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of The Asheville Branch of
The Woman's Auxiliary to
The Board of Missions.



Sept. 1, 1896, to Sept. 1, 1897.



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REPORT OF DIOCESAN SECRETARY.

DEAR FRIENDS :

In presenting this, our first report, since the separation from our old friends of the Diocese of North Carolina, it is with great pleasure that I can assure you that I see no falling backward, but an encouraging advance.

Our first meeting as a separate Diocesan Branch was held in Morganton in September, 1896. I have been unable to obtain any notes from the lady who acted as secretary of that meeting and can therefore, only briefly mention the points of interest as they recall themselves to my recollection.

Bishop Cheshire opened the meeting with a few cordial words of Godspeed. In taking charge of the meeting afterwards, I found so few of the Branches represented that it seemed impossible to accomplish anything of a definite organization.

We had no reports from the Parish Branches and were without a head for the Junior Department. Indeed, but for the cordial and sympathetic reception given by the kind sisters of Grace Church, Morganton, the outlook would have daunted the most courageous heart.

Finding matters in this state, it seemed impossible to decide upon, or undertake any great things. We determined, therefore, to confine ourselves to an effort to create interest in three objects : The United Offering, the Thompson Orphanage, and a scholarship in the girls' school at Wuchang, China.

We meet to-day to review the year, to learn from its experience and to make our organization more thorough, so that we may work in future more in touch with each other, and with a clearer understanding of our objects and aims.

This has been a peculiarly hard year for us. Not only have we had to encounter the financial depression extending over the whole country, but our own discouragement incident to our failure to get a Bishop of our own. It is with a sense of profound gratitude that I am able to report, that in spite of these and other great drawbacks we have made decided progress.

Sixteen Branches report with us, all showing good work.

Two Branches, Highlands and Cashier's Valley, have failed to join us this year but we hope will soon fall into line. Hickory, also, has given up all effort, except upon the part of one faithful woman, who continues to do what she can personally.

Against this discouragement we have four new Branches formed; namely, St. Philip's, Brevard; St. James, Hendersonville; St. Agnes, Franklin; Church of the Redeemer, Buncombe, and also a marked revival upon the part of several that had languished. In total, our money contributions have doubled, rising from \$407.49 in '96, to \$823.97 in '97.

The Junior Department appears to show a decrease—\$215.50 as against \$235. But has really increased, as one of its strongest branches, that of the Faithful Endeavor Society of Trinity Church, Asheville, has been advanced into the ranks of the Seniors and makes its report under that head.

After many delays and disappointments we have secured an efficient head for the Junior Department in Miss Mary McBee, of Lincolnton, and we look for good work in that field this year. Mrs. Lyman has been faithful to her work in the Babies' Branch and will make her report at this meeting.

I have received, before Sept. 1st, '97, for—	
United Offering	\$ 89 13
Foreign Scholarship	45 00
Central Fund	\$ 18 85
Communion Alms	6 84
	—
	\$ 25 69
And expended of this fund for postage, stationery, hand-books, etc.,	10 74
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Leaving a balance in hand for printing reports, etc.,	\$ 14 95

I have written 281 letters and visited five places at a personal expense of \$18.55.

While there is much to cheer us in the results of our efforts, we must see how sadly inadequate it is to the great work before us. Out of 56 Parishes and Missions in the Jurisdiction, we have only 16 in the Woman's Department and 7 in the Junior.

Out of the hundreds of women and girls who profess to believe that our Church presents the highest type of Christianity, and who glibly repeat the words, "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven," we can almost count upon our fingers those who really strive and pray for the coming of the Kingdom, and are willing to give of their time and attention to gain an intelligent understanding of the obligations of their profession.

Let us always remember that the money report is only the outward and visible sign. The true work is the attention and thought, and above all the prayer given with all our hearts and souls, that into the dark and evil places Light may shine.

I earnestly commend to you as our special work for the year, the constant, prayerful effort to increase our own interest and information, and to strive to bring other women into this great band of the Church's hand-maidens.

Thanking you for the loyal and affectionate co-operation you have given me, I am

Most cordially your friend and servant,

FANNY L. PATTON,

Dio. Sec. Woman's Aux., Jurisdiction of Asheville.

September 1st, 1897.

REPORT OF BRANCHES.

TRINITY—ASHEVILLE.

President, Mrs. J. G. Martin, Sr.; Vice President, Mrs. W. D. Houghteling; Secretary, Miss McAfee; Treasurer, Mrs. Grabau.

Jarvis Buxton Scholarship in China	\$ 40 00
All Saints Scholarship in China	10 00
Famine sufferers in India	7 00
Church in Brazil	1 20
Bishop Gray in Florida	5 00
St. Luke's, Buncombe	2 00
St. Mathias Church	63 25
Salary Diocesan Missionary	40 00
United Offering	30 75
Last years' reports	2 40
Central Fund	7 85
Boxes, Rev. Mr. Wey	85 00
Brevard	14 00
Weaverville	12 00
	<u>\$320 45</u>

FAITHFUL ENDEAVOR SOCIETY—ASHEVILLE.

President, Miss F. L. Patton; Secretary, Miss Grace Jones; Treasurer, Miss Seline Seay.

All Saints Scholarship, China	\$ 11 00
Famine sufferers, India	5 00
Valle Crucis Mission	5 00
St. Luke's, Buncombe county	13 00
St. Mathias church	5 00
Domestic Missions	5 00
Diocesan Missions	20 85
United Offering	10 00
	<u>\$ 74 85</u>

GETHSEMANE CHURCH—BOWMAN'S BLUFF.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. R. Wainwright. Members 3.

All Saints Scholarship in China	\$ 3 00
United Offering	4 70
Central Fund	30
Boxes, Thompson Orphanage	24 00
	<u>\$ 32 00</u>

ST. PHILIP'S—BREVARD.

President, Mrs. C. D. Chapman; Vice President, Mrs. A. E. Boardman; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Gash.

All Saints Scholarship, China	\$3 00
Diocesan Missions	5 65
United Offering	1 20
Central Fund	80
Boxes, Thompson Orphanage	12 00
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	\$22 65

GRACE—BUNCOMBE COUNTY.

President, Mrs. W. F. Rice; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. C. T. Chester.

All Saints Scholarship, China	\$5 00
United Offering	50
Central Fund	2 80
Boxes, Thompson Orphanage	30 00
Alaska Mission	14 00
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	\$52 30

CHURCH OF REDEEMER—BUNCOMBE COUNTY.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Willis. Members 3.

Boxes, Buncombe county	\$4 00
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CALvary CHURCH—HENDERSON COUNTY.

President, Mrs. H. H. Phelps; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. T. C. Wetmore.

All Saints Scholarship, China	\$1 00
Medical Missions, China	1 00
Bishop Hare's work	1 00
Bishop Gray's work	1 00
Thompson Orphanage	5 00
Diocesan Missions	5 00
Central Fund	70
Boxes, Thompson Orphanage	19 00
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	\$33 70

ST. AGNES—FRANKLIN.

President, Mrs. J. A. Deal. Members 4.

All Saints Scholarship, China	\$1 00
United Offering	1 12
Central Fund	70
Boxes, Thompson Orphanage	4 50
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LUCIA—GASTON COUNTY.

President, Mrs. L. E. Johnson. Members 4.	
Diocesan Missions	\$ 5 00
Boxes, Thompson Orphanage	12 00
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	\$ 17 00

ST. JAMES—HENDERSONVILLE.

President, Mrs. W. B. Troy ; Secretary, Miss Henrietta Walker ;	
Treasurer, Miss Ellen J. Patton	
Diocesan Missions	\$ 64 80
United Offering	1 00
Central Fund	80
Box, Thompson Orphanage	5 00
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	\$ 71 60

ASCENSION—HICKORY.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. O. M. Royster. Member 1.	
United Offering	\$ 2 00
Central Fund	1 50
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	\$ 3 50

ST. JAMES—LENOIR.

All Saints Scholarship, China	\$ 2 50
United Offering	20 00
General Missions	7 00
Thompson Orphanage	6 25
C. P. C	50
Central Fund	1 00
Boxes, Thompson Orphanage	9 00
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	\$ 46 25

ST. LUKE'S—LINCOLNTON.

President, Mrs. Curtis ; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Hoke.	
Members 4.	
All Saints Scholarship, China	\$ 5 00
United Offering	3 00
Diocesan Missions	6 00
Central Fund	90
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	\$ 14 90

GRACE—MORGANTON.

President, Mrs. Cameron Pearson ; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Chas. McKesson

All Saints Scholarship, China	\$ 5 00
United Offering	10 35
Good Shepherd Mission	1 50
Central Fund	1 00
Boxes, Thompson Orphanage	5 00
Good Shepherd Mission	8 00
St. George's Mission	10 00
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	\$ 40 85

ST. JOHN'S—NONAH.

President, Mrs. Nettie C. Arthur. Members 2.

All Saints Scholarship, China	\$ 50
United Offering	2 00
Bishop Rowe, Alaska	25
Central Fund	10
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	\$ 2 85

GRACE—WAYNESVILLE.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. F. A. Walter.

Domestic Missions	\$ 20 00
Salary Missionary	50 00
United Offering	2 51
Central Fund	40
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	\$ 72 91

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

TRINITY-M. C. L.—ASHEVILLE.

President, Miss S. E. Hatch.	
Thompson Orphanage	\$105 00
United Offering	3 00
Cape Mount, Africa	1 30
Diocesan Missions	34 86
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GRACE—BUNCOMBE COUNTY.

Secretary and Treasurer, Miss N. M. Rice.	
Valle Crucis	\$ 10 00
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CALVARY—HENDERSON COUNTY.

President, Mrs. H. H. Phelps.	
Valle Crucis	\$ 3 60
Boxes, Calvary Mission	2 00
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	\$ 5 60

ST. LUKE'S—LINCOLNTON.

President, Mrs. H. Jenkins.	
Valle Crucis	\$ 18 75
Diocesan Missions	13 00
Box, Thompson Orphanage	2 00
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	\$ 33 75

ST. JOHN'S—NONAH.

President, Mrs. N. C. Arthur.	
Valle Crucis	50

ST. GABRIEL'S LEAGUE—OLD FORT.

President, Mr. G. A. Thompson.	
Thompson Orphanage	\$ 1 50
United Offering	1 88
Valle Crucis	50
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	\$ 3 88

GRACE—WAYNESVILLE.

President, Mrs. R. N. Tate.

Valle Crucis	\$ 4 00
Thompson Orphanage	4 00
Diocesan Missions	9 91
Central Fund	20
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	\$ 18 11

RECAPITULATION.

SENIOR DEPARTMENT.

Money—Foreign Missions	\$101 20
Domestic Missions	101 00
Diocesan Missions	237 05
United Offering	89 13
Central Fund	18 85
Communion Alms	6 84
Last year's expenses	2 40
Boxes	<u>267 50</u>
Total	\$823 97

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Money—Foreign Missions	\$ 1 30
Domestic Missions	110 50
Diocesan Missions	94 62
United Offering	4 88
Central Fund	20
Boxes	<u>4 00</u>
Total	\$ 215 50
Grand total	\$1039 47

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