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MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was formed in 1810 at the urging of a group of students from the Andover Theological Seminary. By 1811 the ABCFM (Timothy Dwight being one of the commissioners) had raised \$40,000, and by 1812 five men were ordained and set sail for India. Two missionaries turned Baptist on this trip, to the dismay of the Board which was prevaillingly Congregationalist, and subsequently directed Baptist missionary work.

Missions were thereafter established in the Sandwich Islands, Palestine, Turkey, Syria, Persia, Asia and among the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi and Cherokees in Tennessee.

A school was founded in Cornwall, Connecticut, in 1817 to train natives from the missions agricultural skills and secular and religious subjects. By 1827 this school closed, and subsequently schools were established at the missions themselves.

In the 1960's the ABCFM joined the United Board for World Ministries.

See also Views of the Missions of the ABCFM, prepared November, 1823; and ABCFM, Miscellaneous publications, 1848, 1885, 1890.

The Foreign Mission Society of the Eastern District of New Haven County (later called the Auxilliary Foreign Mission Society of New Haven County East) was one of several missionary auxiliaries in the New Haven area, organized to raise contributions for the ABCFM. This one represented the Guilford, Madison, Northford,

Branford, North Haven, Meriden, East Haven, and Cheshire areas. Matthew Noyes, the first treasurer, born about 1764 in Lyme, was minister of the Church in Northford in North Branford from 1790 to 1833, when he was dismissed. He died in 1839. He was followed as treasurer by Samuel Frisbie of Branford.

See also Auxiliary Foreign Missionary Society, New Haven, Annual Meetings and Reports, 1827, 1828.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was formally organized in 1819. At first it was primarily involved with Indian tribes in the middle west and western United States and Canada; later it extended its work to slaves and free colored people. Foreign missions were established beginning in 1832.

The missionary societies were generally divided into several collection agencies, usually gentlemen's, ladies' and juvenile societies. The New Haven Juvenile Society, instituted April, 1842, collected four cents a month from those over sixteen, two cents a month from those under sixteen. See also also Able Stevens, History of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, New York, 1867.

The Connecticut Protestant Episcopal Church's missionary work was directed by The Protestant Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, which was organized in 1808. It originally sent missionaries to parishes too small to afford their own clergymen. Later in the century it extended its domestic missionary work throughout the United States. See also E. Edwards Beardsley, The History of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, vol. II, New York, 1868.

#### OTHER RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES

William Miller, founder of the Millerites, was a Baptist minister from Vermont who proclaimed that the world would come to an end in 1843. Christ would then appear to reign with the saints and the wicked would be cast into a bottomless pit. Starting in 1831 he was led throughout the country by Reverend Joshus V. Hines, probably the greatest publicity agent before Barnum. By the millenium year of 1843 half a million followers were prepared to meet their God. In spite of the disappointment, many still believed that the time was near and formed the Adventists or Millerite sect. This group has since separated into several other sects, among them the Seventh Day Adventists, Advent Christians, and Churches of God in Jesus Christ.

Records of The Literary Association of the German Baptist Society (Litterarischen Vereins der Deutschen Baptisten Gemeinde) begin in 1893 and end in 1901. This group later became part of the Christian Endeavor of the Central Baptist Church in Hamden. The members held prayer meetings on Friday evenings, after which they heard lectures given by

missionaries and theological students. Musicales were often presented and poetry and essays read. Many social affairs were held, especially in the summer when picnics took place at various parks and lakes around New Haven.

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Smith, Chard Powers, Yankees and God, New York, 1954.

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#### VIII: Analysis

This collection contains five folders and four ledgers, one of which is oversized. Three of the folders hold loose material found in the ledgers. One holds two missionary society certificates and the other holds a pamphlet and broadsides. The material in the folders has been chronologically arranged, except for the bills which are alphabetized. The number of items in each folder is indicated in brackets following the folder's title.

The contents of the ledgers vary. One ABCFM ledger is an account book, the other a guest register. The Foreign Mission Society's ledger lists contributions. The German Baptist Society's gives detailed minutes of all meetings in German.

For a more detailed description of the items in this collection, see the Table of Contents.

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Addendum: Added in September, 1979: Two ledgers of the German Baptist Society of the First German Baptist Church, which later became the Central Baptist Church of New Haven. Both are contained in Box II.

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Box I:American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions

see verso for addition.

The following material relates to the arrangement and preparation for the sixty-third anniversary meeting held in New Haven, October 1 - 4, 1872

*Folder #2*

Ledger #1 "Record of the A.B.C.F.M., Oct. 1st - 4th 1872.

And Report of the Finance Committee, put together by Committee of the A.B.C.F.M. in April, 1873"

Historical account by Rev. Leonard Bacon  
Committee of Arrangements, copy of message to citizens asking for accommodations and hospitality for visitors, June, 1872

Financial accounts

Oversize Item I: Ledger #2 "Guest's Index"

Alphabetical register of guests (not complete, lists only those who applied for arrangements before meeting began)

List of corporate members

Folder A: Miscellaneous Papers [32]

Printed material:

Meeting notices, flyers to Citizens of New Haven from Committee of Arrangements, appeals for hospitality, housing assignment cards

Envelopes and miscellaneous handwritten notes

Correspondence:

Charles Marsh to A. Parish, June 7, 1872

D.C. Gilman to Wm. Franklin, June 18, 1872

Henry T. Staats to Wm. Franklin, October 11, 1872

Willis Hemmingway Jr. to Wm. Franklin, October 21, 1872

John Willard to T.P. Merwin, October 28, 1872

(W?) Dana to Prof. D. Olfehian, n.d.

Small notebook, "A.P.C.F.M. Refectory Accounts Kept by Phillip Pond - Amount of expenses \$949.22 - New Haven - Oct 1st - 4th, 1872

Folder B: Bills, August 10 - October 23, 1872 [77]

For services, supplies, advertisements, lodgings, labor, food, rentals of equipment, music, excursion tickets

Box I. Folder A. ALS S(?) C. Meigs, Batticotta, Ceylon to Rev. S. Heutchings,  
Madras, 1842. [missionaries of American Board of Commissioners of  
Foreign Missions]

Box I, Continued:Foreign Mission Society of the Eastern District of  
New Haven County*Folder B2:*Ledger # 18 (Gift of Yale Divinity School Library, May,  
1975)

## Account book

1813 - 1822, Matthew W. Noyes, treasurer

1825 - 1844, Samuel Frisbie, treasurer

1813: Cash received of subscribers at the organization  
of the Society

1814 - 1822, 1825 - 1844: Contributions, cash and goods

[This ledger was used as a personal record book  
by Clarence Bradley and others]Other Missionary SocietiesFolder C: Missionary Society Certificates [2]Juvenile Missionary Society of the First Methodist  
Episcopal Church in New Haven, instituted April  
1, 1842. Issued to Helen Ryker, September 15, 1846Domestic Missionary Army of the Young Soldiers of  
Christ of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Issued  
to Carrie Rentz, 1867MilleritesFolder D// Broadsides and Pamphlet [3]

## Broadside

"Millerism Refuted: 'But the End is Not Yet;'"  
by Rev. H. Morris, Hitchcock and Stafford, Printers,  
New Haven, n.d.

## Broadside

"A Review of the Reply to the Sheet Entitled Millerism  
Refuted. Contained in the 'Midnight Cry' of  
Dec. 1," from the New Haven Daily Herald. Letter  
to editor, unsigned, December, 1842

## Pamphlet

"Views adverse to those of Miller and Others in  
Regard to the Interpretation of 'Time, Times, and  
Half a Time;' Being a Few Thoughts on these Words  
and Kindred Topics as They occur in Daniel's  
Visions and John's Revelations," 2d ed., by Alling  
Brown, New Haven, 1843, 8 pp.

Box I: ContinuedGerman Baptist Society*Folder D*

Ledger #2 [in German] "Protokoll-Buch des Litterarischen Vereins der Deutschen Baptisten Gemeinde, New Haven, Conn., Sept 1893 --" (Record Book of the Literary Association of the German Baptist Society)

Minutes: July 14, 1893 - June 21, 1901

Includes printed program of musicale, November 19, 1897, and press clipping, February 16, 1899

Folder E: Miscellaneous Papers [3]

Booklet, "Constitution of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Calvary Baptist Church," 1892

Annual Report, 1899-1900

Notebook (partial)

Constitution (page torn)

Membership list of Literary Society, February 16, 1885,  
Corrected list, 1889

Pamphlet, Protestant Episcopalian & tract Society.

Oversize Item I: See page 4

Box II: Ledgers of the German Baptist Society (Added to the collection in September, 1979)

Ledger #1: "Chronik und Protokoll Buch der Deutschen Baptisten Gemeinde in New Haven Conn. 1878-1905."  
[Records and Minutes of the German Baptist Society]  
In German.

Ledger #2: Untitled continuation of ledger #1, 1905-1949.  
Pages 309-344 missing.  
In German and English.

Folder A: Loose material from ledgers [3]