. Robinson Pres.

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec.



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Saturday Afternoon March 27. The society met with Mrs Abbott  
Readings & prayers by our President, after which Mrs Hamilton gave  
us a very interesting report of the meetings in Boston, also read  
letters from Miss Dock Howard & Miss Cushman, missionaries  
in China. Committees were chosen to make preparation  
for the approaching anniversary - consisting of Mrs J. L. Morse  
Miss Daisy Munger, & Mrs Hamilton for supper - Mrs W. F.  
Morse, Mrs Hamilton, & Miss Lucie Morse for music

Mrs F. A. Robinson  
Pres.

Mrs E. J. Abbott  
Rec Sec.

Tuesday Eve April 13. The anniversary exercises were  
held at "Thompson Hall" Mrs Robinson presiding. Reading  
of the scriptures & prayers by Rev C. Munger. Then followed a  
very interesting review of the past ten years by Mrs J. L. Morse.  
Reading of missionary letters by Miss Daisy Munger, & Miss  
Annie Hamilton; letters were also read from Miss H. B.  
Robinson & Mrs Keys. "Pangloss" by Miss Adams (which  
as usual on such occasions) commanded better attention than  
the very excellent matter which was intended to do good.  
These <sup>exercises</sup> were interspersed with appropriate music - Mrs Robinson  
closed the literary exercises by well chosen appeals to work  
in the vineyard of our Master. Coffee cake & oranges

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were served. - Financially it was quite a success - The society  
realized twenty two dollars & seven cents.

Mrs E. J. Abbott Rec Sec  
Mrs F. A. Robinson Pres.

Saturday Afternoon April 24. The monthly meeting was  
held with Mrs Abbott, after our usual opening exercises  
letters were read from Mrs Mc Henry & Mrs Mudge of India.  
We had five present - seldom more than this, which at times seems  
discouraging - but we are praying for increased interest.

Mrs F. A. Robinson Pres.

Mrs E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Aug 28. The society met with Mrs Abbott - reading of  
the scriptures followed by prayers; afterwards <sup>we read</sup> letters from Mrs  
Parker of India, & Mrs Alderman, enclosing one from Louise,  
also a picture of the latter, which by vote of the society is to be  
paid for from funds in the hands of <sup>being</sup> Treas. the proceeds of the  
entertainment in April, which was especially designed to pay  
traveling expenses of Mrs George Hale who spoke to us on  
Sabbath evening of Commencement week the first of June -  
since that time the society are keeping with the custom



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of the churches as well as the world has been indulging in a vacation. It was voted that Mrs Morse correspond with Mrs Alderman in regard to the appropriation of our funds for the support of "Louisa".

Mrs L. A. Robinson Pres.

Adjourned  
Mrs E. J. Abbott Sec.

Saturday Afternoon Sept. 25. The Society met with Mrs Abbott. There were ten present. Opening exercises as usual. Mrs Morse read a letter from Mrs Alderman in explanation, as well as seeking information in regard to the past support of "Louisa" after which a vote was taken to continue, or assume the support of Louisa. It was stated that Miss P. Robinson had volunteered to pay for the "picture". A letter was also read from Miss Yates formerly a student here - who leaves next week for mission work in northern China. As a society we were cheered by the number present & interest manifested. Adjourned.

Mrs L. A. Robinson, Pres.

E. J. Abbott, Rec Sec

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Saturday Afternoon Oct 30.

Our monthly meeting was held at Mrs Abbott's, the usual number present, but considering the clouds & rain we could expect no more. Not being successful in gaining the attendance of our young friends we decide to abandon Saturday, as it does not accommodate some of our members & in future meet on Friday afternoon. Our religious exercises were as usual. Owing to the lateness of the hour the monthly reading was deferred.

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec.

Mrs L. A. Robinson Pres.

Friday Afternoon Nov 26.

Six presents at our monthly meeting. Reading of the scriptures by Mrs Robinson followed by prayer from a part of our number. ~~then~~ Mrs Abbott was called upon for readings from India. The selection was "Remarks by Mr Leward" from "Lewards travels around the world" though very much has been accomplished since the publication of this work - still the ideas advanced in regard to government, habits, &c were interesting. Mrs Morse was appointed to read at our next meeting. Adjourned

Mrs L. A. Robinson, Pres.

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.



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Friday Afternoon Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1880. Our little band gathered at Mrs Abbott's at three o'clock. The usual opening exercises of reading & prayer. Mrs Morse read us a very interesting letter from Mrs McShanon of India - & then selections upon the work in India. It being our last meeting for the year a Committee of three (Mrs Lacey, Mrs Morse & Mrs Abbott,) were chosen to nominate officers for the coming year. Adjourned

Mrs F. A. Robinson Pres.

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec

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Friday M. Jan 28 The annual meeting of our Society at Mrs Abbott's. Reading of the scriptures by our President, Mrs Robinson; followed by prayer from Miss Hattie Jewett. There were six present. but had it not been for the very unusual cold our number would probably have been larger; we were glad to see Mrs Stone once more. The business of the meeting was introduced by reading the Secretary's report. voted to place it on record. Our Treasurer (Mrs Hamilton) absent on account of sickness, hence no report. Mrs Himes chosen Treas<sup>r</sup> pro tem. The report of the nominating Committee called for, which was presented by Mrs Morse - (Mrs Lacey being away) and accepted.

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The names for the coming year are  
Mrs E. J. Abbott, President.  
Mrs E. J. Lacey, Vice President.  
Mrs C. M. Robinson, Rec. Secretary.  
Mrs F. L. Morse, Cor. Secretary.  
Mrs C. Hamilton, Treasurer.

Mrs L. Chase  
Mrs M. Stone  
Miss L. Adams  
} Managers.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs Robinson in view of her services the past year, she having declined reelection. It was requested that Mrs Morse correspond with Rev C. F. Allen in reference to a speaker for the coming anniversary in June. Two new members were added Miss H. Jewett & Mrs Thompson.

Adjourned.

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec.

Mrs F. A. Robinson Pres.



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Friday afternoon Jan 28.

We come to our <sup>tenth</sup> annual report meeting & in looking over the records for the past year I find we have had nine meetings. During the months of May - June, & July we suffered other cares & engagements to step in, & crowd out our little gatherings.

Whether we are able to excuse this repeated neglect I question, unless we are willing to adopt the reason so often quoted "that others do so," & consider ourselves exonerated. But shall we as Christian workers

govern our lives by others, or shall we in sincerity ask "Lord what wilt thou have me to do," & cheerfully obey? I am sorry to find so few names added to our membership. ~~Now~~ here we have been able to induce ~~the attendance~~ of very many whose names have long stood upon our books. Seldom, very seldom do we require but one lone figure to give the number present at our monthly meetings. This ought not to be.

But we will hope on, & work on knowing that God is able to use feeble means in the accomplishment of His work in leading the hearts of mankind to submit to Him.

Am I not expressing the language of each one present & will we not pledge each other to commence a new year with stronger & holier purposes to be faithful

in all committed to us? "Let us not be weary in well doing", while we are cheered by the promise that we shall "reap if we faint not."

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.



Fri P. M. Feb 25. 1881. Our monthly meeting held with Mrs Abbott. usual number present. reading of Scriptures, & one little season of prayer as usual. after which we listened to the Treasurers report for the year. - Mrs Hamilton not being present at our Annual meeting on account of sickness. Mrs Jersey gave us some interesting "readings" upon Belgium work. before to adjourn C. M. Robinson Sec.

March 25. 1881.

We gather again at Mrs Abbotts for our monthly meeting. Are glad to see Mrs Thompson present with us today. After our usual opening exercises Mrs Hamilton gave us some selections upon Japan. India - our interest has been aroused among us. by the reading of an article upon Alaska, read by Mrs Abbott at our weekly prayer-meeting. & we are trying to devise some way to have it read to the students. Various plans are proposed. & we become intensely interested, as we talk, & think of the great need of missionary labor & teaching, among not degraded & neglected people, in our own land - it is very dear. Mrs Butler is talked of for our June Anniversary before to adjourn. C. M. Robinson Sec



1881. Apr 29. Most of our ladies are attending  
our Annual Conference which is holding  
its session in Portland (Congress St) & so  
their absence we hold no meeting this month.  
C. M. Robinson Sec.

May 27. We are very lo- to lose any of  
these monthly meetings but circumstances  
sometimes make it impractical to come  
together. Today some of our members are  
ill & some have company & others are so  
full of preparation for Commencement  
that it is thought best to omit our meeting.  
Since we last held a monthly meeting we  
have had several little informal gatherings  
to decide different matters. Growing out  
of the reading of the "Alaska article" was  
a Missionary Council held at Seaford  
Hall on the 10th of this month at which  
after reading of the Scripture & proper  
intimating articles in reference to Missions  
several different letters were read by  
some of our students. Miss Day & I read  
& Misses McLoughlin, Gilson & Whittier.

Mrs Dr Butler accepts our invitation to speak  
at our June Anniversary. A little entertainment  
gathered up by the children & given first by them  
in Mrs Morse dining room, was repeated by them  
in Bangs Hall. The cost of the 20th. & by an  
admission fee of 10 cts. gave us \$15.00 sufficient to  
offset the expenses of Mrs Butler.

C. M. Robinson Sec.

July 29. Our meeting for last month was  
omitted. The absence of some members & engage-  
ments of others prevented our coming together.

We meet with Mrs Abbott as usual, today  
there are numbers are very few. Mrs Abbott, Mrs  
Stone & myself were present. It was a very  
good meeting to some of us, in view of the  
probability that this is the last time we shall  
meet be forenoon with the presence of our dear  
sister Emily J. Stone in these meetings where  
she has made her presence & influence felt as  
no other member here in all the years since  
our organization. To her we are indebted for much  
of our success. Through Mrs Abbott. Mrs Prof  
Stone was made life member. C. M. Robinson Sec.



1881. Aug 26. Meeting held at usual place, opening exercises as usual. Mrs Prof Strong meets with us for the first time. But few new members present. We sadly miss her who has been the life of our work, foremost in everything which would give interest or success to our Ansl. Where shall we look for one to take her place among us? Interesting letters were read from Miss Backlund of Persa Brazil & Miss Galt of North Carolina. Mrs Prof took up our election Corresponding Sec to fill the place made vacant by the removal of Mrs Morse.

Vote to adjourn

CMR. Sec.

Sept. 28. No meeting today. Mrs Abbott on a visit to Belfast & house closed. Mrs J. also away.

CMR. Sec.

Oct. 30 The meet- at the usual place & time today. Mrs Torrey reads the Scriptures. Mrs Abbott leads in prayer. Others follow.

Mrs Strong reads selections from H. W. J. Mrs Fryman meets with us today for the first time. We rejoice when a new attendant comes in with us. Our numbers are so few & our losses have been so great within a few weeks, that it is very encouraging to see, even one new face.

Adjourned. CMR. Sec

Dec 2. Our meeting was deferred one week, on account of some of our members being from home at the regular time, it being Thanksgiving week. Mrs Abbott opens the meeting with Scripture reading. Mrs Torrey follows & others follow. Very interesting letters were read from Miss Galt also from Miss Kelly sent by the Belfast Branch. It would add much to the interest of our meeting if you could have such letters often. No business coming before us.

Vote to adjourn

CMR. Sec.



1881 Dec 30. Again we meet with Mrs Abbott, our last Missionary meeting for the year. Nine of our members present; an unusual number.

Mrs Abbott opens the meeting with reading of Scriptures. Mrs Dyson prays, followed by Mrs. Selections are read by the Sec. from "Gospel in all Lands". The president suggests a nominating committee be appointed to ~~arrange~~ <sup>arrange</sup> for officers for another year. A motion that the church appoint, prevails. Mrs Thence, Stung, & Chase are appointed to that Committee. Mrs Biebee meets with us, to present the interests of the "Home work". Subscriptions are taken for the N. M. Trinet.

Before to adjourn.

G. M. R. Sec

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Sec's Report for 1881.

This is the twelfth year of our work as a Soc. As we look over the records of these years, we regret that we can speak of so little accomplished, & still we find some satisfaction in what has been done & when we consider that we are one of the many rivulets, that go to make up the broad stream of influence from our N. M. Soc. we feel that our labor has not been in vain, & are glad that God has made us instrumental in any degree in this work.

We look out over this vast field. We learn through our Missionary reports & the numerous letters coming directly from our foreign workers of what has been accomplished.

We are filled with wonder & joy, as we read of the new developments, the opening of schools the establishing of homes, & the hospitals, for the indigent & suffering, & the progress made in every department of the work. & that through these influences, many are putting away their idolatry, & are listening to the "Word of Life".

We rejoice in this record of results; in what has been & is being done - in the first already gathered; the victories won.



Looking into the future we feel that the coming claims upon us will be more than the past - have been. The indications of the times are that the Lord's work is to be carried on more successfully & upon a larger scale than ever before. & that increasing demands will be made upon us for more earnest & persistent effort.

Our own Church has held eight meetings during the year. April May June & Sept we could not come together. In most cases these omissions were on account of absence from home of several members, & sometimes perhaps on account of engagements which at the time seemed to us to be more important. The attendance has been as in the past, very small, considering the money upon our books. Nevertheless it was possible to achieve some way to secure a larger attendance at these monthly meetings.

Our membership has been much reduced the first year. Not only individuals, but whole families have gone from us whose loss is deplored.

One especially who has been identified with us from the first, & whose heart overflowed with love for the work, & sympathy for the workers, & who was most earnest in planning & executing every thing which was for the interest of the Soc.

The inspiration of her presence we sorely miss. We are glad that new ones have come in to fill these vacancies in part, & we trust many more may be added, & that with heart & hand, we may labor together, & the work of our M. J. M. Soc go on, till the "Word of Life" shall be proclaimed from every hill-top & valley, & the whole earth shall come to acknowledge "Christ the Lord."



1882.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary was held with Mrs Abbott, Jan. 27. The meeting was opened with reading of the Scriptures by Mrs Chase. Prayers by Mrs Chase & Abbott. Listened to the reading of a letter (by Mrs Strong) from a teacher in the school at Santiago Chile, giving an account of her work in the school, & something of the habits of the people. After this the reports of the Sec & Treas. were read & accepted. The report of the Committee for the nomination of Officers was made & accepted, electing the following officers.

Mrs E. J. Abbott. Pres.

Mrs E. J. Torrey Vice. Pres.

Mrs C. M. Robinson Rec. Sec.

Mrs L. A. Chase Cor. Sec.

Mrs C. M. Hamilton Treas.

Mrs L. Adams }  
Mrs A. H. Thindley } Managers  
Mrs Prof Strong }



1882.

Monthly meeting of Mrs Abbotts. Feb. 24.

Seven present. Opening exercises - reading of Scriptures & prayer by the Soc. After supper in prayer. Mrs Chase read a very interesting letter from Miss Kelly (Baltimore Branch) giving as particulars in regard to the health of Miss Dr Swain, & something of her work, or the great amount of work she finds strength to do.

We also listened to a letter from Miss Clara Blunt of Para Brazil, formerly of Mt. Vernon, & for several years a pupil here. Miss Blunt went out from us less than a year ago. & we are much interested to hear from her in her distant home & the new work to which she has been called. But she finds pleasure & success in that work.

Adjourned

WM Robinson Sec

1882.

March 25. Again we come together for our monthly meeting. Nine present. Mrs Sprague is with us for the first time. We are so glad of her presence & welcome most cordially any addition to our number. Mrs Abbott opened the meeting with reading of the Scriptures. Mrs Tryman prays. After supper Mrs Chase reads to us a most interesting letter from Lucia Peterhouse of Santiago Chile. Miss Th. was formerly a student here. After various length of time she has been for four years in Missions School work in Chile. The letter was full of interest to us giving us a better insight to her modes of work, showing the zeal & perseverance with which she labors & opens the eyes of those who have been born & educated under Romish influences to the light & power of Christian truth. We grieve to learn that ill health compels her to leave her work for a time, but still rejoice to see her with us again. After some attention of reading & rather diffusive conversation it was motioned to adjourn.

WM Robinson Sec



1882. May 26. Our April meeting occurred Coffee  
week. The Sec was absent - & no report received.  
The meeting of this month comes back to Fri  
again by advice of our Pres. Saturday being an  
inconvenient day for some of our members to be  
from home. Mrs Hamilton who has been  
absent some months opens the meeting with  
reading & prayer, followed by a few others.  
After which Mrs Strong gives us a long paper  
some 25 sheets - from Miss Ashmun of India.  
It being a part of a diary kept by her, an  
account of her work from day to day, & not only  
her doing but her seeing & hearing of the men  
& strange things in that distant land. It was  
both spicy & sparking & was enjoyed extremely.  
The reading kept us till late in the afternoon  
& we left wishing we could of the letter to papers  
of so much interest.

Ajamae. C. M. Robinson Sec.

1882. June 30. In the absence of the President - the  
meeting is held with the Sec. who opens  
with reading of Scriptures. Mrs Thirde reads  
in the opening prayer. After follow. of the  
which Mrs Chase reads a letter from Miss  
Zobis our own missionary representative, to  
North India. We have been from any of these  
foreign workers, but especially from those who  
have received a part of their preparation here  
in our own school & under Kisti Kice influence.  
An interesting letter is read from Miss Kelley with  
extracts from Mrs Caprons diary, all of which  
gives much interest to our meeting. We cannot  
say members present. yet - so many as we  
can expect at this season & then some are  
away.

Ajamae. C. M. Robinson Sec.



1882. July 28. The met- in an accustomed place Mrs Abbotts. Opening exercises & prayer as usual. Mrs Thomalla reads h- as selections in Belgian. This is probably our last meeting with our valued Treas. Mrs Th. She having decided to take of her residence in Middleton Comm. for the present. We shall miss her much in our society. & in every enterprise connected with our little church here. Our numbers are few today, some coming & some kept at home invalidly.

Adjourned. C.M.H. Sec.

1882 Aug 25. At Mrs Abbotts as usual. Very few at. Mrs Chase leads in Scripture reading & opening prayer others follow. A profitable season in prayer. These little meetings where we come & pray with each other. & for the cause which is so dear to us here - being as we are here - each other & to our Heavenly Father. Some time is spent in talking about officers for the coming year. Our Annual meeting, by the action of the Genl. Ex. Committee is changed to Sept. next month.

Adjourned C.M.H. Sec

1882

The Annual Meeting of the M. J. M. Soc. changed by the Ex. Com. from January to September was held on the 29. of the present month at Mrs Abbotts. The meeting was opened with reading of the scriptures & prayer by Mrs Sophia. No written reports were made either by Society Treas. The year had been a short one. & less done than usual. & a simple verbal report seemed to be all that was called for. The election of officers for the year was next in order & were as follows.

Pres.	Mrs Levin Chase
Vice Pres.	Mrs W. B. Abbott.
Rec Sec	Mrs Robinson
Cor. Sec	" Sophia
Treas	" Torrey

Managers (Mrs Smith, Miss Adams & Mrs Prof Strong. Mrs Abbott & Mrs Sophia were both named as delegates to the Branch Meeting at Thornhill Mass. Oct-10-11-12. Some consideration with respect to some kind of some money for the "Memorial Home" nothing definite yet. Adjourned C.M.H. Sec



At this meeting, Mrs Abbott speaks Miss Park a life member  
Prof Robinson Miss Pettie Hamilton & Stuart - a price  
Miss Adams & New Josiah Whiggins. \$80. in all.

1882. Oct-27. We hold our first meeting in the new year & under the new administration at Mrs Abbotts. Mrs Chase presiding. After reading scriptures Mrs Lopham offers prayer others follow. after which Mrs Lopham gives a little account of her impressions of the meeting of the American Board. just held in Portland which she attended & greatly enjoyed.

\* The 15th of this month our Soc. held a public meeting at Seamen Hall. at which Miss Selin Truitt spoke to us of her work in South America. The students & all the friends were much interested in what she had to say.

after she had finished, Pres. Smith spoke of the work of our Soc. what it had done & the special work before us now. & invited each one to contribute a little sum towards the building of the "Home" in Japan. to be erected in memory of Miss Whiggins. To our great surprise \$86 were raised. 4 life members & 6 annual members. This amount, with the \$12. raised towards the expenses of Miss Truitt makes \$98. A very good beginning for the new year.

C. M. Robinson Sec.

1882. Nov. The Sec. was absent from the Miss meeting this month. & no report was made of the meeting.  
C. M. Robinson Sec.

Dec 25. Our meeting is at the accustomed place & usual number present. Mrs Lopham opens the meeting with reading & prayer. several follow after which the Sec reads from the Chautauque reports of a sermon of Bishop Simpson in regard to the spreading of the christian religion "through all the earth" - a most interesting discourse. but most so if heard from his own lips.

Adjourned.  
C. M. Robinson Sec.

1883. Jan. 26. Meeting held with Mrs Abbott. The Sec was not present owing to company at home. Mrs Lopham was present & opened the meeting. Letters from Miss Hastings of Mexico were read & some talk was had about getting a box ready (in connection with the Gering Ladies Assoc.) to send to Mexico. One Mr Barker from the Mission there is in the States & will take out any thing the Soc's desire to send.

Adjourned C. M. Robinson Sec.



1883. Feb 27. At our usual place of meeting again. Mrs Blackman comes in with us for the first time. We are so very glad to see any new one present. our numbers are so uniformly the same ones. At Mrs Chase suggestion texts of Scripture are repeated & the Sec. follows in prayer. one or two follow Mrs String reads letters from Miss Knevels written from her home & about at Nyssa Ind. & Mrs Chase reads a letter from the "Friend" from Miss Knevels. after which general talk on Missionary matters - the box about to be sent. - &c. Closing a very interesting meeting adjourned.

C. M. Robinson Sec

Mar 30. A delightful Spring day. & we are glad to "go up" to our place of meeting. & to find seven present. Mrs Lapham opens the meeting with reading & prayer followed by others.

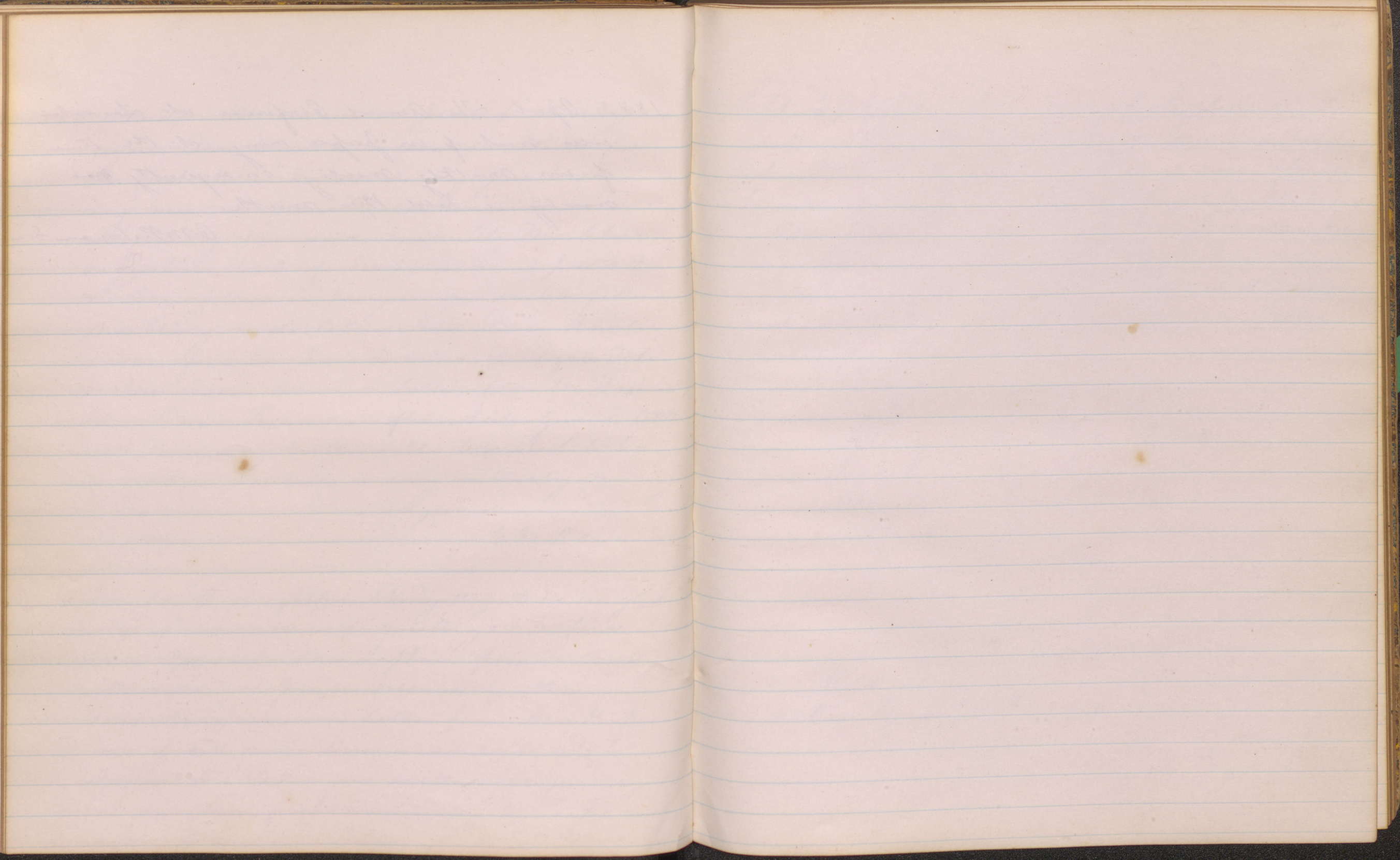
Mrs String reads a letter from Mrs Parker one of our first Missionaries sent out to India. The letter was written two years ago but was now fresh & interesting to us. The need such often.

Adjourned C. M. Robinson Sec

1883. April. The Annual Conference at Lewisville calls most of our people away. at the time of our monthly meeting. Consequently no meeting is held this month.

C. M. Robinson Sec







Sept. 29. 1883. The Annual Meeting of the  
Wom. For. Miss. Soc. was held  
at Mrs Abbotts. The Meeting was opened  
by reading of Scripture & prayer by Mrs Torsey.  
Our Pres. Mrs Chase, & Mrs Robinson Rec.  
Secy. have removed from the Hill.  
No report from Secy. Treasurers report was read  
and accepted. The following officers were  
chosen for the coming year.

Pres. Mrs J. B. Lapham.  
Vice " Mrs E. G. Abbott.  
Rec. Sec. Mrs J. W. Wayman.  
Cor. Sec. Mrs S. F. Strong.  
Treas. Mrs E. G. Torsey.  
Managers.

Mrs Smith.  
Mrs Record.  
Mrs Harriman.

Mrs Strong read a letter from India,  
written by a native worker.

Adjourned.  
J. W. Wayman, Secy.



Oct. 26, 1883. Monthly Meeting at-  
Mrs Abbott's, the usual place.

The Sec. was absent but received through  
Mrs Hinds a report of the meeting.

There were only four persons present. The  
Scriptures were read & season of prayer,  
enjoyed. Mrs Strong read a letter from  
Miss Cushman.

Adjourned.

Nov. 30

Sec. absent from meeting. A small  
number present. A portion of Scripture was  
read & a season of prayer followed.

Readings on Africa by Mrs Torsey.  
Adjourned.

Dec. 28.

No Meeting on account of a storm.

Jan. 25, 1884

A few persons gathered in our  
accustomed place for our Monthly Meeting.  
A Chapter from the Bible was read,  
& several prayers were offered.

Feb. 29, 1884. A severe snow-storm prevented  
our Monthly gathering.

March 28.

A few assembled at the Monthly  
meeting in the usual place.

The Scriptures were read & prayer  
offered. The Pres. read from Missionary  
Lesson Leaf about the work in Japan.

A letter was read from Miss Hastings;  
also interesting letters from native school  
girls in India.

Adjourned.

April 25.

The usual few were present in our  
accustomed place. Reading of Bible & prayer.

Mrs Hinds read from Missionary Leaf.  
No letters or other reading for to-day.  
Adjourned.

May 30 - No Meeting.

June 27. Meeting opened by reading of Scriptures  
& prayer by the the Pres. Miss Davis, Dist-Sec.,  
was present & read a letter from Mrs Butler,  
& one from a Bible woman in India. Mrs Lapham  
read an encouraging article from "Life & Light" on



woman's work among the Kheals.

Closed by singing the Missionary Hymn.

July 25. Four persons present at our Monthly Meeting. Pres. absent. Meeting conducted by our W. P. - Mrs. Hinds read a letter from Mrs. Butler, also one from a native worker in India. Reading from the Miss Leaf for Aug. Subject, Day Schools of the W. F. M. Soc. The Society report 149 day schools in India, with 3419 pupils.

Adjourned.

August 29. No Meeting.

Sept. 26. 1884.

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Kent's Hill was held at Mrs. Abbott's.

A portion of Scripture was read by the Pres. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Abbott, followed by the Pres. - Secretary's report was read & accepted. The Treasurer's report was read & accepted.

The following officers were then chosen for the coming year. Mrs. Torsey resigned her position as Treasurer in favor of Miss H. Hamilton.

Pres.	Mrs J. B. Lapham.
Vice "	Mrs E. J. Abbott.
Rec. Sec.	Mrs J. W. Wyman.
Cor. Sec.	Mrs P. F. Strong.
Treas.	Miss Kittie Hamilton.

Managers,

Mrs Smith.

Mrs Record.

Mrs Karrison.

Mrs Lapham and Mrs Randall were chosen delegates to the Annual Meeting of the N. E. Branch of the W. F. M. Society to be held in Portland in Oct.

A letter was read from Mrs Hastings.  
Adjourned.



Secretary's Report for the year ending Sept. 26, 1884.

A Report from the Secretary is expected at each Annual Meeting, but there seems to be very little to report at this time.

We have held eight meetings during the year. In Dec., Feb., May and Aug. storms prevented our coming together.

In all our gatherings our numbers have been few. There were five present at the annual meeting, and I think that number has not been exceeded at any time during the year. Of the eight officers some have not attended even once. With twenty-five, or more, names upon our books, it does seem as though it might be practicable for a larger proportion to come together once a month, to pray for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in the earth; and it is certainly very desirable.

Yet, notwithstanding the small attendance our meetings have been interesting and encouraging. The few, who are regularly present do not lose interest in this great work.

## Members for 1884-'85:

Mrs E. J. Abbott.

" M. A. Jewett.

" J. B. Lapham. x

" C. Munger. x

" C. Blackman.

" E. J. Torsey.

" J. A. Hinds.

" C. Hamilton.

" W. F. Morse.

" H. B. Randall. x

" Reed. +

" J. W. Wyman.

" E. M. Smith.

" N. Jewett.

" E. B. French. x

Miss Emma J. Crawford. x

" Kittie Hamilton.

" Annie Hamilton.

" Julia Robinson. x

" Florence Nelson. x

" Sophie Lapham. x

" Annie Lapham. x

" Mary Smith.

Mrs M. A. Harriman

" S. F. Strong.

" Fletcher.



Oct. 31. Meeting in usual place. Nine persons present. - Reading of Scriptures and opening prayer by Mrs Abbott.

A very interesting letter written by Miss Cushman, in Dec. 1882, was read by Mrs Strong.

Missionary leaf read by the President.

Interesting conversation concerning the Annual Meeting of the N. E. Branch of the W. F. M. S. which was held in Portland the second week of the present month.

Several of our members attended.

Nov. 28.

Adjourned.

Quite a full attendance. About the usual order of exercises. - Reading of Scripture, prayer, conversation or reading of interesting missionary matter by Miss Little Hamilton.

Adjourned.

Dec. 26.

Secretary absent on account of sickness. No report of meeting.



Jan. 30. 1885. Meeting in usual place  
with the usual number present.

Reading of Scriptures, prayer, & reading  
of Missionary leaf. No letters to-day.

Adjourned.

Feb. 27.

Rather more than usual number  
present at our meeting to-day. One  
stranger, Mrs Herrick, sister to Mrs Strong.

Bible reading & prayer. Reading of Miss.  
leaf, and articles in papers in regard to  
Bishop Taylor's company who are on their  
way to Africa.

Adjourned.

March 27.

Eight persons present in our meeting  
to-day. Psalm 38. read. Opening prayer by  
Mrs Randall; others followed; Res. read Miss.  
Lesson Leaf. Mrs Strong read a letter from —

It is now expected that Miss Cushman will  
be here and speak to us in April.



Sept. 25, 1885. The Annual Meeting of the  
Woman's Missionary Society of Kent's Hill met  
at Mrs Abbott's. Scripture on Miss Leaf read  
by Mrs Abbott. Prayer by Mrs Stone. Reading  
of Miss Leaf by Mrs Abbott & Mrs Hamilton.  
The following officers were then elected.

Mrs E. J. Torsey, President.  
Mrs E. J. Abbott, Vice President.  
Mrs J. W. Wyman, Rec. Secretary.  
Mrs M. L. Mc Intire Cor. " "  
Miss Lizzie Hamilton Treasurer.

Mrs L. M. Hamilton  
Mrs L. B. Randall  
Mrs C. Stone  
Mrs M. A. Jewett. } Managers

A letter was read from "Louisa" of  
Morabach, purporting to be a girl under  
the care of our Society but we do not claim  
her. - Mrs Hamilton and Mrs M. A. Jewett  
were chosen delegates to the Annual Meeting  
of the W. F. M. S. to be held in Burlington Vt.  
in Oct. - The propriety of calling upon every

lady member of the church not now a member  
of this Society, and soliciting each one to be-  
come a member, was discussed, and it was  
decided that it would be well for the Man-  
agers and also other members to do so.  
Adjourned.

Nov. 27. Monthly Meeting in the usual place.  
Reading of the Miss Leaf and season  
of prayer. - The Secretary's report of the  
last meeting was read and accepted.  
Two very interesting letters were read.  
One from Miss Benton in Japan, and one  
from Miss Swain in India.

Adjourned.  
Jan. 27, 1886. The regular monthly meeting  
was held at Mrs Abbott's, & was  
well attended despite the stormy weather -  
there being eight members present.

The Bible-lesson and prayer were followed  
by the usual leaflet service.

Both Secretaries being absent the Treasurer's  
report was the only one to come before the  
Society - its smallness of \$2.00 was enlarged  
by a request for more.

Mrs Abbott and the Misses Hamilton read



condensed papers on Japan, China and Korea. - The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the discussion of the advisability of having special Missionary services the first Sabbath evening of each month.

The usual collection amounting to \$2.95 completed the sum necessary for the maps.

Adjournment.

Kittie Hamilton.

Secy. pro. tem.

April 30, 1886

Four members were present at the regular monthly meeting at Mrs Abbotts.

The meeting was opened in the usual way by Bible-reading and prayer. The Lesson Leaf was read, Subject, Bulgaria. The questions in Beathan Woman's Friend on same topic were taken <sup>up</sup>, and the readings in answer accompanied by the use of the maps were very interesting. - The few present felt that the hour was pleasantly and profitably spent.

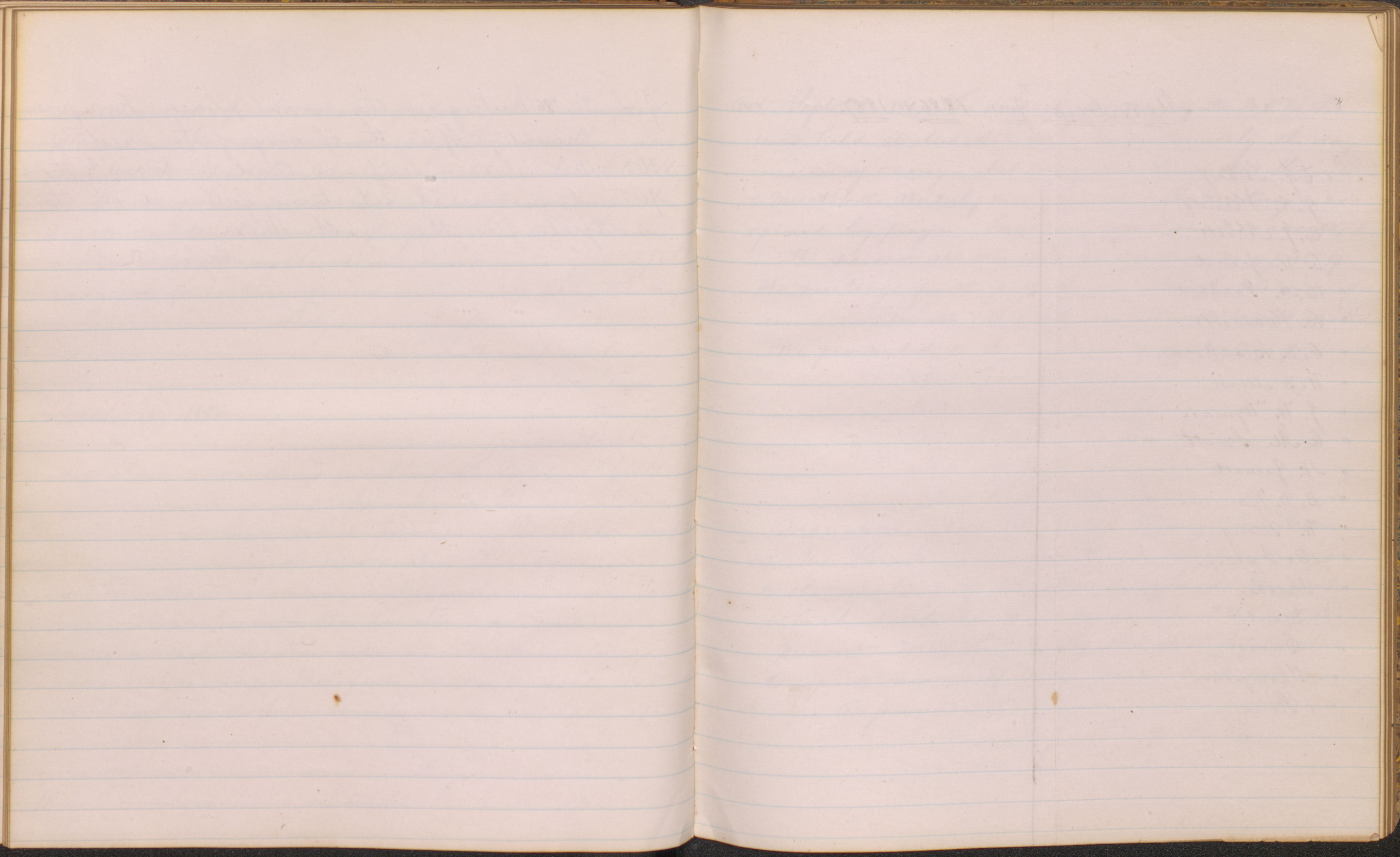
Adjourned.

May 28. Secretary absent - No report of meeting.

July 30, '86 Meeting in the usual place - Four persons present. - After the opening of the meeting the Miss. Lesson Leaf was read in turn by those present, & several selections followed on the subject for the month, Mexico.

Adjourned.







Members for 1886 & 1887.

Mrs E. J. Torsey  
 " J. A. Hinds  
 " E. J. Abbott  
 " G. W. Jewett  
 " H. A. Packard  
 " C. Hamilton  
 " C. W. Blackman  
 " W. F. Morse  
 " J. W. Wyman  
 " E. M. Smith  
 " N. Jewett  
 " B. W. Hariman  
 " W. Strong  
 " Mc Intire  
 " Fletcher  
 " Deuel  
 " Davis  
 " Thompson  
 " Stone

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 Oct Sept. 28, 1886. The annual meeting of the N. E. M. Soc.  
 was held at Mrs Abbott's. Unfortunately the day  
 was very rainy. Mrs Torsey, Mrs Hinds, Mrs Hamilton  
 & Mrs Abbott the only ones present. The meeting was  
 opened by prayer. Treasurer's report read & accepted.

The Sec. not able to be with us, we had no report of  
 the meetings for the past year. Though our number  
 remains small. I trust our interest is not abated.

We proceeded to the election of officers as follows

Mrs Torsey Pres.

Mrs Wyman V. Pres.

Mrs Abbott Rec Sec

Mrs Mc Intire Cor. Sec

Mrs Hamilton Treasr.

Managers, Mrs Stone, Mrs Strong, Mrs Hariman  
 & Mrs Hinds. Mrs Hinds elected delegate

to the meeting of the New England Branch  
 which meets in Lowell on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> of the  
 present month. The Rec Sec instructed  
 to report names of those present at our meetings.  
 Adjourned.

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec.



Oct 29 1886. A joint meeting of the Foreign & Home missionary societies at the usual place. The meeting was opened by reading the selection of scripture from the "lesson leaf," Mrs Strong leading in prayer followed by all present.

Sec. & Treas. reports. After which Mrs Stone entertained us, reading the "lesson leaf" & a very interesting account of Singapore by Mrs Aldham. The meeting being in the interests of the two Societies, that is called to decide the question of meeting alternately - which was decided affirmatively, we proceeded with our sewing.

The afternoon very rainy, only five presents Mrs Stone, Mrs Loney, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Strong & Mrs Abbott all we could reasonably expect.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Nov 26. If discouragement was a friendly word - we should sometimes feel obliged to use it - but in this case let it be regret that circumstances are such that on a bright day only three of us presents at our monthly meeting - Mrs Loney Mrs Hinds & Mrs Abbott we made ourselves useful by binding a quilt. Had no formal meeting.

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Jan 28. 1887. Agreeably to the vote in October for alternate meetings with the "Home Missionary Soc," our bi-monthly was held at the accustomed place. The storm did not forget us, nor did it prevent the assembling of five members, viz Mrs Loney, Mrs Hinds, Mrs de Intine, Mrs Strong, & Mrs Abbott.

After the scripture reading of the "lesson leaf" Mrs de Intine led in prayer followed by others. Our lesson on "Objects of Worship" Mrs Strong read us interesting letters from Mrs Van Petten, & Miss Russell of Japan.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

March 25 1887 Thankful for a bright sunny afternoon five members assembled, viz Mrs Stone, Mrs de Intine, Mrs Loney, Mrs Hinds, & Mrs Abbott. After the opening exercises Mrs Loney read from Dr Butler's book "From Boston to Bareilly," thoughts upon the future of India, followed by a little talk upon the organization of the W. H. M. Society.

Brahmanism the "uniform study" for the month - then we had interesting letters from Miss Dr Christianity of India, & Miss Hewitt of Mexico. Finding ourselves embarrassed by our late vote of bi-monthly meetings, we decided to return to the usual monthly meeting.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.



April 29 1887 - Rain - no meeting.

May 27 1887 Clouds & rain met with us this afternoon.  
Only four present. Mrs Stone Mrs Torsey Mrs Hines  
& Mrs Abbott. Mrs Stone led in prayer. Shintoism  
the subject of the "lesson leaf" of which there is little to  
be said. Mrs Robinson sent us a very interesting  
letter from Mrs Secanton of Corea, a born letter  
writer as well as active missionary. Adjourned  
Ed Abbott Rec Sec

June 24 1887 Sunshine was given to us for a few  
hours this afternoon, but we were but just  
commencing our meeting when it poured  
again. We were fortunate in having Mrs  
Clark with us, the wife of our R. Sec. making  
the fourth in number. Mrs C. led in prayer  
"Mohammedanism" the subject of the lesson  
leaf was a very interesting one.

Adjourned  
Ed Abbott Rec Sec

The Sec. absent at the time of the July meeting. Mrs Torsey  
& Mrs Hines report themselves as going through with certain  
forms - as did Mrs Stone & Mrs Abbott on the afternoon  
of our August meeting. Mrs Smith came in late - no formal  
meeting.

Sept. 30. 1887.

16th

The ~~seventeenth~~ annual meeting of the  
Tr. H. M. Society was held in the accustomed place this  
afternoon - six members present, viz Mrs Torsey, Mrs Stone, Mrs  
Smith, Mrs Hines, Mrs Wyman, & Mrs Abbott. I regret to say  
our Treas. & Sec. had no reports to present. It would be something  
like "making bricks without straw" - still we live, & we hope on, & expect  
better things the coming year. By utilizing absent members  
we proceeded to elect the following officers

Mrs Torsey Pres.  
Mrs Wyman V. Pres.  
Mrs Abbott Rec Sec.  
Mrs Smith Cor. Sec.  
Mrs Strong Treasurers.

Managers,

Mrs Hines, Mrs Packard, Mrs Hairman

Adjourned

Ed. Abbott, Rec Sec



Oct 28. 1887. A somewhat informal meeting owing to the absence of our President & Vice Pres. with various interruptions - Mrs Smith made a flying call, while Mrs Himes, Mrs Strong & Mrs Abbott proceeded to business offering prayers & reading "Lesson Leaf" - Confucianism the subject for the month.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Nov 25. 1887.

A day of snow & sleet. & yet we had our usual number present, viz Mrs Torsey, Mrs Smith, Mrs Strong, Mrs Himes, & Mrs Abbott. Reading of scripture followed by prayers. The Sec. report of last meeting. The "Lesson Leaf" on "Ancestral Worship" which Mrs Baldwin tells us "is the moral & one universal religion of China, and by far the most difficult to overcome with Christianity."

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Dec 30. 1887 The monthly meeting of the W. F. M. Soc met with Mrs Abbott this afternoon (the coldest of the season) present Mrs Torsey, Mrs Himes, Mrs Stone, Mrs Strong, & Mrs Abbott.

The usual opening exercises. "Pavism" the uniform study for Dec. which proved more interesting than it promised at first.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Feb 24. 1888. Our monthly meeting held at the usual place on this bright beautiful afternoon. - "Scripture Reading" followed by prayers - Sec. report - reading of "Lesson Leaf" facts & figures" the subject. We were then entertained with interesting letters from Miss Rudofson of Yokohama & Miss Field of Pachuca. Present, Mrs Torsey, Mrs Himes, Mrs Nyman, Mrs Strong, Miss Davis, Miss Marston, & Mrs Abbott.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

March 30 1888. The usual monthly meeting of the Soc.

After the opening exercises in which Mrs Stone led in prayer (it being the last time she will be with us as our pastor's wife) an interesting study "of the origin & history of the W. F. M. Soc" was entered into which led to several interesting articles & pleasant reminiscences with much to encourage us in our work. Present - Mrs Stone Mrs Torsey



Mrs Heines Mrs Tryman Mrs Strong & Mrs Abbott.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Apr. 27. '88

A bright Spring day lent cheer to our meeting this afternoon. Opening exercises as usual. Study for April "Present work of the W. F. M. Soc. followed by a very interesting letter from Mrs Scranton of Corea. The number present included Mrs Cobb, Mrs Mc Lucas, Mrs Smith, Mrs Torsey, Mrs Heines, Mrs Strong, Mrs Tryman, & Mrs Abbott.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec

May 23. 1888.

Our monthly meeting met as usual.

Opening prayer by Mrs Smith. The uniform lesson was Auxiliaries & how to make them effective &c, with letters from India, Japan, & Mexico. We had a most encouraging number presents 13, in all. Three from the parsonage which we consider permanent for the present. Miss Wilson from Bucksport, <sup>unexpectedly here</sup> & Mrs Hamilton with us once more for a while.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec

June 29. 1888.

A pleasant meeting of our Society this afternoon. Eight present. We repeated Scripture, prayed, read our "Lesson Leaf" with some additional reading upon Africa & all as informal as the second of the Sec.

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

July 27

In absence of Mrs Abbott the monthly meeting met with Mrs Torsey. Altho pleasant, in consequence of sickness of some, and absence of others but few present. Mrs Tryman, Miss Davis, & Miss Belle Allen, with Mrs Heines & Mrs Torsey made up the meeting. Look up the "Lesson Leaf" "The Islands of the Pacific". An interesting letter read from Mrs Scranton from Japan where she is resting for a few weeks.

E. J. Torsey Rec Sec pro tem



Sept. 12 1888. A lovely day for our postponed meeting which brought together a goodly number Mrs Lusey, Hinds, Smith, Allen, Cobb, Strong, Wyman, Brown, Miss Hattie Jewett & Mrs Abbott. for which we are very thankful. Our opening exercises as usual. The "Lesson Leaf on Italy" brought many interesting facts before us.

Our monthly for Aug. gave place to Miss Mitchell of Atlanta which accounts for the meeting to-day

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec.

Sept 28<sup>th</sup>

Our annual meeting was represented by ten members. After the opening exercises reports were called for - read & accepted. Then the election of officers followed, which resulted in re-election excepting managers.

Mrs Lusey Pres

Mrs Wyman V. Pres.

Mrs Abbott Rec. Sec.

Mrs Smith Cor Sec

Mrs Strong Treas.

Managers Mrs Hinds, Miss Belle Allen & Mrs Ludden.  
Mrs Smith elected delegate to the meeting of the New England Branch. Miss Allen reserve del.

17<sup>th</sup>

Sec. Report for 1887 & 1888.

We come to the close of another year with feelings of gratitude for the prosperity that has attended our efforts as a society; and also thankful for the blessings that have followed us as families & individuals.

Our number has not been decreased by sickness or death. Some have gone out from us but their places have been filled by others. We regret that we cannot report a larger number of members but when we recollect that we are one of four missionary societies in a place of no more inhabitants than this, we should rather be thankful. We are glad to report our monthly meetings <sup>as</sup> interesting, with an average attendance of seven.

The year opens with an increasing interest in our work & a strong determination to make the coming months more fruitful in good works & we rejoice that this spirit manifests itself throughout our societies, & as we look over the wide world & see what is being accomplished by the cheerful workers, the sacrifices made, the difficulties overcome, we are encouraged to join hands & hearts with the heroic ones who have left home & native land to carry the gospel to the dark places of the earth.

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec.



Members for 1888 & 1889

Mrs E. J. Torrey	Miss Abbie Morse
" J. A. Heinds	" Belle Allen
" E. J. Abbott	" Sara Mayson
" G. W. Jewett died 6. 1889	Miss Stone
" H. A. Packard	" Woodman
" C. W. Hamilton	" Winslow deceased
" C. W. Blackman	" Cobb
" W. H. Morse	" A. Donnell
" J. W. Wyman	Miss P. B. Robinson
" E. M. Smith	" Emma Robinson
" A. Jewett	
" B. W. Harriman	
" W. Strong	
" Mc Intire	
" Fletcher	
" Knowlton	
" Davis	
" Deuel	
" Thompson	
" Allen	
" Brown	

Oct. 26. 1888. Our first meeting for the new year numbered eight, viz Mrs Torrey, Heines, Cobb, Packard, Wyman, Brown, Allen, & Abbott. Opening exercises reading & prayers. Turkey & Perica the subject of the "Lesson Leaf" followed by selections from "Gospel in all Lands" while the listeners fingers were busy with patch-work.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Nov 30. 1888. Our meeting following so soon after Thanksgiving may be a very good reason why our number was less than usual - Only five present, Mrs Torrey, Mrs Heines, Mrs Allen, Miss Allen, & Mrs Abbott. South America our study, interspersed with bits of North American incidents.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.



Friday Dec 28 '88.

A pleasant afternoon for our monthly meeting. Opening exercises as usual. Reading lesson leaf which took up Syria followed with selections from "Gospel in all Lands" filled up the hour. Ten members present. Our President, Mrs Torsey will not probably be with us again for months as she & Dr Torsey leave in a few days for California - a great loss to us.

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Friday Jan 25 - '89

Another delightful day for our monthly meeting. Scripture reading & prayers followed by the "lesson leaf" upon "The World", & selections from various sources, together with the questions in "Heathen Woman's Friend" answered by a verse or verses from the Bible filled up the time until Mrs Smith came in with an annual report & leaflets. Eight members present. It being a vote of the society that the names be reported, I comply Mrs Wyman, Cobb, Brown, Russell, Smith, Hinds, <sup>Miss</sup> Jewett & <sup>Miss</sup> Abbott

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Friday Feb 22 '89

A pleasant winter's day for our monthly meeting - Opening exercises as usual, reading of scriptural lesson, singing, & prayers by Mrs Allen & Miss Jewett. We found it pleasant & profitable to read & talk of the organization of the Parent Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with short sketches of a few of our earliest missionaries. Present Mrs Wyman, Mrs Cobb, Mrs Allen, Miss Jewett, Mrs Smith & Mrs Abbott

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec

Friday Mar 29. 1889.

Seven present at our meeting on this lovely afternoon, viz Mrs Allen, Mrs Russell, Mrs Cobb, Mrs Pierce, Mrs Wyman, Mrs Hinds & Mrs Abbott.

Mrs Pierce led in prayer after the reading of the Scripture lessons. The lesson leaf on The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was particularly interesting, as well as an article from the August number of Heathen Woman's Friend of 1882, giving a minute account of the formation of the Society twenty years ago, which we celebrate to-day with thankful hearts. Also a chapter from "The Crisis of Missions" on "Woman's work."

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec.



Thursday April 25. "Fast day."

Opening exercises as usual.  
Mrs Robinson leading in prayer followed by leaflet  
on "The work of Woman's Societies in foreign lands"

We were then highly entertained by Mrs Robinson  
who read us ~~her~~ notes taken during the meeting of the  
Executive Board in Cincinnati last fall where she was  
a delegate. It gave us great pleasure to have one of  
our former members with us once more.

Present Mrs Wyman, Mrs Heines, Miss Jewett, Mrs  
Cobb, Miss Belle Allen, Miss Maud Wyman, & Mrs  
Abbott.

Friday May 31. It was specially interesting  
& encouraging to have a goodly number present  
this afternoon in the midst of so many duties  
& quite a surprise to be entertained with two very  
interesting letters one from Mrs Parker of India  
& the other from Mexico.

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec

Friday June 28

Mrs Wyman & Mrs Heines  
came in but a threatening <sup>shower</sup> soon dispersed this small  
number & we had no meeting.

Friday July 26. "89.

A very good number present to  
welcome our President, Mrs Torrey after an absence of  
six months.

After the scripture lesson, Mrs Torrey offered  
a prayer of praise & thanksgiving; she then gave us an  
interesting talk upon the Chinese in San Francisco

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec.

Friday Aug 30<sup>th</sup>. A most lovely afternoon for our  
monthly meeting. After scripture reading & prayer  
we read our "lesson leaf" on "Stimulating & Evangelistic  
work" with selections from "Heathen's woman's friend"  
also interesting letters from a California paper.

Present Mrs Wyman, Mrs Torrey, Mrs Heines,  
Mrs Hamilton, Miss Allen & Mrs Abbott

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec



Friday Sept 27, 1889

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held with Mrs E. J. Abbott. After the opening exercises the reports of the Secretary & Treasurer were read & accepted when we proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the reelection of the old board viz

Mrs Torrey Pres.

Mrs Tryman V. Pres.

Mrs Abbott Rec Sec.

Mrs Smith Cor. Sec

Mrs Strong Treasr.

Our lesson leaf was on "the feast of ingathering or mite box service". Eight members present viz Mrs Torrey, Mrs Heins, Mrs Cobb, Mrs Strong Mrs Brown Miss Allen Miss Mason & Mrs Abbott.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec, Sec

We present the 18th annual report of our Society. The year has been one of somewhat marked events with us. The absence of our President for six months was a great loss to us; yet the meetings were held as usual with one exception. We have averaged seven members present & a goodly interest manifested by these few.

Sickness & death have entered the homes of three of our members, and one has died, Mrs G. W. Jewett. But with all our sorrows we remember that God does not willingly afflict, & we acknowledge with gratitude the many blessings by which we are surrounded.

We especially recognize the leading hand of a kind Providence in the rapid ~~progress~~ spread of the gospel throughout the wide world, and the wonderful success attending the labors of our missionaries, with the varied openings for accomplishing the work that God has appointed to his children, & we pray that the day may hasten when all barriers shall be removed & the whole Christian world unite heartily where now comparatively few are laboring in this direction.

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec

Oct 1889,



Friday Oct 25-1889.

In coming together this afternoon and commencing upon the work of a new year we are encouraged by the thought that no abatement of interest lessens our number, as several are necessarily absent.

The meeting was opened by "scriptural lesson" & prayer by Mrs Cobb. "Bulgaria" was the subject of our "lesson leaf" & we found an abundance of interesting matter to fill up the hour.

Present Mrs Torrey, Mrs Cobb, Mrs Strong, Mrs Allen & friend (Mrs Fessenden) Mrs Brown Miss Belle Allen & Mrs Abbott.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Friday Nov 29. 1889

A few of us met this afternoon viz Mrs Torrey Mrs Smith Mrs Allen Miss Jewett & Mrs Abbott to read & talk about Mexico - we miss our Treas. Mrs Strong who is away for the winter - Miss Belle Allen was unanimously chosen to fill her place. We had a very interesting letter from Miss Oct Sheldon of Moradabad breathing a true missionary spirit.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Friday Dec 27. 1889

Our meeting opened by scripture reading, & prayer by Mrs Hyman (acting Pres) followed by Mrs Robinson whose presence we gladly welcomed. Lesson leaf upon South America with a sketch of Dr Trilliams in "Gospel in all lands" an early missionary to Patagonia in company with Capt Gardiner in 1850 - whose labors ended before missionary work was commenced - Only five present Mrs Robinson, Mrs Hyman, Mrs Brown, Miss Allen & Mrs Abbott.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott, Rec. Sec.

Friday Jan 31-1890

Our meeting this afternoon was unusually interesting though but few present Mrs Torrey, Mrs Hyman, Miss Jewett & Mrs Abbott's but we were well supplied with reading matter & a native to call out remarks occasionally this included the Report of the New England Branch & also a letter from Mrs Lum Tison as well as our "leaflet" upon or "missionary lesson leaf" upon "The field is the world." adjourned.

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.



Friday Afternoon Feb 28, 1890.

It is very pleasant to be able to record a well attended meeting of our Society this afternoon in consideration of a rain storm, absence on account of sickness, & death, with visiting &c. The subject of our "lesson leaf" was "Northern India" which carried us back some twenty years or more to the early history of the W.F.M. Soc. We also had letters from Mrs Stanton of Berea & Miss Cushman of Lebanon. Mrs Pierce gave us the reading of an interesting letter from Mrs Pierce of Turkey whose husband is a missionary of the "American Board". Present, Mrs Torrey Mrs Hinds Mrs Stone, Mrs Cobb Miss Allen & Mrs Abbott.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Friday Afternoon March 28, 1890 no meeting on account of storm.

Friday afternoon April 18, this being "Thanksgiving" day for Lockport College, we decided to hold our monthly meeting in connection with it which proved quite a success some nine or ten present. Owing to the recent sickness of our attending Sec we met with Mrs Torrey. Interesting reading on India - an account of Mrs Lam Horn's conversion &c. &c. & so soon news reached us of the sudden & sad death.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Friday Afternoon May 30 1890. The meeting opened by reading & prayer by Mrs Torrey - The "lesson leaf" after, "now are we to bring the Roman Foreign Missionary Society to its highest state of efficiency" The many ways pointed out were inspiring & helpful & as we talked & read our enthusiasm was kindled & we hoped to be more earnestly engaged in this good work. Should we look around us, & seek for the one leading hindrance to the attendance upon our meetings. Should we not find it dress-making. This present this afternoon Mrs Torrey Mrs Hinds Mrs Stone, Mrs Cobb Miss Allen & Mrs Abbott. I have neglected to state that we had an interesting letter from Miss Bowen of Colonia Paraguay.

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Friday afternoon June 27 1890.

Our monthly meeting at the usual place. Scripture reading followed by prayer by Mrs Torrey. The lesson leaf was of unusual interest, telling us of missionary work in colleges & seminaries, which naturally brought out the wonderful work of Miss Lyon of Mt Holyoke. We also had three missionary letters, one from Miss Hartford of Hockhwa - Miss Hale also from China & Mrs Alder - man who is anxious we should guard the interests of our foreign work.

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.



7 1890  
Friday July 25. 1889 - no meeting

7 1890  
Friday Aug 29. 1889

The day was beautiful - Our usual routine in commencing our meeting. Prayed by Mrs Cobb & Mrs Torrey. Italy the subject of the lesson leaf which brought interesting facts before us & awakened new interest in the Country & people especially in the advancement of religious truth & the increasing love of the Bible, & the interest among the children through the efforts of Miss Hall who is laboring faithfully as our only missionary of the W. H. M. Soc. - Present, Mrs Torrey, Mrs Hines, Miss Robinson, Miss Peckard, Miss Brud, Mrs Wymen, Mrs Cobb, Mrs Smith, Miss Wilcox, Miss Allen & Mrs Abbott - very pleasant to see new faces - This being the day for electing a delegate to the New England Branch, Mrs Abbott with Miss Allen as reserve were elected - Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec

1890  
Monday Sept 22.

A missionary meeting on any other afternoon than Friday is quite out of the natural course of things, but for particular reasons our annual meeting was held this afternoon & with very encouraging results. 15 presents, probably two new members Mrs Tolson & Mrs Puffer - after the opening exercises & reading of reports - the nomination of officers was in order

Mrs Torrey was reelected President  
Mrs Smith Vice President

Mrs Abbott reelected Recording Sec  
(5) Mrs Strong " Treasurer  
(4) Mrs Hariman Corresponding Sec with  
Mrs Wymen Mrs Stone & Mrs Hines

Managers.

The lesson leaf & uniform readings upon the "mite box" which was suggested by the reading of "Mrs Peckett's Mite Box", & various selections of scripture upon the duty of giving were made impressive.

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec.



Oct 31. 1890

We admit a feeling of disappointment in commencing upon the new year with only five members present. But we have learned no better way than to wait & hope. We are very glad to have Mrs Harriman with us.

"The Lesson Leaf" upon Middle Japan, & how cheering the reports that reach us.

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec.

~~Nov~~ Friday Nov 28 1890

Our meeting this afternoon was opened with reading & prayer with very few present. The number gradually increased until four o'clock when we reached the usual half dozen which in a measure banished the feelings of discouragement which so naturally dampened our ardor during the opening exercises. North Japan Japan was the subject of our lesson leaf. Everything connected with this interesting country is of special interest at this time.

We can but feel if we as Christians are faithful in the performance of duty it will soon be reckoned upon the Christian nations of the earth.

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

Friday Dec 26. 1890

There were very good reasons why our number was small this afternoon. Our President at Augusta - Sister Allen still confined at her home by reason of Bessie's sickness, a snow storm which rendered imprudent for the invalids. Still Mrs Heines Mrs Smith Mrs Strong Mrs Wyman & Mrs Abbott present - Mrs Smith acting as President & after reading the scripture lesson called upon Mrs Wyman to offer prayer in which she united. Darkness so soon overtook us - we did little save read the Lesson Leaf on Southern Japan & exchange views upon the method of raising the deficit in the New England Branch which has been reduced to forty one cents per member - The membership being over \$11.500.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec.

Tuesday Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1891 Favored us with pleasant weather for our monthly meeting. The usual number of faithful ones present, (with few exceptions) viz Mrs Loring, Heines, Smith, Wyman, Harriman, Cobb, Allen & Abbott. The scripture lesson & prayer was followed by the reading of the "Lesson Leaf" which has been a favorite help to us but which we decide to exchange for the "Uniform reading" provided by the H. W. Friend. The present number a review of the year - We also had an interesting letter from China written by Dr Terry. E. J. Abbott Rec Sec



1891

Friday Feb 28. 1891 Our meeting was of unusual interest this afternoon. Commencing at the appointed hour there were but four of us present, viz Mrs Torrey Mrs Himes Miss Belle Allen & Mrs Abbott which was no surprise as a light snow was blowing & drifting badly so we were the more cheered by the addition of others, Mrs Smith Mrs Strong & Mrs Wyman.

After the opening exercises & reading of "Lesson leaf" which we find ourselves reluctant in giving up we turned our attention to the "uniform lesson" "Obligations growing out of new openings"; then the reading of an "open letter to Methodist Women" from our Corresponding Secretaries together with the "Dream" taken from the "Watchman" sent by Mrs Andrews all of which were particularly calculated to awaken personal responsibility. At that we could see ourselves in the light of these truths so faithfully presented.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec Sec

1891

Friday Mar 27.

Our meeting was directed by Mrs Smith our vice-president in the absence of Mrs Torrey. The opening prayer by Mrs Robinson who cheered us by her presence & interested us by the repeating the history of Miss Doct Sheldon which we begged to hear before the reading of a very interesting letter from her to Mrs Alderman written from her new home in the Mattheu training school - a most devoted missionary.

The uniform study was "The relation of prayer to missions."

Present Mrs Smith, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Cobb, Mrs Himes, Mrs Wyman, Mrs Brown, Miss Belle Allen, Mrs Hariman, & Mrs Abbott.

April. No meeting



May. Friday 29

A meeting of unusual interest,  
After the opening exercises of scripture reading & prayer we take up  
the "uniform reading study" on "Pentecostal services" which was  
impressive & well calculated to suggest personal questions &  
examination into our own hearts. How true were we as  
professing Christians living in the enjoyment of all that God so  
richly provides we should see far greater results.

Mrs Hairman read a very interesting letter from Dr Terry of  
& Mrs Kines one from Japan relating the discouraging  
circumstances by which they were surrounded & still to full  
of hope as to the future. Present, Mrs Holt the wife of our new  
pastor, Mrs Stone, Mrs Torrey, Mrs Kines, Mrs Strong, Mrs Hairman,  
Mrs Smith, & Mrs Abbott

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.

June Friday 26

Friday Afternoon July 31.

The meeting opened by responsive  
reading & prayer by Mrs Lapham who we welcome  
among us once more after an absence of six years  
in the new relation of residing elders wife. The "Lesson  
leaf" was read in connection with the "uniform reading"  
upon incidents connected with our foreign work & with  
the frequent references to our "Heathen woman's friend" made  
an unusual amount of interesting reading. Mrs Smith  
presided in the absence of Mrs Torrey. There were present also  
also Mrs Cobb, Mrs Lapham, Miss Sophie L. Mrs  
Holt, Mrs Strong & her friend Mrs Snow & Mrs Abbott.

Adjourned

Mrs E. J. Abbott Rec. Sec.



Friday Aug 28 1891

Friday Sept. 25 The day of our annual meeting. Before the opening exercises the few of us present yielded perhaps to feelings of discouragement, decided that we had pursued a course that was misleading & embarrassing by making so many members who apparently are not interested and are simply dead weights. But the year has been an exceptional one as a large deficit has been hanging over us & there seemed no better way of wiping out the debt than to assess the auxiliaries governed by the number of members in each. With us it has been particularly

1891.

hard as more than half our members are never with us. But the matter has been successfully met by the aid of ice cream & cake & we commence the new year with a degree of encouragement.

This afternoon Mrs Torsey read the scripture lesson & called upon Sister Lapham to pray. The reports were called for - I am sorry to say the recording Secretary was obliged to report herself unprepared - Mrs Lapham read the Treasurer's report in her absence which represented us in a flourishing condition. Corresponding Sec. absent. "Mite box service" or "the blessedness of giving" was the lesson for the day which was enforced by scripture & interesting selections of reading - Present Mrs Torsey Mrs Lapham Mrs Stone, Mrs Wymore Mrs Holt & Mrs Abbott a small number for so delightful a day.

The election of officers resulted in

Mrs Torsey Pres.

Mrs Smith V. Pres.

Mrs Abbott rec Sec

Mrs Hairman Cor. Sec.

Managers, Mrs Wymore Mrs Stone Mrs Cobb.

Adjourned

E. J. Abbott, Rec Sec



Friday Oct 30 1891.

The return of our monthly meeting found six of us present viz Mrs Smith who presided in Mrs Torsey's absence Mrs Hines Mrs Stone Mrs Lapham, Miss Sophie & Mrs Abbott.

We are finding it very pleasant in these days to have sister Lapham ever ready to open our meetings by Scripture reading & prayer; and it might not be amiss to ask if others are willing to follow or in other words do we pray as much as we ought? "Educational work in North China" was the subject of our lesson leaf which gave us very interesting reading matter.

Adjourned

Ed. Abbott Rec Sec

Friday Nov 27. 91.

The meeting was opened by reading of Scripture & prayer by Mrs Lapham. There being but four present viz Mrs Lapham Mrs Hines Miss Sophie & Mrs Abbott. Mrs Torsey & Mrs Smith being absent it became the duty of the Recording Secretary to direct the meeting. Medical work in Central China the subject for the afternoon. It is very interesting to trace the connection between the healing of the body & spirit and what a blessing our medical missionaries are proving among these ignorant & superstitious ones.

Adjourned  
Ed. Abbott Rec Sec

Friday June 27. '92

Met at Mrs. Harrisons June 27. Meeting opened with Scripture by the President and prayer by Mrs. Lapham.

Subject of lesson "Our Missions in Peking".

Present Mrs. Torsey, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. and Miss Lapham, Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Stone.

Adjourned

Edie M. Stone Rec Sec.

Friday, July 29, 1892

Met at Mrs. Harrisons July 29. Opening exercises conducted by Mrs. Stone.

Subject of lesson "Our Medical Work in Korea". A letter was also read from Mrs. Seranton of Seoul.

There were present Mrs. Torsey, Mrs. Hines, Miss Lapham, Mrs. Stone and the Misses Murray and Brown as visitors.

Edie M. Stone Rec Sec.



Friday Aug. 26. 1892

Met at Mrs. Harrimans. Scripture reading by Mrs. Wyman followed by a season of prayer.

A report of last meeting was read and then the lesson was taken up. Subject of meeting Our Work Among the Eurasians.

An interesting letter was read from Mrs. Kimble of China.

A circular was also presented asking for thank offerings to defray the expenses of a mission day.

Present Mrs. Tersey, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Wyman, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Harriman and Mrs. Stone

Adjourned

Helie M. Stone Secy

Annual meeting Sept. 1892

Devotional ex. conducted by Mrs. Lapham.

Treasurer's report presented also that of Sec.

Proceeded to election of officers. As Mrs. Tersey positively declined a reelection Mrs. E. M. Smith was elected President

Vice president, Mrs. Lapham

Treasurer, Miss Lapham

Rec. Sec. Mrs. Stone

Cor. Sec. Mrs. Harriman

Managers Mrs. Wyman, Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Hines.

Discussed forming a young peoples society.

Adjourned

Helie M. Stone Secy



Friday Oct. 28 1892

Met at Mrs. Harrisons  
Devotional ex. conducted by Mrs.  
Smith and Mrs. Stone

Read the lesson.

Released Mrs. Lapham, at  
her request, from the duties of  
Vice President, and elected Mrs.  
Jersey in her place.

Mrs. Holt gave an  
interesting report of the socis.  
meeting at Portland

Spoke to devise ways to  
increase the society

Adjourned  
Helic M. Stone Pres. Sec.

Friday Nov. 25. 1892

Met at Mrs. Harrisons  
Devotional exercises conducted  
by Mrs. Myman.

Lesson on Perth Andie

Present Mrs. Smith, Mrs.  
Jersey, Mrs. Skins, Mrs. Lapham  
Mrs. Myman, Mrs. Harriman and  
Miss Lapham. Adjourned

Friday Dec. 8. '92

Devotional exercises conducted by  
Mrs. Petersen

There were only four present  
Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Myman, Mrs. Petersen  
Mrs. Taylor and Mae.

Adjourned  
Helic M. Stone Pres. Sec.

Friday Jan 27. 1893

Meeting opened by Miss Hattie  
Jewett.

Review of year was the subject  
of singing.

Reports of various missions  
were assigned to different persons.  
Present Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Myman, Mrs.  
Lapham, Miss Jewett, Mrs. Harriman  
and Mrs. Stone.

Adjourned  
Helic M. Stone Sec.



March 31, 1898

A good number met at Mrs. Harriman's on Friday, Mar. 31

The interest in the meeting can be accounted for by two reasons. There had been a long interval since any meeting had been held as a blocking storm prevented any meeting in Feb. Then too the subject assigned was of unusual interest "The Character of the Converts from Heathenism".

The meeting was opened by scripture reading by Mrs. Smith and prayers by Mrs. Torsey & Stone.

The Treasurer presented a very encouraging report

Ten were present whose names are as follows, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Torsey, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Lapham, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Maynard, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Harriman, Miss Lapham & Mrs. Stone

Adjourned.  
Eli M. Stone Secy.

Apr. 28, 1898

Meeting opened with scripture reading by the President and devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Smith.

The time of meeting was made a half hour later.

Subject of lesson Easter. Interesting articles were read from Bishop Mallie and Isobel Hart. A new interest was imparted to Miss Hart's article from the fact that she is now enjoying more than the Easter glories with her risen Lord.

We were glad to greet one new one in the person of Mrs. Mitchell. Present Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Torsey, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Maynard, Mrs. Harriman & Mrs. Stone

Adjourned  
Eli M. Stone Secy.



May 26. 1893

Meeting opened with reading of scriptures by Mrs. Hines and prayers by Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Torrey.

Mrs. Smith being absent the Vice President, Mrs. Torrey presided.

Subject of lesson the Congo. The advisability of uniting the meetings of the Home and Foreign Miss. Societies was discussed at some length but no decision arrived at. Present Mrs. Torrey, Hines, Holt Stone and Miss Lapham.

Adjourned  
Belia W. Stone Secy.

June 30. '93

Meeting opened with Scripture reading by the President and prayers were offered by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Stone.

The report was read and the union of the Home & Foreign societies was discussed.

Thank offering leaflets were read

and thank offering subscriptions were taken, the Cayey offerings being for the native helpers.  
Adjourned  
B. W. Stone, Secy.

July 28 '93

For the absence of Mrs. Harrison the meeting was held at Mrs. Torrey's.

Devotional exercises conducted by Miss Lapham.

The amount raised for the thank offering was reported as ten dollars and fifty cts (\$10.50).

Subject of lesson Peru. Interesting letters from Bishop Newman and Dr. Wood on the subject of lesson, were read.

Present Mrs. Torrey, Mrs. Hines Miss Lapham & Mrs. Stone.

Adjourned  
B. W. Stone, Secy.



Aug 25. '98

Meeting opened, as usual, with  
devotional exercises.

The report was read, of  
the last meeting, and the Aug. lesson  
on the New Hebrides was taken up.

It was decided to unite the  
meetings of the Home & Foreign Mis.  
Societies for the next year, each  
Society having its officers.

Present Mrs. Jersey, Mrs. Honie,  
Mrs. Lopham, Miss Davis, Mrs.  
Barnard and Mrs. Stone.

Adjourned  
Alice M. Stone Secy.



1893. Friday Sept 29. Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the W. F. M. S. was appointed at Mrs. Torrey's but the day being stormy there was not a sufficient number present to elect officers and the meeting was adjourned one week.

Friday Oct 6 - The Society met at Mrs. Harriman's -

Present Mrs. Torrey - Mrs. Kinds - Mrs. Stone - Mrs. Ludden - Mrs. Harriman - Mrs. Holt - Miss Davis - Mrs. Mitchell - Mrs. Lapham - Sophie Lapham.

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Ludden - Reports of Secretary and Treasurer read and accepted.

Followed by election of officers.

Lesson for the month taken up. "Systematic benevolence" an interesting topic and practical as well if as individuals we choose to make it so.

Mrs. Lapham read a tract by Rev. A. J. Gordon on the subject. The matter of uniting the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies was again

discussed. For the present it was thought best to leave the organization of each as it is and alternate the meetings, holding the W. F. M. S. on the last Friday of every other month.

The following officers were elected for the coming year -

Pres.	Mrs. C. Stone
Vice Pres.	Mrs. Torrey
Cor. Sec.	Mrs. Harriman
Rec. Sec.	Mrs. Lapham
Treas.	Sophie Lapham

Adj.  
M. G. Lapham  
Rec. Sec.



1893.

Friday Nov. 27.

The regular meeting of The W. F. M. S. was held at Mrs. Harriman's.

Present Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Hinds, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Harriman, Mrs. Lapham, Lophie Lapham.

The president - not being present Mrs. Tracy led the meeting. Reading & pray by Mrs. Lapham. The lesson for Dec - on the "Columbian Exposition" was first taken up - Then that for Nov. on "Idols and Temples of Japan."

A very touching letter from Miss Grimble of Foochow China, was read. It gave extracts from her journal showing the open door she finds - The work limited only by her strength. It made our part of the work seem very small - but God asks only that - we do the part committed to us. We find that by action of the N. E. Branch Annual Meeting we are to have a Conference Treasurer to whom our funds will be forwarded hereafter -

Mrs. Gallagher is appointed for Maine Conf.

Adj.  
M. G. Lapham  
Rec. Sec.

1894.

Friday Jan 26.

The W. F. M. S. met at Mrs. Harriman's. Ladies present Mrs. Stone - Mrs. Tracy - Mrs. Hinds - Mrs. Holt - Mrs. Harriman - Mrs. Gallagher - Mrs. Lapham -

Scripture reading by Mrs. Stone.

Prayer by Mrs. Tracy.

Topic of monthly lesson "Looking Backward."

This year being the twenty fifth anniversary of the founding of the general society The lesson gave a review of the work done in these years.

Truly "The little one has become a thousand" - indeed many thousands - for from the eight women who met on the 23<sup>d</sup> of March 1869 in Tremont St. Church Boston - and organized the W. F. M. S. of the M. E. Church there have come to be the 130,000 members of today.

After the lesson and reading of letters from missionaries The meeting adjourned.

M. G. Lapham Sec.



1894 Friday March 30.

Meeting held at Mrs. Harriman's.

Ladies present -

Mrs. Stone - Mrs. Hinds - Mrs. Winter

Mrs. Peterson - Mrs. Harriman - Miss Jewett

Mrs. Lapham.

Topic for the month - "Our Silver Anniversary"

Scripture reading by Mrs. Stone

Prayer by Miss Hattie Jewett.

In taking up the lesson leaf we find valuable information in regard to the origin of Woman's Missionary Societies and their development during the last twenty five years.

As we come to this Anniversary of our Society we are reminded of the fact that our own Auxiliary is only one year younger, having been organized April 14<sup>th</sup> 1870.

A short review of our organization & work was given by Mrs. Lapham. Report of life memberships was given by Mrs. Hinds.

We regret that Mrs. Torrey was not able to be present at this meeting - she having served as President of the Aux at its beginning - and in all having ~~served~~ <sup>served</sup> in that capacity ten years. We are grateful that she

is spared to be actively interested in the cause today. Five of the thirty-two members who formed the first Society are on our lists at the present time - Mrs. Torrey Mrs. Hinds. Miss Hattie Jewett - Annie Hamilton (Mrs. Donnell) Miss S. B. Robinson.

A special thank offering was made by those present and Mrs. Peterson appointed & solicit from members not present.

Since our last meeting a sister beloved, and a tireless worker for the cause has been removed by death - We think it not too much to say that our Auxiliary will never outlive the work and influence of Mrs. E. J. ~~Atter~~ <sup>Atter</sup>.

Mrs. Torrey a lifelong friend offered a memorial tribute which was read by Mrs. Hinds - The ladies voted to place it upon the records -

Selections appropriate to the time from missionaries were read and the meeting adjourned -

M. L. Lapham  
Rec. Sec.



1894. Memorial of Mrs. E. J. Abbott by  
Mrs. Treney.

The removal by death, since our last meeting, of our friend and coworker Mrs. E. J. Abbott seems to demand that as an Auxiliary we should take some notice of the event.

She served us at different times both as President and Secretary of our Auxiliary, and was always unremitting in efforts to promote its interests. Indeed she seemed possessed with an absorbing zeal to help carry out the plans of the Society - was more than we are ready to "spend and be spent" in advancing the cause she so much loved - the bringing back the world to Christ.

But she has gone! And we bereaved are left to carry on the work.

We shall miss so much her judicious counsel - her quiet - gentle advice in all our deliberations. We shall miss her generous purse, always open to all calls for help - we shall miss her when we gather in our monthly meetings - her fervent - prayers always so earnestly

offered for God's blessing on this great work - and which she so preeminently made her work.

But while we weep for our loss, we rejoice unpeakably in her infinite gain.

It has been to her the transition from this shadowed anxious life to the life above where husband and children greet her and the blessed Lord welcomes her to the heavenly home.

May we who remain go on in our work striving to emulate her example of faith and love, till by and by when we rejoin her we too shall receive the "Well done good and faithful servant."

Kurtz Hill - March 30  
1894.

Mrs. E. J. Abbott died Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 1894



1894.

Friday May 25.

A very stormy day - no one present.

Friday July 27. Meeting at Mrs. Harriman.  
Present Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Torrey, Mrs.  
Harriman, Miss Jennings, Mrs. Lapham.

Reading of Scripture by Mrs. Stone.

Prayer by Mrs. Lapham.

Topic for the month Home. After taking  
up the lesson leaf with its usual timely  
information and suggestions, letters from  
missionaries were read.

Letters from Mrs. Alderman &  
Miss Cushman in regard to the sale of  
Mrs. Abbott's house were read -

Adj.  
M. G. Lapham  
Rec. Sec.

1894.

Annual Meeting

Sept. 21. Annual Meeting held at  
Mrs. Harriman's.

Present - Mrs. Stone - Mrs. Torrey -

Mrs. Hamilton - Mrs. Harriman

Miss Jewett - Mrs. Lapham. Sophie Lapham.

Devotional exercises by Mrs. Stone & Mrs. Lapham.

Annual reports of Sec. & Treas. read & accepted.

The board of officers of last year re-elected.

Mrs. Hinds, one of our most faithful members  
having passed to her reward since our last  
meeting, a committee was appointed to  
send to the "Friend" and prepare for record  
a memorial.

The lessons for Aug. and Sept. were taken  
up. "Proportional giving" - a very practical  
subject - was brought before us.

Adj.  
M. G. Lapham  
Rec. Sec.

Officers 1894-95.

Pres. Mrs. C. Stone.

Vice. Pres. Mrs. Torrey.

Cor. Sec. Mrs. Harriman.

Rec. Sec. Mrs. Lapham.

Treas. Sophie Lapham.



1894

# Annual report-

In accordance with the vote taken last year the meetings of the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies have alternated.

Four meetings of the Foreign have been held during the year, with about the average attendance. The May meeting was prevented by a storm.

Our President has set us an excellent example of punctuality in attendance, and promptness in conducting exercises.

We think the interest has been so well sustained under the present plan of holding meetings, as before. The Home and Foreign work are in no sense antagonistic, and the heart that is truly open to one, is quite sure to be to the other.

The year has been marked as the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the W. F. M. S. of the M. E. Church. This auxiliary nearly measures up to the same age, having been organized only one year later. The call for "Thank offering" was responded to by nearly all the members, and \$21.00 as the "Silver offering" was the result.

This, together with legacies received has made the amount of money raised considerably in

advance of the last few years. But we are brought to realize that this gain also means loss to us - for while there comes to our treasury the pledge of love for the cause that was faithful to the end, and the added legacy of precious memories, we miss the gracious presence and helpful counsel of one whose place was seldom vacant in our meetings, and who never failed in bearing some part in making the exercises of interest and profit.

The year 1894 has taken from us two members who have contributed largely to the stability and efficiency of this auxiliary.

Feb. 27 Sister E. J. Abbott whose name is a synonym of missionary interest and zeal exchanged the weary waiting of two years for the rest of God's faithful ones. In little less than six months her lifelong friend and coworker, Sister Julia Hinds, followed her into life eternal.

It seems to us that we never needed them more, but God makes no mistakes - to His will we bow, praying that as in the past there have not failed those who have carried the work along, so the present and future needs may be provided for, and others raised up who shall take the places of those transferred to higher service.

M. G. Lapan. Rec. Sec.



1894.

August 15-1894 Sister Julia Hinds closed the work of a well rounded life. She had been actively engaged in the service of God so nearly to the close, that our first thought was of her being cut off in the midst of usefulness, as indeed she was - but when we think of the years filled in with so faithfully meeting the Trust committed to her, we realize that hers was a beautifully complete life.

As a missionary society we are greatly indebted to her unwavering interest and influence.

She was a member of the auxiliary when first organized, twentyfour years ago, and from that time until her last meeting with us at the "Silver anniversary" she has borne active part in our gatherings, never letting any trivial matter keep her from the meetings or any effort that would further the interests of the Society.

She brought to the work a clear head and steady hand. The force of early religious example and training was clearly brought out in her life - and her sickness and death were characterized by the same unflinching trust in God that had given tone to her life work. In the last days of suffering she

remembered the missionary cause, generously "giving of her substance" to it.

While we mourn the loss that has come to us, we have reason to be grateful for her example, and the assurance we have that the "Well done" of the Master awaited her.

M. G. L.



1894

Friday Nov. 30. The regular meeting of the W. F. M. S. was held at Mrs. Harriman's.

Present - Mrs. Torrey - Mrs. Holt - Mrs. Peterson - Mrs. Harriman - Mrs. Lapham.

In the absence of the Pres. Mrs. Torrey led the meeting - Opened with the usual devotional exercises - The lessons for Oct. & Nov. gave interesting sketches of missionary heroes & heroines Christian Schwartz - Alexander Duff - Henry Martin Robert Morrison - Mary Whately - Eliza Agnew Mrs. Tucker (A. L. O. E.) - these with many others whose names are familiar, laid the foundations on which the work of today is built. We have reason to count it a privilege to bear any part in a work which has meant so much to such men and women - May their example inspire us -

Adj.  
M. G. Lapham  
Sec.

1895

Jan 23 we came together for the first meeting of 1895 - at Mrs. Harriman's.

Present - Mrs. Stone - Mrs. Holt - Mrs. Harriman - Mrs. Lapham.

Opened with the responsive reading given in the new lesson leaf - and prayer.

Mrs. Stone read a review of the work of the past year, by Mrs. Graef. The remainder of the hour was given to "My life and times" by Dr. Cyrus Hamlin - a book recently published, covering a period of forty years of stirring experiences in missionary work.

Adj.  
M. G. Lapham Sec.

March 29. Three ladies met at Mrs. Harriman's for the regular meeting - Mrs. Stone - Mrs. Harriman - Mrs. Lapham - Opened with devotional exercises as usual. China and Japan with the special interest centered there in these war times - were brought before us in the monthly reading. We have reason for gratitude that missionary work has suffered so little disturbance from the war. A spirit of courage and consecrated work all the letters from the Christian workers abroad. Adj.  
M. G. Lapham Sec.



1895

May 23. The meeting of W. F. M. S. was held according to appointment at Mrs. Harriman's - but the secretary was not present and no report received.  
M. G. L.

July 27. Meeting appointed at Mrs. Harriman's - Only the President (Mrs. Stone) and Mr. Harriman present - but they found the somewhat novel subject of "Missionary Ships" of special interest - and passed the hour profitably.  
M. G. L. Sec.

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## Annual Meeting

Sept 27. The twentyfifth Annual Meeting of the W. F. M. S. was held at Mrs. Harriman's. Present Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Harriman, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Holt, Miss Jewett, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Lapham. (10)

Opened with the usual devotional exercises.

Reports of the Sec. and Treas. read and accepted. The board of officers for past year was re-elected with addition of three ladies to act as managers.

Voted to change the date of monthly meeting from the last to first Friday of the month.

Mrs. Harriman was elected delegate to the Annual meeting of New England Branch, to be held in Prov.

The subject of the monthly lesson "The fruit of ingathering" was full of earnest exhortation and suggestion. Extracts of interest were read, also a letter from Miss Cushman, making an appeal for exchange in Madras.

It gives us pleasure to welcome new faces, and realize the encouragement of added interest in our meetings.  
Adj. - M. G. Lapham  
Rec. Sec.



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Officers for 1895-96.

Pres. Mrs. Stone.  
Vice. Pres. Mrs. Torrey-  
Cor. Sec. Mrs. Harriman.  
Rec. Sec. Mr. Lephram.  
Treas. Sophie Lephram.

Managers { Mrs. Hamilton -  
              { Mrs. Gallagher -  
              { Miss Jewett - }

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual report-

Kurt Hill Aug. W. F. M. S.

As we come to another milestone in our journey we pause to take a glance backward and also looking to the "Hills from whence cometh our help," gather strength and courage for our onward way.

We do not have the inspiration that comes from large forces, for our numbers are few - so we need the more to seek the reinforcing that comes from the touch of "the hand that moves the world."

We will not forget to be thankful for the privilege of bearing a part in the work.

Though we are remote from the centers of work and influence our publications bring to us such full and helpful reports that no one who will read them need feel isolated or strangers to our workers in the busiest fields. They ask our interest and prayers - we owe both to them and to God - and will find in the reflex influence multiplied blessings to ourselves.

The lesson leaflets have brought before us fresh information from the fields, and



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inspiring reports from the workers.

The "Heaven Woman's Friend" fully in touch with every phase of Christian work, needs only to be read to tell us that consecrated gifts are bestowed upon it.

In our auxiliary we have reason to appreciate <sup>the care</sup> with which our President has selected material for our meetings, and the excellent example she has given us in prompt attendance.

"The tender grace of a day that is gone" lingers with us still as we think of the dear friends transferred to a higher service, and we have greatly missed the helpful presence of Mrs. Tersey whose health has not allowed her attendance at our meetings for months past - but we are thankful that her interest is unabated, and that the work yet charms her prayers and benefactions.

Six meetings have been held during the year, alternating with those of the Home Miss. Soc.

The average attendance has been small and the opportunity is before us all by our personal efforts to bring into closer

relations the membership. May God grant us as a community a baptism of love for Him and His work that shall inspire us to do with our might what our hands find to do.  
M. G. L.

Sept. 1893.



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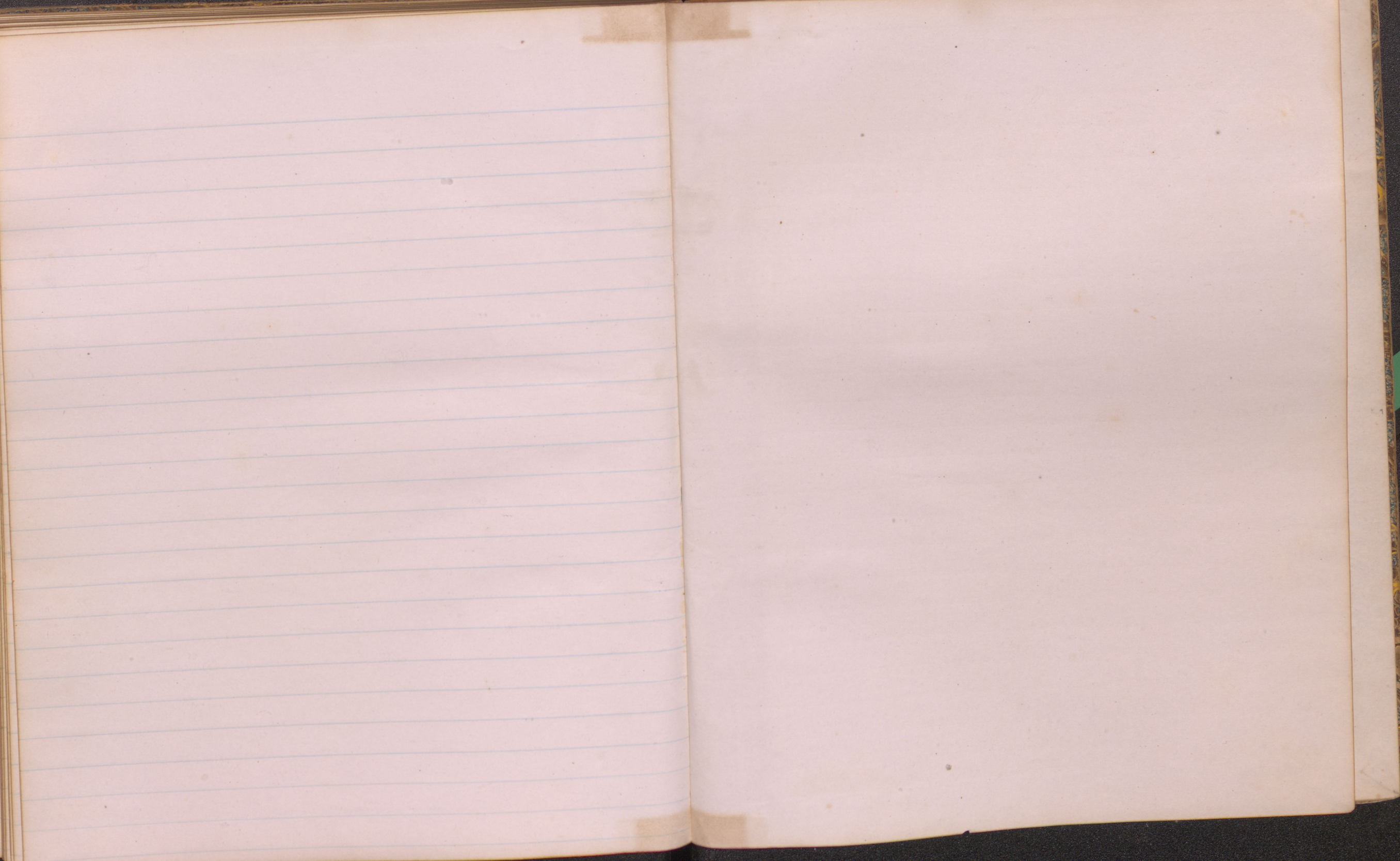
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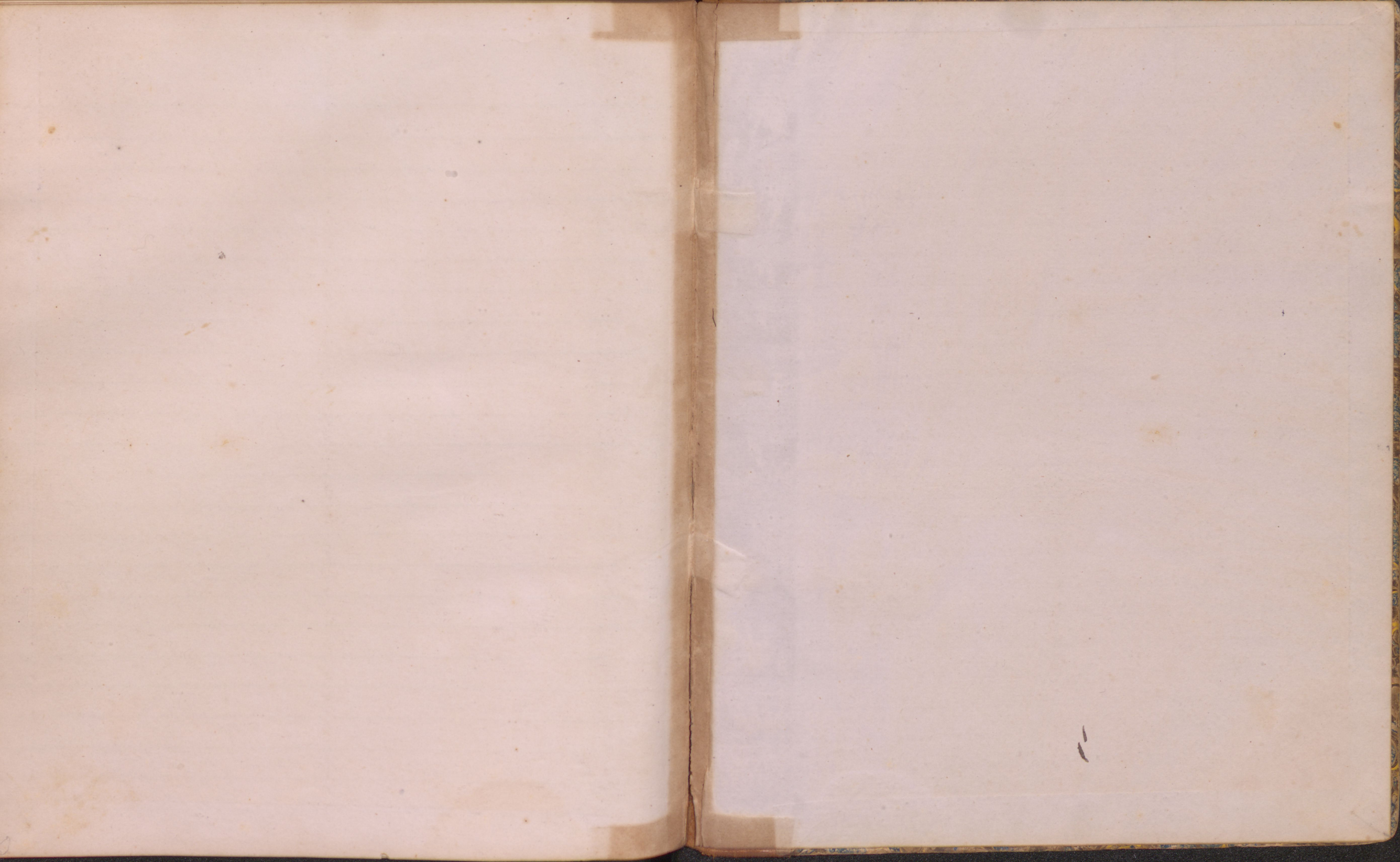
Life Members of W. S. M. Society.

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" A. H. Hamilton.		Miss Selia Tuttlehouse Feb 83
" J. A. Heinds.		Miss Davis March 1884
" H. P. Torsey.		Mrs Strong July "
Miss P. Robinson.		Mrs Randall Aug 1885-
Mrs H. A. Packard. 1880		Miss Fletcher "
" C. Munger. 1879		Miss Ogates "
Mrs G. W. Jewett. 1879		Miss Cushman "
" Howes. 1878		Miss A. Hamilton "
" J. L. Morse. 1879		Miss Deuel 1886
" E. J. Abbott. 1879		Mrs Davis
Miss Annie Munger. 1879		Miss Mc Goughlin
Mrs H. A. Robinson. 1880		Mrs Stone 1887
Mrs C. Blackman 1880		
Mrs Nellie Pillsbury 1880		
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Mrs P. J. Chase 1881		
Miss Abby Morse 1881		
Mrs Prof. Sturges 1881		
Mrs Beun 81		
Mrs Lapham June 82		
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Miss Park. " "		
" Nettie Thumiller " 82		













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## FULFILLING VOWS.

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THERE is no English word for Pai-karma, and before writing about it, the term must be explained. Karma is 'works' in the theological sense, and pai means foot ; and pai-karma is that particular form of good works or karm that is performed by measuring one's length along the ground. We have seen it done by thousands, and a sad sight it is, yet one that compels admiration for the faithfulness of the poor deluded soul that in this way hopes to acquire virtue. One of the most bitter reflections of the conscientious Christian is that at some time or other he has vowed and forgotten his vow. In the pai-karma there is small opportunity for shirking the fulfilment of the vow. The specified distance must be passed over, and every inch of the way must be covered by the devotee's body. Generally the one performing the act marks with his own fingers the limit of each step, but the woman that passed our window Saturday was accompanied by another, who with a small stick drew across the side-walk a line indicating



the spot whence the next step must be made. The little babe had been left behind, and down through the crowded street, across railway lines, with the trains rolling by, past churches, printing offices, machine shops, drug stores, ice depots, millinery shops, theatres, past Government house, threading her way through streets crowded with the commerce of the world, down to the banks of the river, into the shadow of an ocean steamer, this woman measured her length on the ground, accompanied by her friend, who carried on her head the bright new clothes that the devotee would wear on the way back from the river. Each painful measuring of her body upon the rough earth lifted her higher, according to heathen ideas. Millions of women in India are of that religious character which makes it possible for them to perform acts like this. This woman is typical of millions, and appeals to us for help. Let us show them a better way. "Not by works of righteousness \* \* \* but according to His mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

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