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REPORT
OF THE
Seventh Annual Meeting,
May 16th, 1887.

On the 16th of May, 1887, the California Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions closed its seventh year with an all-day meeting at St. John's Church, San Francisco.

At 10 o'clock a large congregation assembled in the Church for the opening service.

The beautiful Altar, adorned with white hangings and flowers, and the presence of the full choir, spoke a glad welcome to the Sacred Feast that should make of one congregation, the busy workers in so many parishes, met for the crown and blessing of their united labors.

The Bishop of the Diocese, and, with few exceptions, all of the clergy who had attended the Diocesan Convention, just closed, were present at this service and remained throughout the day.

The Rev. E. B. Spalding, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church began the service at the ante-communion, the Rev. F. W. Reed assisting him as deacon at the Celebration.

The Rev. J. Fred. Holmes preached the annual sermon, which will be found printed herein.

At the close of the service a business meeting was held in the Guild Hall, the President in the chair.

The Rev. Dr. Spalding opened the meeting with the prayer for guidance.

The roll call was responded to by delegates from all the Associated Parishes of San Francisco, and from all the parochial branches, except those of St. John's, Stockton; Trinity, Santa Barbara, and St. Peter's, Redwood City.

By the President's request, the Secretary's Report was deferred until the afternoon session.

The Treasurer's statement of the general expense account showed a deficiency of \$20.55 which had been paid by the Associated Parishes. To meet these central expenses the following By-Law was unanimously adopted :

"Every Associated Parish and Parochial Branch shall pay an annual fee of one dollar to the Treasurer, which, with the collection at the annual meeting, shall form a fund for general expenses."

After a reading of the Constitution, opportunity was given to delegates from unaffiliated parishes to join the Society.

Branches were added from the following churches : St. Paul's, Los Angeles ; Church of the Ascension, Boyle Heights, Los Angeles ; Epiphany, East Los Angeles ; All Saints', Pasadena ; St. Matthew's, San Mateo ; St. Augustine's, Santa Monica ; and (since the meeting), Calvary Church, Santa Cruz.

The annual election of the diocesan officers resulted in the re-election of the officers then serving, with the exception of Mrs. Graves, Vice-President from St. Peter's Church. Mrs. Graves, as she is Secretary of St. Peter's parochial branch, declined nomination in favor of Mrs. Elizabeth Henry, who was duly elected.

As the Secretaries of parochial branches are elected by their several societies, it is requested that any change in office be at once reported to the diocesan Secretary.

Lunch hour was spent in the Infant class room, when the ladies of St. John's gave most generous entertainment to over two hundred guests.

The afternoon session opened with the reading of the seventh annual report.

In an address on "Auxiliary Methods," the Rev. J. A. Emery sketched the history of the society ; recorded its wonderful successes ; and traced the progressive movement for the spiritual

advancement of its members, as shown in Quiet Days, Conferences for Women, and the Society of the Royal Law.

The Rev. E. B. Spalding, Chaplain of St. Luke's Hospital, congratulated the Church in California that this much needed charity had been revived and that after two years of faithful labor by self-denying women, the Hospital could report over two hundred patients of all denominations and of many nationalities, cared for, and all expenses paid, with a surplus in the treasury. This had been done under many difficulties, chief of which was the neglect of many parishes and missions to fulfill obligations voluntarily assumed. The diocesan convention had, by unanimous resolution, indorsed the efforts made to restore this charity to the church, and had requested the appointment of a Hospital Sunday, when offerings should be devoted to this work. Last year, in many cases, no offering was made. The speaker urged this duty, and the founding of more free beds.

The Rev. E. J. Lion, for eleven years Chaplain of the Old Ladies' Home, spoke tenderly of his charges and commended the care bestowed on them by the managers. His hopes of a permanent home are soon to be realized, as since this meeting, the new house has been building. It will be occupied early in the winter, and the property will be entirely free from debt. Mr. Lion asked for more subscribers at five dollars per annum, or that members of the Auxiliary undertake the support of an inmate at the monthly expense of \$10.00.

The Rev. A. L. Brewer, told of the Bishop Armitage Orphanage at San Mateo, our youngest institution. The Orphanage, in charge of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, had sheltered twenty-three children, and has been an attractive interest to many Auxiliary branches. The building, completed at a cost of \$2,500 has on it a small debt which the managers would be glad to reduce.

At the earnest request of the officers, Mrs. A. Vernon R. Eastlake, late of Tokio, read a paper on Religious Life in Japan. Mrs. Eastlake, by her long residence among a people she dearly loves and most thoroughly understands, and by a burning zeal for their conversion was able not only to enlist the sympathy of her

hearers, but to give them new proofs of the receptivity of this interesting people.

The Bishop moved a vote of thanks for this charming address.

The old and the new missions of our really missionary diocese then found voice through their clergy.

The Rev. F. J. Mynard gave a bright and amusing sketch of his travels in the Santa Ana Valley.

The old missions in the San Antonio Valley, familiar through the work of the Rev. J. S. McGowan, and the newer stations there, were reported by the Rev. J. F. Holmes, who in addition to his work at Salinas and Monterey, has built the new St. Mary's-by-the-Sea at Pacific Grove, the building nearly paid for, and entirely furnished, by the magic of that divine alchemy that in some ministries converts "having" into "giving."

The Rev. D. O. Kelley represented the great field of the San Joaquin Valley, and especially urged that strong support be given to the Rev. W. H. Dyer in his effort to finish the interior of the church at Modesto, and to the Rev. Carlos Linsley in his work in Tulare Co.

The Rev. H. B. Restarick told of the work in San Diego Co., how his own charge, the old mission of St. Paul, San Diego, had grown into a strong parish, with a very handsome church and rectory, and how the parish organization at National City, had been revived under the ministry of Rev. H. H. Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox had gone as a layman from St. Paul's to National City, and beginning his ministry and his charge contemporaneously, had been blessed by the erection of a beautiful new church.

The San Gabriel Valley, dear to the Auxiliary by many happy memories, had a hearty pleader in the Rev. J. D. H. Browne. Mr. Browne alluded to the work already accomplished by Dean Trew and his associates, and noted the many new places that the society may help the clergy to occupy for the church.

The Rev. Hamilton Lee urged forcibly the needs of Alameda Co., especially at the missions of Temescal and Haywards.

The Rev. H. S. Jefferys closed the missionary addresses with an account of his field in Los Angeles Co., giving hearty thanks to the women who had helped every stage of his progress.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously :

That in grateful appreciation of the sermon preached this morning, the Rev. J. F. Holmes is requested to furnish a copy to be printed in the Seventh Annual Report of the Society.

That this meeting would express its warm thanks to the Rector and women of St. John's Church for their hearty welcome and generous hospitality.

The meeting then adjourned *sine die*, closing with the doxology and the Episcopal blessing.

SUSAN S. LAWVER,
Secretary.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

We keep to-day our seventh anniversary. What lesson has this sacred year for us ?

Truly the law has been our schoolmaster, and has brought us to Christ. In that Presence, whose revelation to us is love, the soul matures. A fuller light reveals new meanings in the old restrictions. Our Sabbaths are now Lord's Days, when—from the act of supremest adoration, to the giving His little ones the cup of cold water—the hours are all His. Our rest is service. We have learned that—

“ Rest is not quitting the busy career ;
Rest is the fitting of self to its sphere.
’Tis loving and serving the highest and best ;
’Tis onwards unswerving—and that is true rest.”

And now in this our Sabbath of years, let me ask of all our workers a new consecration. If in any life there be an idle hour, a folded talent, a hidden light, give it to this service. The record I have to read you is made up of just such gifts, poor perhaps, and helpless in themselves; useful, as they are part of an unceasing devotion that shall know no Sabbath rest until the great mission is accomplished and our work is done.

The Associated Parishes of San Francisco have held seventeen meetings in the eight months just closed. Twenty-four members have been added, making the membership two hundred and nine. Fewer than half of these ever attend our meetings. May we hope that the others are not silent-partners at the Throne of Grace ?

The semi-annual meeting was held at Trinity Church on Sept. 13th, at the close of the summer vacation. Christmas work was then planned; and at St. John's Church, on the 12th of October, a large part of it was distributed to local branches.

On the 18th of October, at St. Paul's Church, the yearly Oakland meeting was well attended. All the Oakland parishes

were represented, and assumed their share of work for Christmas boxes.

This had a good impulse in the hearty interest shown by St. Stephen's parish at the meeting held there, Oct. 25th.

At St. Peter's, on Nov. 9th, Mr. Twing's report to general convention was read.

On the 22nd of November, we met for the first time in the new, Sunday School room of St. Paul's Church.

After the regular business, the proposed Organized Charities Association was fully explained with the hope of interesting many women now actively engaged in city charities. The Rev. Chas. Whitcomb, late of Canada, spoke most convincingly of the need of such organization, and of its practical results in Toronto. The Rector, the Rev. W. S. Neales added valuable suggestions. It is greatly regretted that the prospect has temporarily failed. The Auxiliary, as a helper in all work of bringing souls to Christ is ready to advance the interests of such an organization, by any means at its disposal.

Good meetings were held at St. Luke's Church, on Nov. 29th, and at Grace Church on Dec. 6th. Christmas work closed at Trinity Church on the 13th of Dec.

On the 10th of January, at the Church of the Advent, the Rector, the Rev. John Gray told of the great missionary field within the borders of his parish. A mission Sunday School had been begun to bring in the street children. It was decided to help any missionary work by the parish, and as a beginning, to contribute clothing to the school.

The Christmas work of the Association was reported at this meeting—in value, \$568.43.

Meetings at Trinity Church, and at Grace Church, on the 14th and 21st of February, respectively, were chiefly occupied with plans for Lent work. This was begun at St. Stephen's, on the 7th of March, and continued at the successive weekly meetings at St. Peter's, St. Paul's, and Trinity Churches.

On the eve of the Feast of the Annunciation in St. Stephen's Church, the Rector held a Quiet Day for Women, assisted in the services by the Rev. F. W. Reed.

The Auxiliary is indebted to Mr. Lion for a means of grace, precious beyond its ability to value in words. In St. Stephen's Church a litany desk stands as our humble thank-offering to priest and people.

In St. Luke's Church, April 18th, the society was welcomed by a large number of ladies and girls from the two parochial branches. The Easter work of the Association which was then reported, and that done since, sums up in value, \$493.57.

Total for the year, by the Associated Parishes, \$1062.00.

Within the year, parochial branches have outstripped the old association in work accomplished. This growth is in the natural course of developed energies. While the old society will ever have its special mission, to unite our city parishes and to cheer the solitary worker; to our parochial branches do we look for the flower and fruit of richest promise. In the parish society, missionary work sweetens the routine that often threatens to become drudgery. The old cause, the one cause of all parochial or missionary effort, grows more beautiful if we may sometimes look beyond our little round of active service and see how we have helped others to better attainment perhaps than we have gained; and conversely, missionary appeals meet heartiest response in that parish where home duties are best fulfilled.

The Auxiliary of Christ Church, Alameda, has under its fostering care, one of the most interesting branches of the Ministering Children's League. These children have given through us, to diocesan missionaries and to the Orphanage and Hospital, clothing, collected or made by themselves, to the value of \$38.75. The ladies of this branch contributed to the Christmas and Easter boxes to the value of \$54.00. Total by the Christ Church, Alameda branch, \$92.75.

The Sunday School of St. Mark's, Berkeley, sent a box of Christmas gifts to the missions in Los Angeles Co., under the Rev. H. S. Jefferys, valued at \$40.00. The work of the Woman's Auxiliary throughout the year, sums in value, \$38.65; making the total contribution of this parish \$78.65.

In the missions of St. James' Church, Fresno, and Church of

our Saviour, Hanford, the conundrum "How rich should one be before one begins to help in the general work of the church?" seems to be definitely solved, this branch having again more than doubled its record of the previous year. It reports contributions to diocesan missionaries and missions, to the Hospital and Orphanage, value \$109.30.

The Auxiliary of the Church of the Advent, East Oakland, shows an increased interest in missions. The value of its gifts of clothing and books to diocesan missionaries is \$30.50.

In St. Andrew's Church, Oakland, Auxiliary work keeps pace with the steady growth in all other departments of church life. This branch sent gifts to diocesan missions and missionaries reaching in value the sum of \$58.10.

The societies forming the Auxiliary in St. Paul's Parish, Oakland, have given in vestments, clothing and money, to general, domestic and diocesan missions and missionaries to the sum of \$341.55. Of this St. Paul's Guild gave \$284.80; the Young Ladies' Guild, \$49.00; "Class B," \$7.25, and two little Sunday School children, 50 cents.

The Auxiliary in St. John's, Oakland, reports its two infant classes of the Sunday School giving, as heretofore, \$24.00 to diocesan missions; and the ladies of the parish, clothing to missionaries valued at \$16.50. Total by this branch, \$40.50.

The St. Hilda Society of the City Front Mission, San Francisco, has lost many members by removal, and is unable to keep up its work, but gladly gave at Christmas, toys, etc., to the boxes, valued at \$5.00.

The Mizpah Club, San Francisco, makes its first independent report. It has given nicely made clothing to diocesan missionary boxes to the value of \$13.47.

The various branches of St. Luke's Church, San Francisco, report as follows: Altar Society, altar furnishings to diocesan missions, \$25.00; Ministering Children's League, clothing to Christmas box, \$9.75; Missionary Society, clerical suits to missionaries, \$43.00; St. Agnes' Guild, clothing, altar linen, and money, to diocesan and domestic missions, \$52.00; St. Luke's Guild, vestments and money to domestic and diocesan missions

\$75.00 ; St. Luke's Parish, chancel furniture to a mission, \$100.00. Total by St. Luke's Church, \$309.75.

The Auxiliary of St. Peter's Church, San Francisco, has given clothing and vestments to a diocesan mission and to missionaries, valued at \$21.70.

The work of these branches in St. Peter's and St. Luke's churches is additional to that done by their members in the Associated Parish Organization. The Young Ladies' Guilds of St. John's and St. Paul's, and St. Mary's Guild of Trinity Church have made valuable contributions through the general society, while not acting as separate branches.

The Auxiliary of Trinity Church, Santa Barbara, sends to the diocesan officers frequent packages for distribution through the boxes going out from San Francisco, in addition to regular appropriations of money for the purchase of clerical suits, or for some building fund. The sum of its work this year is \$130.00.

As the Society grows older, the work takes special channels, and the Auxiliary of Christ Church, Saucelito, may always be depended on for altar furnishings. It has given altar linen, communion sets, vestments, and gifts to Hospital and Orphanage, value \$48.50.

At Christmas the Auxiliary of St. John's Church, Stockton, sent a carefully prepared box to a diocesan missionary, value \$60.00.

The diocesan officers have made ten visits to branches outside of San Francisco.

In St. Peter's Church, Redwood City, on Sept. 15th, at the organization of the parish guild, the Secretary addressed the ladies on missionary work in the diocese, and helped them to form a branch. The children of the sewing school gave their first work to St. Luke's Hospital, value \$3.00.

Early in March, the Secretary visited the sister missions of Pacific Grove and Monterey. At the Grove, St. Mary's Guild had begun a building fund for the beautiful St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, to be erected, by the grace of God, early in the summer. After the Lenten service in a parlor, a new auxiliary branch was formed. Once a month the weekly Guild meeting is devoted to missions. The *Spirit of Missions*, *Church Work*, and other sources are drawn on for information, and the general work of the Church is explained

while hands are busied making over and repairing clothing for some mission among the poor. We commend this example of unselfish love to all new missions and parishes.

A summary of the year's work by the Associated Parishes, gives \$1,062.00; by the Parochial Branches, \$1,342.77; total, 2,404.77.

This work has been done by twenty-four parishes or missions, out of the fifty odd in our Diocese, with occasional members in other congregations. This morning the parishes of St. Paul's, Los Angeles; All Saints', Pasadena; St. Matthew's, San Mateo; and the missions, Ascension, Boyle Heights; Epiphany, East Los Angeles; St. Augustine, Santa Monica; and Calvary, Santa Cruz, have, through their delegates, joined the Auxiliary. We welcome them to our more abundant labors.

One word to others who may wish to know the methods of the California branch. The regular diocesan work is planned by the general officers, with the Bishop's counsel, and all other aid they can secure to a knowledge of the comparative needs of the missions; and by them the work for boxes is distributed among the various branches. All appeals for building funds, and all other special appeals, are presented on their merits, and gifts to them are the voluntary offering of branches or individuals. Every society is allowed choice of work and the initiation of any special interest. Men and measures are not criticised at our meetings, and we have no past unpleasantness to cloud our happy memories.

If you would come and work with us, heed the voice of our experience. An Auxiliary dare not turn back. To her may come tempting memories of past years, when the Church's services were all for her own spiritual delight, when she was content to let her light shine in the well-balanced activities of social or domestic duty. But she knows now that this is not her rest; that her individual life can be perfected only in relation to the divine whole of which it is a part—not by any fiction of imagination, any imagery of fancy, but by every law of her spiritual being; that for her no Eucharist can be complete in joy while one soul lies in the darkness of unbelief, no rapture of love or friendship reach fruition until the friendless are all comforted, and the fallen stand.

SUSAN S. LAWVER, Secretary.

SERMON.

BY REV. J. FRED. HOLMES.

"But God has chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty.—*I Cor. 1: 27.*

Consecrated thought, sanctified womanhood will yet win the world to Christ. If by woman's wiles Paradise was lost; by woman's work Paradise will be regained!

In specially addressing you, the members of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxilary, in addressing you, the church women of the Diocese of California who may not be affiliated with this organization, my purpose is not so much to indicate what your line of work shall be, and how it shall be done, as to offer you words of comfort, sympathy and encouragement, in the work you are doing, and to point you to the true source of strength and character, from which must emanate all true labor and successful effort in woman's work in the kingdom of our Lord on earth.

And how can this be better accomplished than by a careful consideration of the words chosen for our meditation this morning: "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty."

Have you ever visited a watch factory? There are wonderful things to be seen there; plucky little machines that bite off a steel bar with one snap of their jaws; discriminating little machines that handle screws one hundredth of an inch in length;

exact little machines that measure the sixteenth of a hair's breadth.

But the one bit of mechanism that may most stir the thought is the tiny saw, that cuts the jewels of the watch. Yes! the delicate and difficult work of shaping the garnet and aqua-marina, the ruby and the sapphire, is done by a piece of tin, that soft common metal! But notice. Its edge is charged with diamond dust. Only the prince of gems can cut these precious stones. But the diamond may not work alone. Its power must be made available through some cheaper agent to which it is joined; probably the tin holds the diamond dust all the more tenaciously on account of its own weakness. And so we may learn from the little tin saw how the jewelled pivots are cut, upon which turn the wheels of success, in the world's conquest for God.

We are none of us content, none of us happy, say what we may to the contrary, unless we believe ourselves useful to others; and the broader our usefulness, the deeper and surer our peace.

It is this principle that sends delicate Christian women, stumbling up into wretched attics, and down into dismal cellars. And yet sometimes a rich full life is poured out in unselfish service, and with small result. The note of such a failure might almost send a throb of pain through an angel's song,

Children pick up a shell from the seashore, and fancy they hear in it the moan of the sea. If we older children listen well, we can hear in the soul's confidences with itself a ceaseless moan for fellowship with God in his grand scheme of benevolence.

This universal bent clearly indicates the divine intention.

God uses human agents. He would use each one of us to the limit of our powers, if we would meet the conditions of his inworking.

What then are the conditions necessary to success?

It is plain that to work successfully we must first find what we can do best, then satisfy ourselves that our weakness is not a bar to success, and learn if we can how the little tin saw we are set to manage can be charged with the diamond dust of Divine Power.

It is certain that we can only be thoroughly useful when we work the works of God. And what are they?

We set our watches by the jeweler's chronometer because we want them right.

It tells us where the sun is, and only the sun can give us standard time.

So if we would have right notions of God's work, the Sun of Divine Righteousness must give us our standard.

From God's imperishable record alone we may learn what is his will concerning us.

Let us read carefully.

We find the stupendous miracle of creation chronicled in a few lines, while chapter after chapter is given to warning, exhortation and entreaty that wandering souls may be rescued from ultimate loss and death. How simple is the story of the Genesis of light that wonderful effluence that makes possible all growth and beauty. How marvelous its movements. It puts its shoulder beneath all living things, and lifts them toward the heavens, in spite of the tremendous downward tug of gravitation. It brings note of suns so far away, that a quarter of the life time of the globe is needed to transmit the report. It pries into the minutest organism. It shows us the shuttles of life at work, weaving the living tissue. Yet marvelous as it is, the story of its birth is given us in a half dozen words: "And God said let there be light and light was;" though there is ample space to detail the penitence of a crucified thief, or the gratitude of a pardoned Magdalen, and to relate deeds of mercy, love and charity.

We can only be genuinely useful when we work in line with the purpose of God; and the line of life marked out for us by infinite wisdom is, of necessity, the best possible.

Again: Our weakness is not a bar to successful effort.

In the words of our text: "God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty."

Not that he uses them because he can get no others, but because of all instruments they are his choice, and the reason follows: "That no flesh may glory in His presence."

He does not choose the weak because the strength of the strong is in His way, for the strongest are weak enough.

"These things are hid from the wise and prudent, and revealed to babes! Why? Because the wise and prudent will not take the attitude so natural and easy for the babes, one of faith and trust. Tin is chosen instead of the richer metals, to hold the diamond dust on account of its very poverty.

God's use of inadequate means may be seen in the material world.

When He makes an oak, He does not speak it into being by a word of power. He wraps the embryo in an insignificant nut, and drops it into the ground. A foot presses it into the soil. The frost gnaws at its shell. Life touches the germ. It sets the "bioplasts" at work. They begin to weave an oak, and presently its tiny leaflets push their way through the ground, and up toward the light. The nip of a lambkin might destroy the little plant, but guarded by the law of the survival of the fittest, aye! by a Divine superintendence! it climbs away upward, till its forehead is among the clouds. That immense upright column of wood, from which the navies of the world are built, is all from the tiny embryo.

When God would send a river forth on its mission of power and use and beauty, he does not open one of the earth's great arteries, and pour a mighty flood down the mountain side. A few drops trickle beneath a stone. A baby's hand might turn the runlet this way or that.

It slips away through grass and mosses, a silvery thread, till it catches a song in its heart, and dances over a pebbly bed, a thing of beauty and of gladness. Joining hands with kindred rills it grows in power, gathering in its arms other streams, till at last it rolls in might toward the ocean, bearing on its bosom the inland commerce of a nation.

The ocean lies still and quiet in its rocky bed, its deep heart unmoved by the tornadoes that thunder across its surface, tossing great navies hither and thither like handfuls of feathers! Yet, under the moonbeam's kiss, it lifts millions of tons of its waters from their place, and throws them for leagues along the shore.

Again: in all times, the great advance movements of Reform have been, by the use of means that had of necessity to be supplemented by Divine Power.

During the "dark ages" when a woman was a being to be treated with silly adulation or contempt, a plaything or a drudge, altogether unfit to be trusted with a knowledge of books, or of affairs; even in those murky days a woman was used for the evangelization of nearly every country in Europe.

Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great, made Christianity the religion of the Roman Empire, and so of the civilized world.

The Empress Olga, brought Christianity into Russia; and her grandson Vladimir the Great, who established it as the religion of the Empire, was christianized through the agency of his wife Anna of Constantinople.

The Poles were christianized under the reign of Micislas I, through the influence of his wife, Dambrouska, and our own British ancestors, were indebted for the permanent establishment of Christianity to the efforts of good Queen Bertha.

But we must not amplify, for the time would fail to speak of all the great schemes that God has inaugurated through the smallest agencies. Indeed such a catalogue would cover the greater part of the divine work in the world, as this method is the rule instead of the exception.

The Jews stumbled to their utter ruin over the simple unpretentious coming of their Prince Messiah, the Desire of Nations. The reputed son of a carpenter, unheralded, save by the signs that accompanied his birth, why should they acknowledge his claim? During his thirty years of waiting he moved about among them, simply a thoughtful young man, with sad patient eyes, differing from others only in probity, which was anything but a passport to distinction; saying strange wise things, but never bringing to pass any thing remarkable.

He waited in insignificance and obscurity, while the great world, his world—known to him in its ultimate atoms, turned silently on its axis, kissed by his sunbeams, touched by his frosts, enriched by the rains that he sent upon the evil and good, its people fulfilling their cup of condemnation.

At last his hour struck, and he stepped to the front, putting his shoulder to the mighty work of redemption.

But even then he was unknown to Grecian scholarship; unheard of in that magnificent city of the Cæsars. Probably not a thinker in those superb old Indian and Chinese empires pronounced his name. He lived in a remote Roman province, hated and persecuted, and he died at last a felon's death. But Richter says of him: "He who was the boliest among the mighty, and the mightiest among the holy, has with his pierced hand, lifted heathenism off its hinges and turned the dolorous and accursed centuries into new channels, and now governs the ages."

Since, then, it plainly appears that our weakness is no bar to successful work for God, how shall we get about it to have our weak human nature charged with the diamond dust of Divine Power?

First: We must understand our own weakness.

This is the Sebastapol of the campaign, the key to the position.

Frederick the Great, with a little of the insight of genius, said that the three hardest words to pronounce are: "I was mistaken."

While we are filled with a sense of our own importance we cannot be partakers of the divine nature so as to be full of power by the Spirit of God; "For before honor is humility."

Finally we must understand that the immanent God has a will in every item of our life, and the only safe and wise thing is for us to choose that will, no matter how our inclinations may writhe and struggle, and cry out in pain.

A picture of Florence Nightingale represents her by the bedside of a dying soldier in a Crimean hospital. In the background, a poor wounded homesick fellow has raised himself in his cot, and is passing his hand caressingly, reverently, over her shadow on the opposite wall—rendering unconscious homage to her boundless self-giving.

A friend wrote to her once asking for some facts of her life for publication. Her reply was this: "There is nothing worth writing about me. I have done nothing, God has done all. He has been pleased to take a very plain ordinary woman and use her in his service. I have worked hard, very hard, and I have never denied God any thing."

Of another of the mighty ones whose weak life was so charged with the diamond dust of divine power that it cut through adamantine mountains of difficulty, the record is: "Abraham believed God and he counted it to him for righteousness."

Dean Stanley says: "Powerful as is the effect of these words when we read them in their first untarnished freshness, they gain immensely in their original language, to which neither Greek nor German, much less Latin or English, can furnish any full equivalent." He was supported, he was built up, he reposed as a child in its mother's arms (such seems the force of the Hebrew word) in the strength of God.

And this is the privilege of every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ; this the privilege of every earnest Churchwoman. That the weapons of our warfare may be so edged and driven by divine power as to be mighty, through God, to the pulling down of strongholds, we must have the sense of utter personal weakness, and of omnipotent help that comes only from complete obedience and restful trust. For—

"High over all his love supreme is flowing
In benedictions crowning all our days,
And earth's sad song is yearly sweeter growing
In earnest tones of thankfulness and praise."

LIST OF BOXES, With their Valuations,

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

<i>Associated Parishes.</i>	<i>Value.</i>
Contributions to eight Christmas boxes to Diocesan Missionaries.....	\$ 433 88
Surplice to Diocesan Missionary, made by Saucelito Branch.....	12 00
Cassock to Diocesan Missionary, made by St. Stephen's Guild.....	10 00
Surplice to Diocesan Missionary.....	8 00
Two Stoles to Diocesan Missionary, embroidered by St. John's Guild..	16 00
Clothing to Church Orphanage.....	19 55
Christmas box to Domestic Missionary.....	35 00
Bible and Prayer-book to Selma Mission.....	5 50
Contributions to seven Easter boxes to Diocesan Missionaries.....	221 07
Cassock to Diocesan Missionary.....	14 00
Stole to Diocesan Missionary.....	8 50
Surplice to Diocesan Missionary, made by St. Agnes' Guild.....	8 00
Communion Set to St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, Pacific Grove.....	12 00
Altar Linen to St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, made by St. Agnes' Guild.....	12 00
Chancel Rail to St. Mary's-by-the-Sea (Grace Church).....	75 00
Communion Set to City Missions.....	8 50
Webster's Unabridged Dictionary to Diocesan Missionary.....	10 50
Easter box to Alms House Mission.....	3 00
Litany Desk to a Church.....	16 00
"Living Church," for current year, to two Diocesan Missionaries.....	2 00
 <i>Alameda, Christ Church—Ministering Children's League.</i>	
Contribution to box to Diocesan Missionary.....	1 25
Clothing to Church Orphanage at Christmas.....	25 00
Clothing to St. Luke's Hospital at Christmas.....	4 50
Clothing to Church Orphanage at Easter.....	8 00
 <i>Alameda, Christ Church—Ladies' Society.</i>	
Sewing Machine to Missionary's wife.....	30 00
Clothing to an Easter box to Diocesan Missionary.....	24 00

Berkeley, St. Marks—Sunday School.

Toys, etc., for Christmas Trees to Mission in Los Angeles County 40 00

Berkeley, St. Marks—Auxiliary.

Clothing to Christmas box to Diocesan Missionary..... 22 75
 Clothing to Easter box to Diocesan Missionary..... 5 90
 Clothing to City Mission Sunday School..... 10 00

Fresno and Hanford—St. James' and Our Saviour.

Clothing to Christmas boxes to Diocesan Missionaries..... 11 65
 Surplice to Diocesan Missionary..... 8 00
 Bedding, etc., to St. Luke's Hospital..... 23 85
 Easter box to Church Orphanage..... 63 30
 Contribution to Missionary box at Easter..... 2 50

East Oakland, Church of the Advent—Auxiliary.

Contributed to Christmas boxes..... 10 00
 Books to a Diocesan Missionary..... 7 00
 Clothing to Easter boxes to Diocesan Missionaries..... 13 50

Oakland, St. Andrews—Auxiliary.

Contribution to Christmas boxes to Diocesan Missionaries.... 9 10
 Red and Violet Altar Cloths to Grace Mission, Temescal..... 40 00
 Altar Cross to St. Paul's Mission, Centreville..... 5 00

Oakland, St. John's—Auxiliary.

Contribution to Christmas and Easter boxes..... 16 50

Oakland, St. Paul's—Auxiliary.

Christmas box to a Diocesan Missionary, including Cassock and
 Surplice..... 100 30
 Contribution to Easter boxes..... 42 00
 Clerical Suit to a Diocesan Missionary (by Young Ladies' Guild) 24 00

Oakland, St. Paul's—Class B, Sunday School.

Contributions to Christmas box..... 2 00

Redwood City, St. Peter's—Sewing School.

Package to St. Luke's Hospital..... 3 00

San Francisco, City Front Mission—St. Hilda Society.

Toys to Christmas boxes to Diocesan Missionaries..... 5 00

San Francisco—Mizpah Club.

Clothing to Christmas and Easter boxes..... 13 47

San Francisco, St. Luke's—Altar Society.

Altar Linen and Cloths to Trinity Mission, Redlands..... 25 00

San Francisco, St. Luke's—Ministering Children's League.

Clothing to a Christmas box to Diocesan Missionary..... 9 75

San Francisco, St. Luke's—Missionary Society.

Two Clerical Suits to Diocesan Missionaries..... 48 00

<i>San Francisco, St. Luke's—St. Agnes' Guild.</i>	
Clothing to a Christmas box to Diocesan Missionary.....	10 00
Altar Linen to Missionary in Alaska.....	12 00
<i>San Francisco, St. Luke's—Guild.</i>	
Surplice to St. Paul's, Bakersfield.....	8 00
<i>San Francisco, St. Luke's Church.</i>	
Chancel Furniture to Trinity, Redlands.....	100 00
<i>San Francisco, St. Peter's—Auxiliary.</i>	
Contributions to Christmas and Easter boxes.....	13 70
Cassock to St. Paul's Mission, Bakersfield.....	8 00
<i>Santa Barbara, Trinity—Auxiliary.</i>	
Clothing to Diocesan Missionary at Christmas.....	65 00
Clothing to Diocesan Missionary at Easter.....	32 00
<i>Saucelito, Christ—Auxiliary.</i>	
Communion Set to St. Paul's, Bakersfield.....	11 00
Surplice to a Diocesan Missionary	10 00
Altar Linen to St. Matthew's, National City.....	10 00
Surplice to Diocesan Missionary.....	10 00
Linen to St. Luke's Hospital.....	2 50
<i>Stockton, St. John's—Auxiliary.</i>	
Christmas box to Diocesan Missionary.....	60 00
Total.....	\$1,936 52

MONEY CONTRIBUTIONS.

Associated Parishes.

To Building Fund, St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, Pacific Grove (given and collected by members)	\$102 00
To Million-Dollar Building Fund.....	5 00
To Debt to Bishop.....	25 00

Oakland, St. Andrew's—Auxiliary.

To Building Fund, St. Mary's, Pacific Grove.....	4 00
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Oakland, St. John's—Sunday School, Infant Class.

To St. Paul's Sunday School, Bakersfield	12 00
To St. James' Sunday School, Fresno.....	12 00

Oakland, St. Paul's—Auxiliary.

To a Diocesan Missionary.....	45 50
To Mission Good Samaritan, Oakland	62 00
To Parks' Scholarship, St. Mark's, Utah.....	30 00
To General Missionary Fund	5 00
To Building Fund, Trinity, Redlands (Young Ladies' Guild)	25 00
To Building Fund, St. Mary's, Pacific Grove (Class B)	5 25
To Missionary's Child (two little Sunday School children).....	50

San Francisco, St. Luke's—St. Agnes' Guild.

To St. Luke's Hospital	20 00
To Mrs. Buford's Work among the Negroes.....	10 00

San Francisco, St. Luke's—St. Luke's Guild.

To Diocesan Missions	15 50
To St. Luke's Hospital.....	39 00
To Old Ladies' Home.....	2 50
To Alms House Mission.....	10 00

Santa Barbara, Trinity—Auxiliary.

To Building Fund, St. Mary's, Pacific Grove.....	33 00
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Sausalito, Christ—Auxiliary.

To Bishop Armitage Orphanage.....	5 00
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Total.....	\$468 25
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SUMMARY.

Total Value of Boxes.....	\$1,936 52
Total Money Contributions.....	468 25
Grand Total	\$2,404 77

CONSTITUTION.

I.

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

II.

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.

III.

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

IV.

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 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 the Society in their several parishes.

V.

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.

VI.

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.

VII.

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.

VIII.

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.

IX.

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

X.

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.

Every Associated Parish and Parochial Branch shall pay an annual fee of one dollar to the Treasurer, which, with the collection at the annual meeting, shall form a fund for general expenses.

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