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STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
GEORGE H. HARLOW, SECRETARY OF STATE.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS a certificate, duly signed and acknowledged, having been filed in the office of the Secretary of State, on the 15th day of July, A. D., 1875, for the organization of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, under and in accordance with the provisions of "An act concerning Corporations," approved April 18th, 1872, and in force July 1st, 1872.

NOW THEREFORE, I, George H. Harlow, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, is a legally organized corporation under the laws of this State.

In Testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State.

Done in the City of Springfield this 15th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-ninth.

GEORGE H. HARLOW,
Secretary of State.

REPORT OF HOME SECRETARY.

MRS. GEO. H. LAFLIN.

We are in the second decade of our work, and it is well begun; but this does not imply any relaxation of effort, if we intend to go forward. We have been aptly compared to the builders of colleges, who, having completed the houses, go on securing apparatus, libraries and teachers. Each auxiliary is responsible for some furnishing of this grand temple, that has been raised and dedicated to the Redeemer of the world.

There are many indications at the present time that missions are very popular. The press favors them; rich men make large donations and leave liberal legacies for their support, while foreign rulers are not only *willing*, but some are *asking* that their people may be taught Christianity.

Queens are becoming nursing mothers of the church. The royal message from England is: "We should wish it generally known that we sympathize with every effort made to relieve the suffering state of the women of India." A report was recently printed of the fortieth anniversary of a missionary society composed of the clerks in a large mercantile house in London, the contributions reaching \$600 for the last year. A porter in a Mexican mission, with a monthly salary of \$20, has built at San Lorenzo a church for the free use of the mission and a house for the native preacher. A noble woman of our own number has, during the last year, assumed the entire support of two missionaries; and a gentleman in one of our western States has contributed \$2,600 as a memorial (better than marble shaft) for his wife. The "Mite Society" has increased its contributions. So all classes would seem to be heart and hand in mission work. A review of the year will show if we, as a Board, are fully abreast with the times.