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OF THE

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE

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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THIS Society was organized four years ago as the Woman's Missionary Society of the Diocese of California, a Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

The organization, although Diocesan, was confined, of necessity, in its beginnings to the Parishes of San Francisco. The work was limited to the Pacific Coast, and by special arrangement with Miss Emery, correspondence with the clergy is direct, a plan adopted for convenience, owing to our great distance from the central office.

These ASSOCIATED PARISHES have worked together since then, but the membership now includes representatives from many neighboring towns, and the list numbers two hundred and thirty, a gain of fifty during the year.

But the development which best exhibits the growth of the Society is the formation of Parish Branches, working under the general supervision of the Diocesan officers, reporting to them, but selecting through them their own objects of work.

To meet this expansion of the work, the Society adopted a new constitution on the afternoon of April 21st. This provides for a change of name, and we are now the CALIFORNIA BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS, and thus conform to general usage.

The constitution offers no new plan of work, but was formed on the lines of our present action. The framers of the instrument hope that it will admit of the co-operation of all women in the Diocese who work for Missions. A by-law binds us to care for the needs of our Diocesan Clergy, before offering aid elsewhere. This is but the following of a natural law. But as the Church is one and all of us members of the One Body, so, neither pastor nor society may prescribe to the individual geographical limits to his giving, and we ask all Parish Societies, and all women in this Diocese, who are working and praying for Missions to work and pray with us.

We shall always, all of us, have our favorite Missions; some methods will commend themselves to one, some to another, and thus

giving, we bestow the charm of a personal interest. But liberty of choice is not curtailed by the wider knowledge that comes from association, and to our giving with love we may add the giving with wisdom, for in this work, as in all others, system develops skill, and we may emulate that Divine Economy which wastes nothing and makes the best possible use of all.

The Society has held twenty-one meetings during the year. On Sept. 17th resolutions were passed, expressing the grief of the Society in the death of the Rev. W. L. Mott, of Modesto, our good Missionary gone to his reward.

On the 14th of October we met for the first time in St. Stephen's Church, San Francisco, when the Rev. J. S. McGowan gave us a very interesting account of his new Mission in the San Antonio Valley. A promise was made to remember the Mission in gifts of altar linen and vestments, which was duly kept at Christmas. A collection was taken up for the Mission, resulting in \$22.50.

On the 29th of October a pleasant meeting in St. Peter's Parish brought this the last of the city Parishes into our roll.

A special meeting was called for the 5th of November, at Trinity Church, to meet the Rev. F. R. Graves and Mrs. Graves, Missionaries to Wuchang, China. A large attendance testified to the interest in the methods to be pursued with this people, and Mr. Graves' clear and practical address, supplemented by careful answers to the questions propounded, gave perhaps, the most satisfactory information we have, as yet, received of the workings of our Chinese Missions. A collection of \$15.40 for the work proved that our experience has not totally hardened us to the claim of the Chinese field.

From this time until the close of the Advent season the associated parishes met regularly and were occupied in the preparation of Christmas Boxes, giving during that time \$28.00 to the purchase of an Altar for the Mission in Pasadena and \$3.00 to the Christmas Letter Mission, a worthy charity, which puts a bright letter and Christmas card under the pillows of the inmates of hospitals, prisons, and reformatories.

Meetings were resumed immediately after Christmas.

On the afternoon of the 4th of March we organized the Parish Branch of the Church of the Advent, East Oakland. The whole working of the Society was explained as it cannot be by cor-

respondence, and this our first formal organization, was felt to be perfect in the thorough understanding of the work and the loving earnestness of the new members.

Again on the 11th of March a new Parish was added to us, and a repetition of our experiences in East Oakland inaugurated the Auxiliary in Christ Church, Saucelito.

Our second meeting in St. Paul's Parish, Oakland, on the 21st of March, was largely attended and renewed the warm welcome of a year ago.

By the request of the Foreign Committee and in pursuance of our blessed mission to do the little things that no other society provides for we arrange for the entertainment of our lady Missionaries to China, and Japan, eight of whom have passed through San Francisco during the year. A very solemn farewell service for Miss Purple, going to China, was held on the Feast of the Annunciation in St. Stephen's Church. The Bishop administered the Holy Communion, and the Rector, the Rev. E. J. Lion, delivered a very touching address. The offering was given to us and applied to the purchase of a small silver-plated font for a Mission in Oregon.

Lent work closed with the sending of the Easter boxes on the 4th of April.

At the meetings subsequent to this and previous to the general meeting held during Convention, contributions were made to various objects, which will be found in the list of Money Contributions.

On the 16th of May, in the Sunday-School room of Grace Church, San Francisco, we held the first public meeting during Convention.

The Bishop of the Diocese opened the meeting and presided, and in a few words of greeting commended the work, urging us to further effort.

The Diocesan and Parochial reports were read, when the diocesan missionaries present addressed the meeting.

The Rev. A. G. L. Trew, Dean of the Southern Convocation, told in earnest speech the growth of the field, the pressing demands upon the laborors and the glowing hopes that promised to reward a present outlay of money and effort. He was followed by the Rev. J. A. Emery of the Santa Ana Valley Associate Mission, the Rev. J. S. McGowan of the San Antonio Valley Mission, the Rev. C. L.

Linsley of Wilmington, the Rev. W. J. O'Brien of Watsonville and the Rev. D. O. Kelley of the San Joaquin Valley Associate Mission.

As these devoted men spoke to us, every one of the special attractions or difficulties of his field, allusions to the Society's helpfulness kept pace with the recital of past struggles. May this testimony to the efficiency of the Auxiliary attract to it new workers in the coming year !

This meeting closed the active work of the year. A member present gave \$30 to Diocesan Building Funds, and the Society voted a clerical suit, two surplices and a communion service.

The fourth annual meeting was held in the Sunday-School room of Trinity Church, San Francisco, on the afternoon of the 6th of October.

The officers of the previous year were re-elected, with the exception of the Treasurer. Mrs. J. G. Clark, who has served so faithfully in this office since the beginning of the work, and to whose untiring devotion our success is largely due, declined renomination, as, for a time, her energies will be fully taxed in the organization of an important charity to which she has been elected President. The Society reluctantly admitted the claims of a greater duty, and on Mrs. Clark's nomination, elected Miss E. H. Maynard, our first Secretary, Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The meeting was enlivened by a pleasant address from Miss Hoar, a Missionary of the S. P. G., *en route* for her work in Japan.

The objects claiming our interest in the coming year are just as many as we choose to make them. We have done much more than our first years promised. From the preparation of Missionary boxes alone, to the provision of church furnishings and gifts to building funds, scholarships and hospitals, a good step was taken. Shall we hesitate at another, and believe anything the Church may ask of us too much for the women of California ? Let us rather look on this era of our growth as one of those periods of partial attainment which should strengthen the forces for renewed effort. This day only is ours. May we seize it, and do our best in it, that when Eternity shall ask of Time our reckoning, no rusty talent may appear, to mock the misused hours of a great opportunity.

SUSAN S. LAWVER,

Secretary.

List of Boxes with their Valuations,

SENT BY THE ASSOCIATED PARISHES AND PARISH SOCIETIES TO DOMESTIC
MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONS.

ASSOCIATED PARISHES AND MEMBERS IN BERKELEY, OAKLAND AND SAN RAFAEL.

	Value.
Five Christmas boxes to five Diocesan Missionaries.....	\$254 66
Christmas toys and Books to a Missionary's family.....	3 00
Christmas box to a Missionary's Widow.....	36 50
Clerical suit and Embroidered stole to a Diocesan Missionary.....	84 86
Clerical suit to a Clergyman.....	25 60
Box to a Missionary.....	7 00
Box of articles for sale to San Diego Mission.....	187 00
Box to a Diocesan Missionary.....	12 50
Box to a Missionary's wife.....	18 00
Bible-markers to Holy Trinity Mission, San Diego.....	3 00
Three Easter boxes to three Diocesan Missionaries.....	131 36
Part of Easter box to a Missionary in Oregon.....	42 00
Surplice and embroidered stole to a Diocesan Missionary.....	20 00
Clerical suit and surplice to a Diocesan Missionary.....	35 66
Surplice to a Diocesan Missionary.....	10 00
Surplice and embroidered stole to a Diocesan Missionary.....	20 00
Embroidered altar linen to Mission at San Miguel.....	12 50
Embroidered altar linen to Mission at Jolon	12 50
Embroidered altar linen to St. John's Mission, Wilmington.....	15 00
Embroidered white altar frontal to ditto.....	17 00
Chalice, paten and bread box to ditto.....	7 02
Small font to Mission in Oregon.....	8 00
Box of fancy articles to a Mission Guild.....	10 00
FRESNO, ST. JAMES'—GUILD CHAPTER, CHRISTIAN FRIENDS.	
Stole to Merced Mission.....	6 00
LOS ANGELES, MISS EMMA GREBE'S S. S. CLASS,	
Box to Quinaielt Agency.....	8 40
OAKLAND (EAST) CHURCH OF THE ADVENT—LADIES' AID SOCIETY.	
Package towards box for Missionary in Oregon.....	15 50
SAN FRANCISCO, ST. LUKE'S CHURCH—ST. AGNES GUILD,	
Emb. altar linen to St. Paul's Mission, Tustin.....	18 00
Emb. altar linen to All Saints' Mission, Pasadena.....	15 00
Package towards Diocesan Missionary Box.....	4 25
SAN FRANCISCO, ST. LUKE'S CHURCH—ST. LUKE'S GUILD,	
Box to Missionary.....	9 00
Christmas box to clergyman's widow.....	16 70
Box to Missionary, San Francisco.....	15 05
Clerical suit to Missionary in Oregon.....	23 00
SAN FRANCISCO, CHURCH OF THE ADVENT—ZETETAI GUILD,	
Package towards Easter Box for Missionary in Oregon.....	3 00
SANTA BARBARA, TRINITY CHURCH—LADIES' AID SOCIETY,	
Box to Missionary's Widow.....	16 00
SAUCELITO, CHRIST CHURCH,—GUILD,	
Package towards Easter Box for Missionary in Oregon.....	6 50
Total	\$1,066 56

Money Contributions.

ASSOCIATED PARISHES

San Antonio Valley Building Fund.....	\$27 00
Missionary's widow.....	9 00
Rev. F. W. Graves, Missionary to China.....	15 40
Christmas Letter Mission.....	3 00
To purchase of altar for All Saints' Mission, Pasadena.....	28 00
Building Fund, San Diego.....	20 00
San Antonio Valley Building Fund (special).....	10 00
Building fund, Wilmington (special).....	10 00
Building Fund, Tustin Rectory (special).....	10 00
Missionary's traveling expenses.....	20 00
Rectory Fund, Tustin.....	57 85
City Front Mission, San Francisco.....	13 00

OAKLAND, ST. PAUL'S, MRS. HAILE'S CLASS S. S.

.....	8 00
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OAKLAND, ST. PAUL'S, AUXILIARY

Rectory Fund, Tustin.....	6 00
St. Andrew's Mission, W. Oakland.....	120 00
Park's Scholarship, Salt Lake, Utah.....	40 65

OAKLAND, EAST, CHURCH OF THE ADVENT—LADIES' AID SOCIETY,

.....	2 00
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SAN FRANCISCO, ST. LUKE'S—ST. AGNES GUILD

Mrs. Buford's Hospital.....	40 00
Alms H. Mission, San Fran.....	32 50
Christmas Letter Mission.....	8 20
Tustin Rectory Fund.....	3 00

SAN FRANCISCO, ST. LUKE'S—ST. LUKE'S GUILD,

Mission Kindergarten, San Francisco.....	24 00
Alms House Mission.....	30 00
Maria Kip Scholarship.....	40 00

SAUCELITO, CHRIST CHURCH GUILD,

.....	3 00
Total	\$580 10

SUMMARY.

Total value of Boxes.....	\$1,086 56
Total Money Contributions.....	580 10
Total	\$1,646 66

CONSTITUTION.

1.

The name of this Society shall be the "CALIFORNIA BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS."

2.

The object of the Society is to diffuse Missionary intelligence; to increase Missionary activity among the women of the Diocese; to unite previously existing societies, and to encourage the formation of new societies for Missionary work.

3.

The officers of this Society shall be a President and a first Vice-President, a Vice-President from every associated Parish, and a Treasurer; to be chosen at the annual meeting, and approved by the Bishop.

4.

The President shall perform such duties as usually pertain to the office. The first Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President. The Vice-Presidents from the associated parishes shall preside in the absence of the President and first Vice-President, taking precedence in the order of the numerical representation from their several Parishes, and they shall make every effort to promote the interests of this Society in their several Parishes.

5.

The duty of the Secretary is to give notice of the meetings, and to record the proceedings; to keep a list of the members from the Associated Parishes; to prepare an annual report for circulation in the Diocese; and to conduct the correspondence of the Society with Missionaries, with the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, and with the Secretaries of the various Parish Branches.

6.

The duty of the Treasurer is to keep an account of all moneys received and expended, and of all articles contributed for Missionary purposes, by the Associated Parishes, by Parish Branches, and by individual members.

7.

All Parish Societies who so desire, may become members of this Auxiliary by appointing a Secretary and notifying the President.

The Secretaries of Parish Societies are required to correspond with the Diocesan Officers, who alone correspond with the Secretaries of the Board of Missions and transmit to them all moneys.

8.

The women of the Associated Parishes in San Francisco and the neighboring towns shall continue to meet together as hitherto, every member paying an annual fee of one dollar.

9.

Two general meetings shall be held every year, the annual meeting in September, and another during the session of the Diocesan Convention, at such place as shall be designated by the President.

10.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a meeting called for the purpose and duly advertised ; the proposed amendment having been read at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

This Society shall provide for the wants of the Missionaries in this Diocese to the extent of its ability, before offering assistance elsewhere. All Diocesan Missionaries who may need help, and whom the Bishop may recommend, shall receive from the society one box every year, and no Mission, or Missionary, shall receive aid from this Society without the consent of the Bishop.

A Work Committee shall be appointed by the President to prepare sewing for the associated members.

The Society shall meet every Monday during Lent and Advent, fortnightly at other times, except during the summer vacation. These meetings to be held at the churches of the Associated Parishes in rotation.

