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Records of the Female Tract
Society of Worthington & vicinity

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A meeting of the Ladies of the Village of Worthington and its vicinity convened at the house of the Rev. a Philander Chase, after due notice from the clerk, for the purpose of taking into consideration the Expediency of forming a Female Tract Society - November 2nd AD 1817

Present at the Meeting
Abigail Goodrich
Cynthia Kilbourn
Susan Wood
Mary Chase
Margaret Jane Comstock
Nancy Green
Ruth Griswold
Lauretta Butts

Emily Griswold
Mary Louisa Topping
Rhoda Goodrich
Almira Jay
Clarissa Thompson
Hannah Thompson
Mila Thompson
Cynthia Barker
Fanny Anderson

Resolved that Mrs Cynthia Kilbourn be appointed President of this meeting - Resolved. 2nd that Mrs Cynthia Barker be appointed Secretary of this meeting
Resolved. 3rd that this meeting be and stand adjourned till Wednesday the 5th instant, at half past five P. M. to convene at the same place

Wednesday the 5th day of Nov - 1817

The meeting convened according to adjournment
Present as on Sunday Evening last
with the addition of the following Persons

Mira Barnes
Susan Barnes
Mary Suley
Ruby Suley
Charlotte Collins

Philena Barker
Elizabeth Ferguson
Ruth Andrews
Sally Beebe

The following Persons - viz Mrs Mary Chase
Mrs Susan Wood and Mrs Nancy Crur
having been chosen and appointed at the
previous meeting, a Committee to form a
Constitution, presented the following which
was adopted with some few amendments

Constitution
of the Female Tract Society of North-
=ington and its vicinity

Art 1st-

The Society shall be governed by a President,
Vice President, Secretary, Corresponding Sec-
=retary, Treasurer, and a board of thirteen
Trustees; of whom the five Officers above
named, shall constitute a part

Art 2nd

Every Person subscribing twenty five
Cents per annum, shall be entitled to a
vote for the choice of Officers, and con-
=sidered a member of the Society, and
any person subscribing more, shall be
entitled to vote in proportion to her
Subscription

Art 3rd

The Society shall meet on Easter Monday
for the choice of Officers at 2 o'clock P.M

and the meeting shall be opened with prayer by the Rector of the Parish, or by some one of his appointing; or, if there is no Rector, by the Senior Warden of the Church

Art 4th

It shall be the duty of the President of the Society, or in his absence, the Vice President, to preside and keep order in all meetings of the board, or Society

Art 5th

It shall be the duty of the Trustees to solicit subscriptions, collect and pay into the hands of the Treasurer all monies subscribed, to receive and distribute according to their best judgments, the tracts of the Society, and to make report of all their proceedings at the annual meetings of the Society

Art 6th

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, at the hands of the Trustees, all monies collected, to pay them out at the order of the board, keeping a fair and accurate account of the same, and exhibiting it to the Society, at their annual meeting

Art 7th

All questions shall be decided by a vote of the board, not less than five constituting a Quorum

Art 8th

No Tract shall be distributed by the Society, until it has first received the sanction of the Rector of the Parish, and been approved by the board

Art 9th

The board shall meet on the first Monday
of every three months, reckoning from
Easter Week, for the transacting of all busi-
ness; and after should it be deemed ex-
pedient

Art- 10th

Every Person subscribing for Annals, shall
be obliged to pay at the time of subscribing
and so on annually in advance, until she
formally withdraws her name, which shall
be done at the time of paying her annual
Subscription

Art. 11th

The Society will accept, and gratefully ackn-
owledge any donation which can, in any
way, be applied to the use of the Society

Art- 12th

If hereafter it should be deemed necessary
to alter, or amend the Constitution, it shall
be done at the annual meeting of the
Society, and by a majority of two thirds

After unanimously adopting the
Constitution, the following persons were
duly Chosen to Office

Mrs Cynthia Kilbourn	President
Mrs Ruth Griswold	Vice President
Mrs Cynthia Barker	Secretary
Mrs Mary Chan	Corresponding Secretary
Miss Clarissa Thompson	Treasurer
Mrs Lavetta Butler	Columbus
Mrs Harriet Case	Norton
Mrs Harriet Little	Delaware
Mrs Sophronia Prime	Berkshire
Mrs Nabby Wright	Alum Creek
Mrs Rhoda Griswold	Worthington
Miss Lucy Matthews	do
Mrs Margaret J. Camstock	do

} Trustees

Circular Letter

That the establishment of Tract, Bible, and Prayer Book Societies, ~~are~~ ^{is} useful, seems to be a truth as it were self evident - The experience of the last age has proved that the word of life is not so much neglected through error, as through ignorance; and it seems to have been the great object of the founders of Tract Societies, to inform, first the Understanding and then to affect the heart, and interest the affections.

The success which attended their endeavours, to instruct the poor and ignorant, has emboldened many to establish Societies of a similar nature; and we at this day are witnesses of the happy effect they have had on Society - for, is it not owing to them chiefly, that a spirit is excited, of enquiring into the great mysteries of divine revelation, and the hope of Salvation by the sufferings of the Son of God? May we not flatter ourselves, that, aided and assisted by the divine Spirit, we owe much of the present thirst for Christian knowledge to the establishment of these Societies? But to insist on a truth so evident, were a vain waste of time and labor - It is our present wish, and object, to show in what a Tract Society, constituted, as we hope it will be, with a Bible and Prayer Book Society, may be useful in this place and its vicinity.

1st Our country is new and the community is made up of persons of the Union, not to say from all parts of the world.

2nd Having been differently educated, and received different degrees of instruction, and having few natural, or social, communications with each other, what more likely to excite an interest in, and a desire to promote each others welfare, than a

Society which shall bring us often together? Our common wants, both temporal and spiritual, and the common interest we have in the merits of a crucified Redeemer, will warm our hearts with love for each other, and excite in our bosoms a desire of following the example of our blessed Master, of doing good to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of Death; into whose hearts the light of divine mercy has never yet shined, and over whose minds the veil of ignorance remains entire.

3^{rdly} Most of us have families and some of us have large ones, and living remote from each other and from the usual places of moral and religious instruction. — This Society holds forth advantages, which those only can duly appreciate, who have deeply experienced the misery and wretchedness of beholding a family coming into this life, without the possibility of affording them that instruction which should qualify them for the life eternal.

4^{thly} Would to God that the writer of this article were not compelled to say, that there are some among us, may their number be daily diminished, who know little of the world to come, but what has been learned from profane conversation; and nothing of morality, but what the laws of the land have compelled them reluctantly to know.

True, without doubt, may be instructed better by small Tracts judiciously selected, than in any other way. Their silent exhortations and reproofs will, like the gentle rain, slowly, but eventually soften a heart not wholly callous to its own best interests.

But it is said we are poor. True, many of us are so; — and the disconsolate widow, who cast in

her mite for the service of her Lord, was poor
likewise - Yet I believe that there is none among
us so very poor but that she might contribute
her mite for the service of God and the good
of his creatures without "ceasing in all her
living" - and He, who sees not only the external
act, but the inmost recesses of the human heart
will not fail to approbate us, if we rightly and
duly serve Him

It is said also, we are struggling hard
to provide for ourselves and our families. True,
but while we are providing food and raiment
and where withal to appear comely in the
eyes of each other, are we willing to appear
destitute of moral and religious excellencies in the
sight of God and the world of spirits? Are we
willing that our neighbor should perish, for
lack of that knowledge, which it is in our power
to bestow; to deny ourselves the pleasure of being
the happy instruments of saving a soul alive?

But it is not in the funds, which the Society
may be able to collect, that they must wholly
rely for the accomplishment of the object they
have in view. It is from similar Societies -
it is from ~~The~~ liberality of individuals - it is
from You, O! Christian professor, that this in-
fant establishment looks for protection and
support

We, then, who have it in Your power
and are so happy as to have a disposition, and
a helping hand to save those who are ready
to perish - O! the shepherds of the flock
of Christ, to call into the fold, the lamb

that is going, and the ship that has gone astray;
 and when the Great Shipwreck of a lost and fallen
 world shall appear, may he say unto You, come
 enter into my Parture and upon You by
 the waters of everlasting Salvation
 Worthington November 10. 1817

The foregoing Letter, was read to the
 board of Trustees, approved, and together
 with the Constitution ordered to be printed

Worthington Feb. 4th 1818

The Trustees of the Female Tract Society of Worthing-
 ton and vicinity met agreeably to due notice at the
 house of the Rev. Mr Chase. Present the following
 persons

Mrs Cynthia Kilbourn	Miss Clarissa Thompson
Mrs Mary Chase	Mrs Lucy Matthews
Mrs Ruth Griswold	Mrs Rhoda Griswold
Mrs Cynthia Barker	and others

Miss Clarissa Thompson treasurer of the
 Society made a statement of the ^{funds} of the Society
 whereby it appears that the following persons had
 become subscribers to the Society and the sums an-
 nexed to their names. *via*

Clarissa Thompson	25 Cents	Annah Thompson	25 Cents
Cynthia Barker	25	Lauritta Butcher	0 50
Zippha Barker	25	Evelina Butcher	25
Ruth Andrews	25	Sally B. Delano dead	50

Bethenia Thompson	\$ 25	Sally Matthews deceased	\$ 25
Cynthia Kilbourn		Lucy Heard	25
Laura Kilbourn		Isabella Benton removed	25
Susan Barnes	3	Mary Chase deceased	5
Maria Barnes		Susan Wood removed	25
Sally Beebe removed	25	Charlotte Collins removed	50
Amanda Taylor	25	Sally Wright	50
	50		25
Puth Griswold withdrawn	1		25
Emily Griswold Dead	50	Miriam Cobern	25
Rhoda Griswold removed	1	Philceta Griswold withdrawn	
Nancy Greer	\$ 25	Dorcas Maynard	25
Philomela Parker removed	50	Sarah Ingham	25
Sophronia Willard removed	50	Matthy Wallace removed	25
Sally Harrington	25	Margaret S. Comstock	50
Sally Harrington	25	Julia Comstock removed	25
Rhoda Goodrich	50	Martha Warren removed	
Higail Goodrich dead	50	Eliza Frothingham	25
Fanny Anderson gone	25	Mary Seeley removed	25
Mirra Fay deceased	1	Nancy Wood removed	50
Mary L. Popping	25	Aurelia Parish	50
Rebel Cooklin	25	Precilla Mallery withdrawn	25
Lucretia Finney deceased	25	Elizabeth P. Deland deceased	50
Louisa Maynard withdrawn	25	Sally Russell	50
Louisa Popping	25	Puth Gardner removed	50
Lucy Matthews	1		from this country 1
Petsey Wilson	25	Sally Smith	1
Sally Wilson	25		1
Cynthia Beebe removed	50		1
Lucy Nurse removed	25	Malissa Howard dead	
Neloria Case withdrawn	50	Harriet Platt	50

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It appears that the amount received is
Resolved that Ruth Griswold
Lucy Matthews Rhoda Griswold
Cynthia Barker Clarissa Thompson
be a committee to select a tract proper
to be printed for their use and to carry
into effect the benevolent designs of
their Society

February

Agreeable to appointment the committee
met at the Rev. P. Chases selected two tracts
to be reprinted one intitled the Christian
scholar the other a sermon addressed to
young people these books we trust and
believe will be useful for children, youth
and people of advanced age - - -

Easter Monday May 23^d 1818
The members of the Female Tract Society of
Worthington and its vicinity met at the house
of E. Griswold according to appointment
and the Constitution. After prayers by the
Pector proceeded to the election of officers for
the ensuing year Resolved that
Sally Smith of Delaware supply the ^{place} of
Harriot Little as Trustee Resolved that
the other officers still remain during the
present year Resolved that the two
tracts which had been selected should be printed

May At a special meeting held at
Capt. C. Griswold we chose Mrs Susan Wood
corresponding Secretary to supply the place
of our amiable and much lamented Mrs.
Chase who departed this life May 5 she was one
of the first of our Society and one of the principal
supporters. The loss we fear is irreparable
to us and to society at large - - - June 2^d 1818

At a meeting of the Female Pract Society of
Worthington and its vicinity June 2^d 1818

Resolved That the Corresponding Secretary of
this Society be requested to transmit the letter of wh-
ich the annexed is a copy. thro some respectful
channel to the Chairman of the Convention of the
Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Ohio
to sit in Worthington on Wednesday ~~and next~~

Signed Cynthia Kilbourn Pres^t

True extract from the minutes Cynthia Barker Sec^y

Worthington June 2^d 1818

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal
Church of the Diocese of Ohio now sitting in
Worthington - - Reverend and esteemed broth-
ers in the Lord - The members of the
Female Pract Society of Worthington and its
vicinity beg leave in this way to make known
to you their existence as a Society, and the
and the object of their institution to assure you
of their devout prayers for the prosperity of Gods

primitive Church of which we trust you are
the worthy and distinguished represent-
atives and do earnestly request your aid in their
feeble endeavours to promote the glory of God and
the good of souls. - With this view they send you
herewith copies of their Constitution and Circular
Letter, also specimens of two Tracts which in pur-
suance of what they deem the spirit of their in-
stitution they have caused (1000 copies each) to be pri-
nted and circulated throughout this and the neigh-
bouring places. - May they hope that amid the
immediate and important cares so pressingly
devolving on you in effecting her establishment
and prosperity in this our infant Country, you
will find time to give these papers a perusal &
express your sense of their merits. Should the
design of this Society and their efforts thus far
to carry their design into effect meet your appro-
bation may they have the boldness to desire an
expression of your patronage by recommend-
ing the formation of similar or auxiliary in-
stitutions throughout the Diocese? Would that
we could without offence be more communi-
cative on this subject; but we feared to obstruct on
your time and leave the great utility to be deriv-
ed to our apostolic Church from a general consent
of her friends throughout the Diocese to be contri-
buted and appreciated at a glance from the facts

endeavours of this single infant institution
which now addresses you. — That God the
great head of the Church may smile on your
endeavours to build up his Kingdom and even
have your persons in his holy Kingdom is the prayer

Gentleman
of God Most Obedt
Humble Servts

In behalf of the Society,
Susan Wood

The following is a copy of a letter received from Zanes-
ville dated April 19th 1818 — — Mr Philander Chase

Dear Sir You will see by this that the Lord has put
it in the hearts of a few of our Episcopalian females
to contribute the sum of ten dollars for the use of the
Female Tract Society of Worthington and its vicinity
of which we wish to become members as our num-
ber is small at present perhaps it would be more
useful for us to join with that Society than to think
of establishing one here for as we have not much
vital piety among us we fear we should ^{not} have zeal
sufficient to support it. I hope that God in his
allwise providence will see fit to bestow ^{his blessing upon our} feeble
efforts I think it might be useful here as well as
at Worthington for if we should the use of some of the
Tracts I think it would have a tendency to enlighten
some even in our own Society. — Dear Sir you have
been long expected here and anxiously wished for but
as we heard nothing from ^{you} we hope that all is well

Is that dear Lady of yours well of whom ~~you~~ you spoke
with so much affection, your hope and trust that God will
see fit to spare her life and health for she seems well
to fill the important station in which she is placed
I wish we might be blessed with her society in this
place at some future time such an one we ~~we~~ need
So dear Sir remember us at the Throne of grace, we
need your prayers may the best of Heavens blessings at-
tend thee - Adieu - - Names of the subscribers

Maria L. Morwin Zanesville \$2...	Ann Morehead Zanesville \$ 65
Darcus Mansbury Putnam 2...	Betsy Morehead Zanesville \$ 50
Grace Ann Reeve Zanesville 1...	Sarah R. Reeve Zanesville \$ 1...
Deborah Tillamond Zanesville 1...	Mrs Maria Williams Zanesville 50
Rachel Reeve Zanesville 1...	Sarah Ann Reeve \$ 50

The above letter was read at our last
meeting - since we have received the following
from the convention - - The committee upon
the communication from the Female Tract Soc-
iety of Worthington report, that in their opinion,
it is proper that the Convention express their ap-
probation of the object and labours of the society,
by entering a declaration to that effect, upon
their journals, and causing a copy thereof to be
presented to the society, thro' their President, &
they reported a declaration, ^{to} that effect, as fol-
lows. - - -

The convention have received
with much satisfaction a communication from
the Female Tract Society of Worthington, accom-
panied with their constitution, circular letter
and two tracts, which they have caused to be pu-
blished and distributed in Worthington, and its

vicinity. Nothing can be more laudable, and deserve higher commendation than exertions to diffuse religious and useful knowledge in the world; and efforts for this purpose, are most successful when addressed to the minds of youth. The tracts published by the society, are in the opinion of this Convention, calculated to be eminently useful in promoting the object which the society have in view. They breathe a spirit of active and vital piety, and are written in a style of elegant simplicity, and perspicuity. Production of this character naturally conduce to mend the heart, improve the mind and cherish a correct taste for literature; these are accomplishments of the highest order, which, in every station of life, contribute to adorn and dignify the human character. The Convention rejoice that the female members of the Church in Northampton, have engaged in a work of benevolence so worthy the attention of the mothers of the whole human family; a work, which while it does great good to others, cannot fail to produce many advantages and consolations to themselves. They recommend to the society a steady perseverance in the labor they have commenced. To stimulate their exertions, nothing more can be necessary than the exhortations of our Heavenly Father so frequently repeated in the Holy Scriptures. And if more were necessary it would be found in the delight, which labours of piety and love infuse into the minds of all good christians. — — — — —

Wetsey Cole	25	removed
Elizabeth A. Burr	50	dead
Lydia Storer	25	
W. Hibbard	25	removed
Clarrisa Goodrich	50	
Wetsey Cole	25	
Sophia Chase	\$1.	removed
Laura Pangborn	25	
Sophia Andrews	25	
Sarah Frisby	25	removed
Amelia Trumble	25	withdrawn
Sylvia Griswold	25	deceased
Lucinda Holcomb	25	withdrawn
Amilla Park	25	withdrawn
Livona Park	25	deceased
Almeda Park	25	withdrawn
Harriet State		removed
Roxana Street	25	
Julia Strong	25	deceased
Hannah Hamlin	25	removed
Lucia Russel	25	removed
Elizabeth Vignarone	25	
Julia Ripley		removed removed
Catherine Greenham	50	
Eliza A. McDowell	50	
Mary K. M. Vinton	50	
Phoebe Lord	25	
Maria S. Sampson	50	
Sophia Chase	\$1.	
Fanny Ingraham	50	
Erill Kilbourn	25	

These have joined
another society

The Female Tract Society Met this day at
the house of Mr Burrs, present Mrs Barker
Mrs H. Butler Mrs Andrews Miss Strong &
Others - Meeting opened in due form, after which
some very good tracts were read Meeting closed
with prayers - - - - - Wen. February 19 1823.

March - - - - - The Female Tract Society met at
Judge Thompsons quite a full meeting and good
as all our meetings are meeting commenced and
closed as usual we read tracts which we find very useful

Easter Monday April 1st 1823 - - -

The Female Tract Society of Washington & its Vicinity
met at the house of Mrs Cynthia Barkers after pray-
ers reading lessons &c. - - - proceeded as usual to elect and re-
elect officers C. Barker reelected President

Mrs E. Burr reelected Vice President

Miss C. Thompson reelected Treasurer

Mrs H. Platt reelected Secretary

Mrs H. Butters - - - Corresponding Secy to fill
the vacancy by reason of Mrs Chase moving from this
place - Mrs E. Ingham elected Trustee in place
of A. Waterfield who has left this place - - -
Mrs J. Barker was appointed trustee in place of
Mrs Andrews the remainder of the Trustees were reelected

C. Barker reports to the Society that she has the year past distributed four hundred Catechisms, nearly five hundred Tracts entitled plain proof to the poor that the bible is the word of God and many others on different subjects — — — after this a Tract was read, evening lessons for the day and closed the meeting with prayer — — This day more in number of the members have converted than at an annual meeting before for three years past — and how animating — to see the increasing engagedness in so good a cause — may we increase in numbers — and more in piety — let us strive to do good while the thread of life is lengthened out to us — — —

May 11th 1823 The Female Tract Society convened at the house of Mr Griswold meeting opened in due form read a sermon, small Tract and a short time spent in conversing after which read evening lessons and closed with prayer. — — —

June 6th — — — Met at Cynthia Barker's for the purpose of stitching Catechisms five hundred were prepared for distribution and particular at this time for our ministers who have here assembled at their annual convention they express great thankfulness for the books we give them and think they are doing good all over the state we can do very little our appearance

are small but O! may we be more engaged and
exert ourselves to do more than yet has been
done surely if our hearts are rightly inclined
more will be effected-----

July----- Met at C. Barker's for the purpose of
folding and stitching Catechisms

Nov. 5. Convened at the room of Cynthia Barker
the Female Tract Society for a length of time our
meetings have been suspended by reason of genera-
-al sickness which has prevailed not only in
this town but throughout the state but a mer-
-ciful God has seen ^{fit to} cause the disease to cease &
time of heart-felt gratitude this evening a full
meeting, and each Member appeared to greet
with joy the return of another opportunity for
religious improvement. I think that each one of
us, from the heart would say, 'tis good for us that
we are here & my heart and soul seemed to
-st to this world O! that it would continue and
to each one of us that we may so live in this
world as to obtain a crown of glory in the life to come

Nov.----- Convened at Mr. Coulter's mee-
-ting opened and closed as usual a large
number attended and a good spent eve-
-ning we hope and trust it was.

Dec. 11. Met at Mr. Willey's There was
a general attendance proceeded as usual
and again am rejoiced to see a full m-
-eeting and to experience a good eve-
-ning will mention that at our last meet-
-ing appointed in place of Mrs. Thurst

Corresponding Secretary & Mrs Julia Ripley;

January 1824 assembled at Mrs R. Griswold opened the meeting as usual read good tracts closed with prayer.

March met at C. Ripleys our evening I think was well spent but few assembled but that few we trust dispersed rejoicing that another opportunity had been offered for meeting religious exercises.

April Convened at Mr D. Adams this was an excellent meeting we not only had useful reading but we commenced singing and how animating to a man those who are religiously inclined.

Easter Monday, April 19th 1824

The Female Tract Society assembled on this day (it being annual meeting) at the house of Capt C. Ripley - after reading singing and prayer proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, - - - The President, vice, President and treasurer were re-elected - Mrs L Cowles appointed secretary in place of Mrs W. Little - Corresponding secretary reappointed - - - Mrs Aurelia Parish Trustee in place of Miss A. Fay - Miss L. Tapping and Miss A. Porterfield appointed Trustees - the former ones remaining - - -

The President reports to the Society that she has the past year distributed one thousand of tracts entitled the serious enquirer - and five hundred Catechism - - but few books remain on hand - there has lately been a greater demand

Tracts than usual, may our funds increase with the demand that
we may be enabled to do more ^{for the} good of souls, C. Barker

The Treasurers Report

June 2nd: According to appointment a large number of our
Society assembled at Judge Thompsons - opened the meeting as usual
with reading - singing and prayer, after which selected from a most
excellent series of lectures the interesting history of Deborah -
a part of which was read to the mutual satisfaction of all
present - may we learn to feel her zeal and practice her virtues
closed the evening with the heart felt gratitude for the privileges
we enjoy in so frequent opportunities of Religious instructions

July 7th - Convened at Mrs Barkers opened the
meeting in the usual manner, spent a pleasant and useful
evening in reading the remaining part of Deborahs his-
tory - and in stitching some ~~new~~ late printed tracts -
It is much to be desired that we may all with cheerful
dispositions, do as our best circumstances will permit in
support of this society, and in so doing procure for the
benefit of thousands this christian institution -

August 4. Convened at Mrs Barkers finished
stitching tracts and reading a tract or two
closed the meeting as usual

Oct. 5. Met at Maj. Thompsons finished reading the history of Deborah and which was very interesting, to all present and a good number had conversed. - - - - -

Nov. 30. Met at Mr. Burrs opened our meeting with prayer and read the history of Hannah this was good and particularly the last lecture which was an address to Mothers of daughters this was most excellent I was and I trust every other one, particularly interested, O! I wish every other who have daughters could read or hear it, read & sing hymns closed as usual. - - - - - Dec. at

Mrs. Griswold Met read a trifle but not with much engagedness expecting not very good. - - - Feb. 1. at C. Ripleys conversed at an evening house read a small tract an address to Mothers this we agree to have printed read a number of other pieces sung an hymns and closed as usual. - - -

Easter Monday April 4. 1825.

Convened at Mr. Ripleys the Female Tract Society, after opening the meeting in the usual ^{form}, we proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year the President Vice President are again reelected the corresponding Secretary also Miss Sophia B. Andrews was elected secretary in place of Mrs L. Cowles Miss C. Thompson again reelected Treasurer - Louisa Topping, Philomela Barker, Bethena Witherson, Harriet Lamb, Delaware, Correl Kilbourn, Anselia Brooks Columbus, Nabby Wright on Plum Creek, Betsey Reed at Danesville, after these were elected

August 1st The tract Society convened at Mr
Cherter Bennetts for the purpose of folding &
stitching tracts, & August 15th Met at the house
of Demas Adams for the same purpose, in the
meeting was read the annual report of the
American Tract Society, ^{meeting} closed with prayers.
August 29th Assembled at the house of Mr Peter
Barker for the purpose of folding and stitching
Catechisms closed the meeting with prayers.

April 7th 1828

Easter Monday Annual meeting.

Met at the house of Mr Cowles, After the meeting was opened
with prayer & singing as usual; it was adjourned two weeks for
particular reasons & to meet at the same house.

Monday the 21st,

Met according to adjournment, the meeting was opened as usual,
then proceeding in the choice of officers, all the old officers were
elected anew with the exception of secretary and corresponding secre-
tary & Miss Juliet Andrews was appointed secretary in the room of
Mrs Sophia Barr & Miss Corril Kilborn corresponding secretary
in the room of Mrs Sophia Chase, Mrs Rhoda Barker was
appointed trustee. And two new members were admitted, the
meeting was then closed, & the next appointed the first Wednesday
in May next at the house of Mr Elias Barr.

Wednesday May 4th

Met according to appointment at the house of Mr Orieas Burr,
the members were the most of the time engaged in repairing
old garments that had been presented by a number of individuals
for the benefit of several indigent children who could not
attend the Sunday School for want of decent clothing, they
were in part finished on that day & the society adjourned
untill the next week on Tuesday to meet at Mrs Griswolds,
the meeting was closed with prayer as usual.

Tuesday the 13th

Met ~~at~~ at Mrs Griswolds according to appointment, a large
collection of more clothing was added to what had already
been collected the garments were the most of them prepared
and presented to the children —

June, Met at the house of Mr Chester Pinney agreeably to appointment,
the members were employed in stitching tracts, the title was The Murmur
Corrected, the meeting was closed with singing and prayer as usual —

November. Met at Mrs Toppings according to appointment, they were
but few attended in consequence of disagreeable weather, a sermon was
read, the meeting was closed as usual —

September — no meeting this month
in consequence of an uncommon time of sickness.

October — a meeting was held
this month at Mrs Henry Pinney, but the ill
state of health prevented the writer ^{of this} from attending
and of course cannot record the proceedings

November — no meeting was
held this month, owing to the heavy rains, & dis-
agreeable traveling, the members could not attend —

At a meeting on the fourth of July 1832
held at the house of Judge Butcher for the purpose of
forming a missionary society, composing the most
part of the old members of the female tract society
of Worthington, when the following Constitution was
read, and agreed to be adopted —

Constitution —
The Ladies of St Johns Church of Worthington being
deeply sensible of the great deficiency of clergymen which
exists have agreed to form themselves into a missionary
society, to aid in promoting this object —
Article 1st

The subscribers cordially approve the object
do agree to form a society to be entitled "The Female
Missionary Society of St. Johns Church Worthington."
Article 2nd

Every ~~person~~ ^{Every} person subscribing twenty five cents or upwards
shall be entitled to vote for the choice of officers
at the annual meeting and be considered members
of this society & those subscribing three dollars or
upwards, shall be members, for life

Article 3rd

The business of the society shall be conducted by a board of managers to be chosen from among the subscribers consisting of a President, Vice President, a treasurer, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, and not less than seven other members, five of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 4th

It shall be the duty of the President or in her absence, the Vice President to preside & keep order in all meetings of the board or of the society.

Article 5th

The treasurer shall take charge of the money collected and pay it out by order of the board and report to the annual meeting.

Article 6th

The Corresponding secretary shall conduct the correspondence, & the recording secretary shall record the proceedings of the board & of the society.

Article 7th

The members shall meet on Easter Monday to choose their officers and transact all business that concerns the society.

Article 8th

every person subscribing per annum shall pay at the time of subscribing & so on annually until she formally withdraw her name.

Article 9th

The society will accept, & gratefully acknowledge any donation which can in any way be applied to the use of the society.

Article 10th

if hereafter it should be deemed necessary to alter this constitution it shall be done at the annual meeting of the society & by a majority of two thirds of the members present.

Article 11th

all questions shall be decided by a vote of the board.

Article 12

The board of managers shall have power to make all bye laws for the government of the society & to fill up all vacancies which may occur by resignation or otherwise

Subscribers names —

Mrs Dorcas Maynard
~~Mrs Fuller~~
 Mrs Bethenia Wilkinson
 Mrs Alvira McWhirk
 Mrs Mila Griswold
 Mrs Cynthia Pinney with
 Mrs Ruth Andrews
 Mrs Harriet Gilbert
 Mrs Abigail Wright
 Mrs Achah Johnson
 Mrs Cynthia Pinney
 Mrs Sophia Burr
 Mrs Margaret Comstock
 Mrs Laura Coates
 Mrs Laura Maynard
 Mrs Clarrissa Maynard
 Mrs Harriet Butters moved away
 Mrs Nancy Greer
 Miss Clarrissa Thompson
 Miss Louisa Topping
 Miss Harriet Griswold
 Miss Juliet Andrews moved away
 Miss Catherine Burr
 Mrs Sally Ingham
 Mrs Polly Pinney
 Mrs Lucy Phelps
 Miss Isabella Greer
 Mrs Philomeld Barker
 Mrs Delisa Bacon
 Mrs Delia Topping
 Mrs Lucy Mc Mullen
 Mrs Lydia Weaver
 Mrs Corilla Sturges
 Miss Sally Ann Harris
 Miss Alvira Maynard
 Miss Elpha Maynard

A list of the officers for the year 1832 —

Mrs Cynthia Pinney President
 Mrs Harriet Butters President
 Mrs Ruth Andrews Secretary
 Miss Kilborn, Corin Secretary
 Miss Clarrissa Thompson Treasurer

managers —

Mrs Sally Ingham
 Mrs Dorcas Maynard
 Mrs Cynthia Pinney
 Mrs Mila Griswold
 Miss Juliet Andrews
 Mrs Bethenia Wilkinson
 Mrs Alvira McWhirk
 Mrs Harriet G. Burr

The amount of ten dollars was voted by this society to be sent to Greece for the purpose of aiding our missionary cause there — it has been collected & sent accordingly —

Subscribers names

Mrs Lucy Ann Barney
 Mrs Sally Fuller
 Miss Sophronia Ingham
 Miss Clarrissa Wilkinson
 Miss Cynthia Bowles
 Miss Joanna Greer
 Miss Ediza Herring
 Mrs Helpeinstein
 Mrs Comfort Lusk
 Miss Anna Helpeinstein

