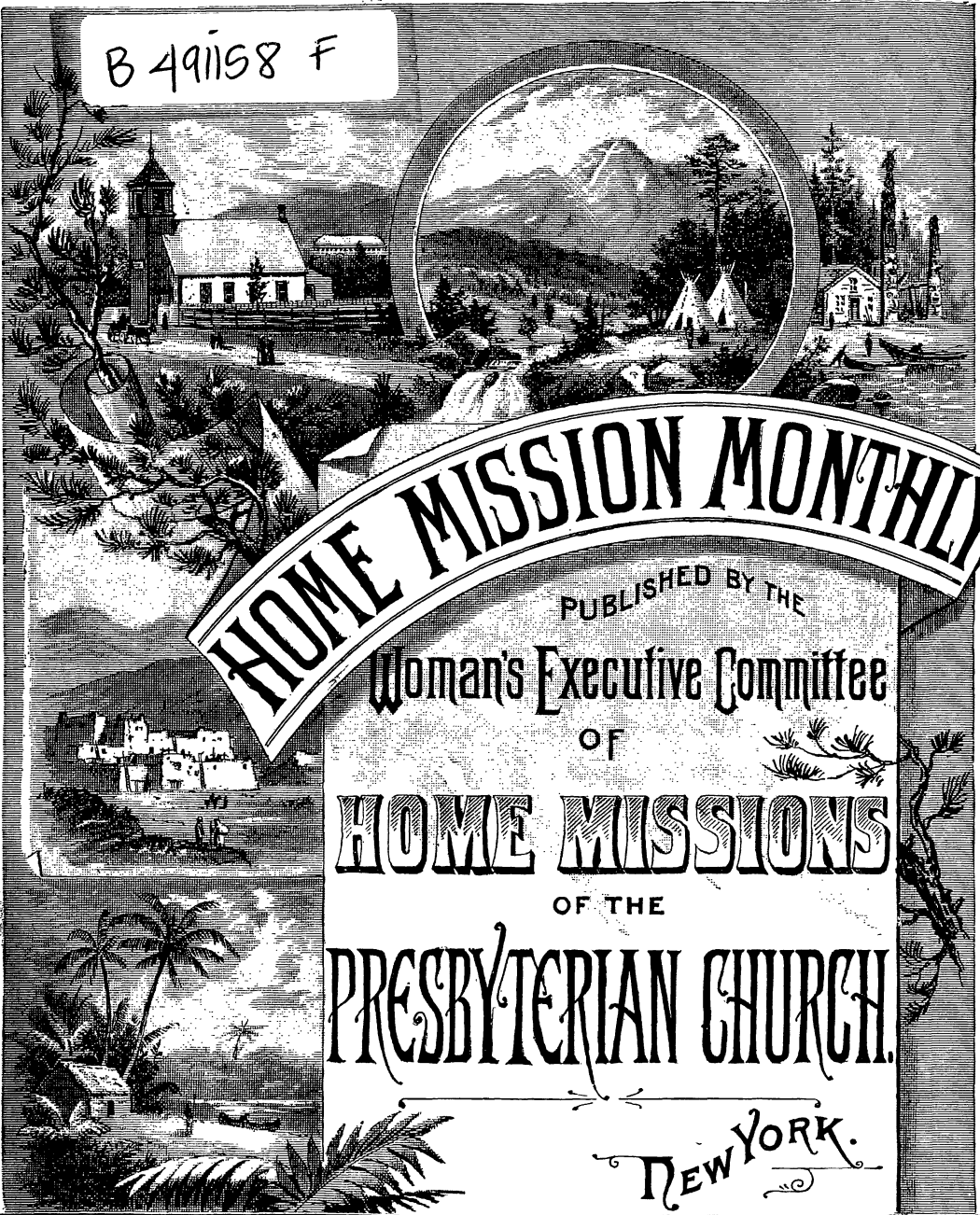


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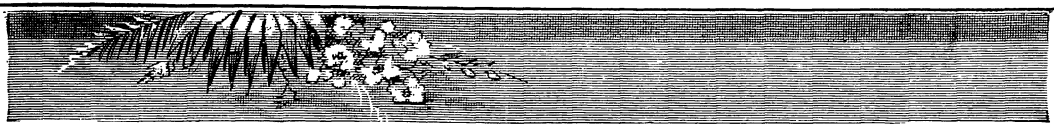


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THE Treasurer's books are closed. The receipts are in advance of last year by \$33,000. The last month has brought to our treasury over \$80,000. Over 225,000 has been received for the year. We are enabled to meet all our obligations and close the year without deficit. The anxiety of the past two months is relieved and we rejoice greatly over the result.

THE supply of cover paper for the magazine was exhausted before the full edition for April was printed, owing to the serious complication and accumulation of freight caused by the blizzard. This will explain the delay which some of our subscribers experienced in receiving the April number.

EVERY Society should procure, each year, a bound volume of the HOME MISSION MONTHLY to be kept, as the property of the Society, for reference. It should not be for-

gotten that not only present information, but a knowledge of past facts, is necessary and oftentimes indispensable in studying the various fields, and in the preparation of papers on topics in connection with home missions. We have a few copies left of the bound volume for the past year. Any who are intending to send for one should do so at once. The price is one dollar.

“ HINTS to Presidents of Local Societies ” is a new and very helpful leaflet. It is furnished free; send for it.

When forwarding a subscription please state whether it is a renewal. In giving the name and address please take especial care to write legibly.

A FRIEND, residing outside of New York, suggests, that if it were more generally known that 53 Fifth Avenue is on the corner of 12th Street, near Union Square, and but two short blocks from 14th Street, it would help ladies to realize when they come to New York on shopping or other expeditions, how accessible the Mission Rooms really are.

When we removed to our new home last January we called attention to our convenient central location and the ease with which our friends could reach us, at the same time extending an invitation to all to call upon us. We have since had the pleasure of greeting many, and take this opportunity to repeat and extend to old and new friends, and subscribers, a most cordial invitation to visit the Rooms of the Woman's Executive Committee, assuring all a hearty welcome.

During the weeks that we have been cut off from all communication with the outside world, we have had more and more reason to be grateful to the friends who provided the new and comfortable homes for our boys and girls. Our constant prayer now is for a school-house adequate to our needs. More than once a little girl who sits directly behind the stove has cried from the cold, and to send children to the black-board upon an ordinarily windy day has been a real cruelty. During the winter months no ink can be kept in our present school buildings, and the number of wrappings which health requires to be worn is a decided hindrance to energetic teaching or study.

NEW MEXICO.

MISS ALLISON, SANTA FE.—We have just passed through a siege of measles. Eight girls were taken about the same time, and in the midst of it another had a severe attack of tonsillitis. We closed the day school, and Miss Fleming and Miss Johnson took turns with me in caring for the sick. I wish some of the moneyed people of New York Synod could have seen how we had to live, and how we were obliged to stop up the cracks with paper and rags, and hang quilts over doors and windows to prevent drafts.

We gave the children good care, and they are well now. We are so thankful to have them come out of this disease strong and well that we can easily forget the discomforts of the past weeks.

We have just finished cleaning and fumigating, and will reopen school on Monday and get back to regular work. So many have spoken of how much we were missed in Sunday-school and at the services. When we recollect that we occupy twenty-seven chairs, it does not seem strange that our absence is noticeable in our little church.

Dr. Kirkwood spent a day here three weeks ago, and we talked and planned about the new house. Do you know that the work is growing so fast that the house we planned two years ago, to cost six thousand dollars, will not accommodate the school now? I think that not less than eight thousand will answer. We ought to make this a permanent school, and build for the years to come. It will be needed. I think we ought to push this building right along, and have it ready for school next fall. The way that we are obliged to live in this old house makes the work doubly hard, to say nothing of our health. Dr. Kirkwood writes me that the plans will be ready soon.

FREEDMEN.

INGLESIDE SEMINARY.

MISS A. C. CARPENTER.—May I tell you something of our first graduating class? There are three girls

in it who came from their homes in South Carolina, in November, 1885; this being their third school year. Previous to that they had attended the Fairfield Institute, Winsboro, S. C., for three terms.

Their parents are poor, and but one of the girls has a Christian father, they had never had any home training, knew nothing of the arts of house-keeping, always spending their summer vacations in the cotton fields at manual labor.

Since being here they have made, what I consider, remarkable advancement in their studies, and all are thorough and efficient house-keepers.

All have taught, more or less, as a normal training, and have not only shown tact, but an earnestness of purpose which insures success.

This is their last year in school and it is my wish to take at least two of them into this school next year, as teachers, feeling confident they will do successful work.

We are crowded now with fifteen girls in the cottage, and a number have been refused admittance, because of our very crowded rooms. I am hoping by another year we may have sufficient room to take all who are desirous to come; it is impossible to say how many that would be if we had a "home" for them.

Perhaps I have said too much for my girls, but I feel that I could truthfully say much more in their favor. Above all and best of all, each one is an earnest and active Christian.

WOMAN'S WORK.

JOHN HALL CHAPEL, N. C.

THE Woman's Society met last Saturday to inform themselves in reference to the Centennial Fund and to arrange to do their part in fulfilling the pledge of the Synodical Committee. It is evident from what transpired at this meeting, that, given the necessary information and a fair opportunity, the women of our church, true to the spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice, which has always shown itself in their efforts in the Lord's work, are always ready to rise to meet the demands of the cause, though it require "all their living."

Though this Society is very weak in numbers, it is strong in determination, and proposes to give at least \$25 to the Synod's gift of \$1,000 to the Centenary Fund.

It may interest some, to know more of this Society. It was organized in April, 1886, and assumed the name "Mary Allen Band." Its history thus far shows the members did not intend to keep alive that honored name merely, but that the spirit and work of the one who bore the name should live on.

During the first year of its existence, this Society raised about \$50, which it contributed to the needs of our church. For the year '87 it raised \$100,