

the world, and to my own responsibility concerning it. It has drawn me much nearer God, and has taught me to rely upon him for his help and blessing, and has thus been a means of great spiritual growth to me. Socially, it has given me some of the dearest friends I have ever had. This is stating very briefly and mildly a few of the many benefits the work has brought me."

From Newark, New Jersey: "For some years I have been interested in the work of the W. F. M. Society. Since I have been president of the young ladies' society of our church, I have not only grown more interested, but I now really love the work. At first it was very hard for me to pray aloud, but, determined to do what I felt was the president's duty, and a desire to please the Master, I have at last overcome timidity, and now find it a great joy to call upon the Lord in our meetings. He is blessing me most wonderfully."

From Trinity Girls' Mission Band, Worcester, Mass., N. E. Branch: "We were formed over five years ago, and such blessed memories cluster around the Girls' Mission Band that while most of us are now in the high school, and many have graduated, still we cling to the name, and indeed some say when they are old gray-haired women they still want to belong to the Girls' Mission Band. We thought we were not laboring for self-interest in any way, but we soon found it brought us the greatest good individually of any work we ever undertook. As we look at our heathen sisters and see where we would have been but for our Christian religion, it has taught us to prize Christianity more, and the great sin of rejecting Christ in this enlightened land seems a thousand times worse to us. Our missionary work has developed us both mentally and spiritually. For these five years we have been so closely associated in this work that we have become cemented in Christian love, and take hold of all our church interests with the same union of effort. We mean that Trinity Church shall more and more have occasion to bless the day her young people chose to become interested in foreign missions. We have fully one hundred young ladies between the ages of ten and thirty, actively engaged in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society."

Another from New England Branch: "Since the organization of our band we have realized the great need there is for help. We realize more and more how much depends on us at home, if these nations in darkness are ever to be brought to know and love our Saviour. Working in and for our band has made us feel how thankful we ought to be, having and knowing a loving Father in heaven. Some of our members have to sacrifice self in order to give for mission work; but we feel, every one, that we are more than a thousand times repaid for what we do, and our prayer is that the gospel light may spread,

'Till not one rebel heart remains,
But over all the Saviour reigns."

Another: "As for intellectual and spiritual help, I think I have received both. Certainly I have a wider knowledge of the condition of the people of heathen countries than I should otherwise have had, and I have more interest in their conversion to Christianity. I have better realized that there are real people far away, and that we are all connected, and in this way I think I have been broadened. As for having regrets for time spent in the cause, the only one I have is that I have not done more for it."

Young Ladies' Union Society, Rochester, N. Y.: "In considering how we may help those who so much need spiritual teaching, I have learned to be more thoughtful of those less favored than myself, and how I may show

them the way to the Saviour. Not only has it taught me to think of how I might do something for those in foreign lands, but also how I may help those with whom I come in contact in every-day life. In the meetings I have formed the acquaintance of many Christian young women, in whose company I have been made better." Another: "I personally consider it a privilege and an honor to be connected with the Young Ladies' Missionary Society of this city. It is indeed a privilege when we think that we, the young ladies of this land, are allowed to band ourselves together and hold pleasant intercourse, while our sisters of heathen lands are merely slaves, or no better than beasts of burden. An honor, that God permits us to have a share, be it ever so small, in the enlightenment of mankind. The Society has been beneficial to me in many ways, and I never regretted having become a member. I only wish that more of our young ladies were interested."

From the Young Ladies' Society of Detroit, Mich.: "At a meeting of this Society held recently this subject was considered, and the following testimonies were given: One said, 'The Society has been a great help spiritually and intellectually, because it has introduced me to fields with which I was never before acquainted, and given me more serious thought on spiritual matters than any other society in the church.' Another, 'I look forward to those meetings from month to month; the work is a wonderful blessing to me.' A third said, 'This Society, with the responsibility it has thrown upon me, together with my Sunday-school work, has done more to develop me intellectually and spiritually than anything else that has ever come into my life. If I gave my testimony it would be endless.' Still another: 'I do not think that from an educational standpoint I have ever had anything that seemed to me more valuable than this Society. The little work I have done has been inestimable, and I value it highly. Spiritually the work has been an inspiration, and socially a help not to be lightly considered, for from the close contact into which we have been brought we have gained so much from one another. There is no work that does not, at times, seem irksome, and I have sometimes felt tired in the work; yet I have not given up one particle of it, and after all we know that getting tired makes us strong.'"

"There were many who said had it not been for our society they would have known absolutely nothing of foreign missions, and that at the meetings they learned much they would never have acquired in any other way. (One young girl said that often the subjects presented in our programmes had so awakened her interest, she had gone from the meeting to the library and secured books on the same subjects for further information. I was talking a few days ago with one of our older members about a programme she had recently prepared, and she told me of two letters she had received from bishops of the Moravian church in reply to letters of inquiry she had sent to them. She said: 'Those letters, from their tone of sincerity and earnest purpose, did me more good than a prayer meeting, showing one of the incidental blessings that have come to many of us through this work. The sentiment of the whole society is that the work had broadened the mind, deepened the sympathies, and quickened the spiritual life of every earnest and active member of our organization.'"

From the city of Philadelphia: "Work in the W. F. M. S. has certainly awakened me to a warm living interest in the missionaries themselves. The homes of the