

REPORT OF THE YOUNG LADIES' MISSION SOCIETY.

As we review the year which has just passed away, we feel that, though we have not increased in numbers as we could have wished, we may look back with pleasure on what has been done, and forward with hope to a more prosperous and useful future. We feel that the interest in our work is growing, and we hope it will continue to do so, till every young lady in our Church shall join us. When our meetings began in October, after the summer holidays, we began a new branch of mission work, which we had only spoken of in the Spring. Miss Grace Lyman courageously went about trying to get up a class for the Chinese now living in our city. She visited all the laundries and invited the men to come on Sunday afternoon and be taught. Mr. Budge kindly placed one of the rooms of the Y.M.C.A. at our disposal and there a most interesting class meets every Sunday.

There are eleven young ladies enlisted in this Mission and the same number of Chinese come, and seem to appreciate the instruction they receive. Some of them are almost entirely ignorant of our language and there are many difficulties to be met, but, as a rule, the men are intelligent and all are respectful and grateful, so that the teachers feel repaid for their trouble, and we hope that the good seed thus sown may not be without fruit. We promised at the beginning of the year to raise the sum of twenty-five dollars to support a scholar in Mrs. Winsor's school in North India. We have just sent it away to the Am. Board, and are glad that we have been able to do so, though we feel it to be a very small sum. It has been obtained by the orders for work which some of the ladies of the Church have given us, by subscriptions from the members, and by a collection taken up at one of the Meetings of the Young People's Association, when Prof. Penhallow gave a very interesting lecture on "Japanese Customs and Curiosities."

We regret that owing to her continued absence from the City, our President, Miss Wilkes, has had to withdraw, our Secretary and Treasurer have also left us, so we begin the year with new officers.

Miss Lily Lyman has been elected President, and Miss Grafton Sec-Treasurer.

We hope in this new year to be able to have a Young Ladies' Prayer-meeting connected with our other meetings, and invite all the young ladies of the Church and congregation to join. We have also some home mission work in prospect in working on clothes for a poor family in the City.

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