

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

THE business of this society is to care for the feeble churches and waste places of Connecticut, and to co-operate with the American Home Missionary Society—to which we send all our surplus and also, at once, all money designated for it. Since 1816, we have aided, in all, over one-third of our churches. We shall be expected to help this year over forty churches, half of them old churches with a good record for the past and very urgent needs for the present, and half of them new churches worth lifting to self-support.

We shall be expected also to continue our efforts in behalf of the Danes, Germans and Swedes, to whom we are now ministering the gospel in over fifty places, and with such tokens of God's favor that already seven churches have been added to our Congregational roll in this state; and no class of our churches is growing in members more rapidly than these new churches we have welcomed to our fellowship. The work in hand is still enlarging before us, and there are also other nationalities which we can not undertake to reach with our present means.

Indeed for the last three years, and chiefly in consequence of what we have done for this foreign population, we have closed each quarter without means enough to pay the claims then due.

In this condition of our affairs, as we enter on the new year—the seventy-fifth of our history—we earnestly appeal to all our ministerial brethren and their churches as well as to those generous friends whose offerings have cheered us in days gone by, to enlarge, if possible, their gifts so that we may be able not only to meet every obligation as it matures, but also to help the national society in its great work.

In behalf of the Directors.

WILLIAM H. MOORE, *Secretary.*

WARD W. JACOBS, *Treasurer.*

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