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Subscriptions, Donations, and all moneys requiring receipts, to be left with Miss CHARLOTTE A. JOHNSON, Treasurer of the "Ladies' Society for the Promotion of Education at the West," No. 7 Franklin Place, Boston.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING of the "Ladies' Society for the Promotion of Education at the West," was held in the Park Street Vestry, February 4, 1847.

The Meeting was opened with an appropriate prayer by the Rev. MR. AIKEN, Pastor of the Park Street Church.

The Hon. WILLIAM T. EUSTIS, read the Report of the Board of Managers, after which the Rev. MR. TOWNE, of the North Union Church, and the Rev. DR. WATERBURY, Pastor of the Bowdoin Street Church, delivered Addresses.

The Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were accepted, and the following Officers were chosen for the ensuing year.

Officers.

Mrs. SAMUEL HUBBARD, President.
Mrs. WM. G. LAMBERT, Vice-President.
Mrs. HENRY M. HOLBROOK, Vice-President.
Miss SARAH TUTTLE, Secretary.
Miss CHARLOTTE A. JOHNSON, Treasurer.

Managers.

Park Street Church—Mrs. WM. T. EUSTIS and Mrs. M. H. SIMPSON.
Bowdoin Street " —Mrs. MOSES L. HALX, and Mrs. J. BANCROFT.
Old South " —Mrs. CHARLES STODDARD, and Mrs. PICKENS.
Essex Street " —Mrs. WILKINSON and Mrs. STEELE.
Pine Street " —Mrs. ELIPH. KIMBALL and Mrs. WILLET.

Suffolk Union Church	—Mrs. ALDEN and Mrs. WILKINS.
Central	“ —Mrs. J. C. PROCTOR and Mrs. LOWELL MASON.
North Union	“ —Mrs. HOUGHTON and Mrs. WHITON.
Salem Street	“ —Mrs. L. J. JARVIS and Mrs. J. B. BUCK.
Mount Vernon	“ —Mrs. G. W. CROCKETT and Mrs. D. SAFFORD.

Executive Committee.

Mrs. SAMUEL HUBBARD, Park Street.
 Mrs. WILLIAM G. LAMBERT, Bowdoin Street.
 Mrs. HENRY M. HOLBROCK, Old South.
 Mrs. WILLIAM T. EUSTIS, Park Street.
 Mrs. DANIEL SAFFORD, Mount Vernon.
 Miss SARAH TUTTLE, Mount Vernon.
 Miss CHARLOTTE A. JOHNSON, Old South.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
LADIES' SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF EDUCATION

A T T H E W E S T .

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called, "The Ladies' Society for the Promotion of Education at the West."

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Society is to send to the Western States competent female teachers, of unquestionable piety, belonging to Congregational churches in New England.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of the Society shall be,—a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Twenty Managers. These shall constitute a Board of Directors, five of whom shall form a quorum. From this Board an Executive Committee of Seven shall be chosen annually.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the President to call, and preside at Meetings of the Board, each of which is to be opened with prayer.

ARTICLE V.

In the absence of the President, it shall be the duty of the senior Vice-President to preside, and perform the duties of President.

ARTICLE VI.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings, and be the organ of communication with Auxiliary Societies and with individuals; and she shall perform any other duties the Board of Directors may assign.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all subscriptions, and donations of moneys or other property; to keep account thereof, and make a report to the Society at the annual meeting. She will keep a catalogue of members, life-members, and donors.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Board of Managers shall meet quarterly, to hear statements from the Executive Committee, and give counsel on such points as may be submitted to them. They shall collect funds in their respective churches and congregations, and pay over the same to the Treasurer, at the stated meetings of the Board. They shall have power to fill any vacancies which may occur among their members.

ARTICLE IX.

The Executive Committee shall have charge of the special business of the Society, and shall have power to call their own meetings; to fill any vacancies which may occur among their members; to appropriate funds as shall be needed between the quarterly meetings; and to make rules for the selection of teachers, and for their transportation and location. Three of this Committee shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE X.

Any lady may become a member of this Society by the payment of not less than *One Dollar* per annum; and any person paying, at any one time, *Twenty Dollars* shall become a Member for Life.

ARTICLE XI.

As the object of this Society is to send Female Teachers to the West, from the Congregational churches in every part of New England, it will need—and it invites—the co-operation of ladies in the New England States; and any association of ladies formed for the same object with this Society, and annually paying into its treasury, will receive an Annual Report of its Proceedings.

ARTICLE XII.

Alterations shall not be made in this Constitution, except at the annual meeting of the Society, and not without the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

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In presenting the First Report of the "Ladies' Society for the Promotion of Education at the West," the Board of Managers most gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God in preserving the lives of the Directors, Members, and so far as known, the Teachers gone to the West, under the patronage of the Society.

For the information of those who have not seen the Constitution of the Society, nor any account of its origin and history, the Committee deem it proper to say that the public mind had been long exercised about the growing papal ascendancy in the West. The first movements of the "Collegiate and Theological Education," enterprise at the West was hailed with joy by most if not all the members of this Society, and among the early supporters of that enterprise were found many of the most intelligent and influential Ladies in New England.

After watching the progress of that Society for some time, the female mind became inquisitive upon the subject of *Female Education at the West*.

From public addresses, from private correspondence, from the journals of Home Missionaries, and tourists, and from statistics furnished by Protestants and Papists, the women of

New England found a great work was to be done for females in the West, and if done, must be executed through their instrumentality.

Their patriotism, philanthropy, and piety, were thoroughly roused, and the past, present, and prospective condition of the West, were contemplated with earnest desires and strong purposes. They reviewed the history of New England, and found that it was early education, and, especially female education, under the influence of Christian principle, that laid the foundation of her independence and prosperity. It was the influence of *educated woman* that moulded the character of New England; and they felt that the same means of education and moral culture must be furnished at the West which had proved so successful in the early history of the eastern states; and for which they were for a long time so deeply indebted to the father-land.

The thought was suggested—whether the West would receive Teachers at their hands? If the emigrating mass do not carry with them the elements of order, intelligence, and pure moral principle, so essential to the symmetrical growth and permanent moral health of new countries, some channel must be provided through which these elements shall flow.

That the West needs aid in the work of education, is apparent from the appalling fact that *two million* of the children of American freemen have no school of any kind.

To furnish the States of Ohio, and Kentucky alone, with the same proportion of School instruction which Massachusetts and Connecticut now enjoy, *ten thousand* additional teachers are this moment needed. In Massachusetts, *five sevenths* of all the teachers are females, and it is universally conceded at the East, that ladies are vastly better adapted to the work of teaching children than men.

Politicians may plan and legislate, and the ministers of religion may labor and pray for the extension and perpetuity of our free, civil, and religious institutions, but without the co-operation of *educated woman* in the nursery and school-room, they will prove a failure.