

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS
IN
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA,
1889.

REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

At the roll-call of the Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, held in New York on October 3d of this year, five representatives from Central Pennsylvania rose to their feet. I am sure their hearts rejoiced to be present at such a concourse of their sister workers, met from almost every State in our far-reaching land. They realized, as perhaps nothing but such a gathering could make them realize, the greatness and blessedness of the cause which brought them together. Would that it were possible to convey this unity of purpose and enthusiasm for the cause of Missions, which is the cause of Christ, to every Parish officer and every churchwoman in our Diocese! Then, in the roll-call at our annual meeting, if each Parish did not have a delegate present, it would be represented on the Secretary's report by its "work and labor of love." We cannot all be present at these great meetings, but all can catch some enthusiasm by reading the report of their doings, and by keeping well informed in regard to the work of all our sister auxiliaries, we may "consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." The great desire of each diocesan officer is to see every Parish in the Diocese represented on the working list. Our list is lengthening, but slowly. It is too much like a broken chain of beads—in endeavoring to gather all, some slip away and are lost to sight. We long for the day when they will form an unbroken circlet, with every bead in place. We have taken ninety Parishes as a "proportionate representation." We find that we have on our list forty-seven that have at some time reported work for the Auxiliary. This year thirty-three Parishes have reported, only one more than last year. In our first printed report, six years ago, nineteen Parishes reported work. Surely, we should have more than doubled our number by this time! One feels like exclaiming, "Ye did run well; who did hinder you?"

A new feature in our Diocesan Branch this year has been the appointment of an Organizing Secretary for the Archdeaconry of Williamsport, Mrs. Wm. H. Graff. It is proposed to appoint such an officer for the Archdeaconries of Harrisburg and Scranton. We hope that by the efforts of these officers our scattered Parishes may be reached, and the work of the Auxiliary greatly strengthened. Mrs. Graff will tell of the beginning of her good work in our report. We would especially solicit the aid and encouragement of the respective Archdeacons. It is hoped that meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary may be held in connection with the meetings of the Archdeaconries.

The last season to some of our Parishes in the Archdeaconries of Williamsport and Harrisburg has brought serious loss and distress. The

floods destroyed much valuable Church property, and in some places swept away the results of the faithful labor of years, in providing and furnishing church buildings. If helping hands were not extended there would be much suffering during the coming winter. Some boxes have already been sent to these places for distribution, and others are in preparation. As surely we will not fail to provide for those of our own household.

The objects proposed at the last annual meeting of 1888 for our common contributions have received as follows: The Alaska Mission \$62.70, Bible reader in Japan \$87.72, Foreign Insurance Fund \$87.72, Indian Scholarship \$60. Of this amount \$139.92 was collected by the envelopes, a falling off from last year. We cannot think it is the envelope system that is to blame, but fear rather it is lack of zeal in their distribution and acceptance. If each woman would realize the power of these little messengers "to comfort and to bless" the homes and schools of our lonely Missionaries, and "to teach the way of life and peace" to those who never heard of it, our treasury would be full. Let us give the envelopes a fairer trial! Much depends on what they bring in, as we have few gifts of money outside of them.

The amount that may be raised by the *regular* giving of small sums by every individual (and I may add the giving of larger ones by those who are able) cannot be too much emphasized. One small Parish on our list that did not contribute any money before the circulation of the envelopes has given a goodly sum for two years.

So many appeals lie unanswered in the Secretary's desk because there is nothing to give in response. We sing of the Church :

"Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways."

If we mean it, do we want to keep this crowning joy to ourselves? God grant that we may give plentifully in the coming year. Give, to send the blessed Gospel to

"Souls in heathen darkness lying,
Souls that Jesus bought by dying,
Whom His soul in travail knew."

"Christians, hearken! None has taught them
Of his love so deep and dear;
Of the precious price that bought them,
Of the nail, the thorn, the spear.
Ye who know Him,
Guide them from their darkness drear."

LIST OF BOXES.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ASHLAND.		
1 box to St. John's School, Ft. Bonnell, Dakota,	.	\$23 85
TRINITY CHURCH, BETHLEHEM.		
First Chapter, 1 box to St. John's School, Salina, Kan.,	.	\$367 00
Ninth Chapter, 1 box to Church Home, Jonestown,	.	34 05
Third Chapter, 1 box small articles to St. John's School, Salina,	.	8 00
Mothers' Meeting, box to Mrs. Buford,	.	40 00
		\$449 05
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BIRDSBORO.		
1 box to St. Elizabeth Mission, Dakota,	.	\$25 00
TRINITY CHURCH, CARBONDALE.		
1 box to Missionary in Washington, D. C.,	.	\$25 00
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CARLISLE.		
1 box to Diocesan Missionary,	.	\$56 15
1 box to the same,	.	36 65
1 package aprons to Jonestown,	.	12 20
		\$105 00
TRINITY CHURCH, EASTON.		
1 package to Missionary in Kansas,	.	\$4 48
1 box to St. Peter's Hospital, Charlotte, N. C.,	.	21 68
1 box to Asheville, N. C.,	.	50 72
1 box to St. Mary's School, Salt Lake City,	.	30 14
		\$107 02
ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, HARRISBURG.		
1 box to Missionary in Kentucky,	.	\$80 00
ST. MARK'S CHURCH, JONESTOWN.		
1 box to Indian Mission, Oneida, Wis.,	.	\$46 55
ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LANCASTER.		
1 box to Missionary in Florida,	.	\$125 00
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, LANCASTER.		
1 box to Plain City, Utah,	.	\$97 99
ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, LEBANON.		
1 box to St. John's School, Dakota,	.	\$119 24
1 box to Mission in Alaska,	.	319 00
1 box to Children's Home, Jonestown,	.	156 00
		\$594 24

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, MAUCH CHUNK.

1 box to Missionary in Diocese of Pittsburg,	\$250 00
St. Agnes' Guild and Sewing School to Mrs. Jaeger, Va.,	49 60
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	\$299 60

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MONTROSE.

1 box to Fanny Paddock Hospital, W. T.,	\$15 50
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TRINITY CHURCH, POTTSVILLE.

1 box to Bozeman, Montana,	\$23 00
1 box to Salem, Oregon,	35 00
1 box to Diocesan Missionary,	197 00
1 box to Salem, Oregon,	134 00
1 box to St. Mary's School, Dakota,	100 00
1 box to Newfarm, N. C.,	100 00
1 box to Jonestown,	42 00
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	\$631 00

CHRIST CATHEDRAL, READING.

1 box to Diocesan Missionary,	\$87 70
1 box to Diocesan Missionary,	110 00
Mothers' Meeting, carpet to St. Elizabeth's Chapel, Dakota,	14 87
Young Missionary Guild, to Jonestown,	25 00
Young Missionary Guild, 1 box hats to St. Bennett, Dakota,	9 50
Woman's Auxiliary, Young Guild, and Industrial School, 1 box to Williamsport,	200 00
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	\$447 07

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, SAYRE.

St. Agnes' Guild, 1 box to Jonestown,	\$10 00
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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SCRANTON.

1 box to Waynesville, N. C., Young Guild,	\$20 71
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CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, SOUTH BETHLEHEM.

1 box to Jonestown,	\$52 95
1 box to Missionary in Wisconsin,	120 00
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	\$172 95

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, WILKES-BARRE.

1 box to Missionary in W. Va.,	\$253 94
1 box to Nebraska City,	200 00
Young Guild, 1 box to Waynesville, N. C.,	47 35
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	\$501 29

Total value of boxes, \$3786.82.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN MONEY.

From Trinity Church, Bethlehem, for Alcove at St. John's School, Salem, Kansas,	\$25 00
To Diocesan Missionary,	20 00
First Chapter, Mite Chest for salary Diocesan Missionary, 10 13	
For General Board of Missions,	165 61
Total,	\$220 74
From Carbondale, Envelope Fund,	15 50
From Drifton, divided between Bible reader in Japan and Foreign Insurance Fund,	113 25
From Easton, Indian Scholarship,	3 96
From Birdsboro, Envelope Fund,	15 55
From Lebanon, to Alaska Mission,	25 00
Mrs. Coleman, Envelope Fund,	20 00
From Minersville, Envelope Fund,	5 00
From Lancaster, Mrs. Franklin, Envelope Fund,	5 00
From Harrisburg, St. Stephen's, Envelope Fund,	29 00
From Pottsville, Collection at Business Meeting of the Auxiliary, November 21,	\$19 00
Collection at Morning and Evening Service,	57 47
(Given for Indian Scholarship, \$10 for Mission at Columbia, S. C., and for railroad fare for Bishop Thomas, \$2.50.)	
For New Church at Shenandoah,	11 00
Railroad fares for Missionary,	4 10
Diocesan Missions,	300 00
Rev. Mr. Roberts, Shoshone Agency,	13 00
Mrs. Bright, Colorado,	10 00
Missionary in Kansas,	10 00
Rosebud, Dakota,	10 00
Rev. Mr. Cassey,	67 00
Diocesan Missionary,	90 00
Bishop Ferguson, Africa,	57 00
Total,	647 57
Christ Cathedral, Reading, Young Missionary Guild to Wharton Scholarship, Africa,	\$25 00
Same to Diocesan Missionary,	10 00
For Envelope Fund,	36 51
Mothers' Meeting, to Williamsport,	7 52
Total,	79 03
From St. Barnabas', Reading, Envelope Fund,	1 00
From South Bethlehem, to Missionary,	61 00

From Wilkes-Barre, to Diocesan Missionary,	\$100 00
Young Guild, to Nanticoke Mission,	50 00
Total,	\$1391 60

Summary of boxes and money for Diocese:

Boxes, \$4556.78.

Money, \$1496.75.

Auxiliary expenses from November 21, 1888, printing, postage, etc., \$19.83.

MARY M. STONE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

NOTE.—Of the envelope money, \$4.25 was received too late for distribution.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY IN THE ARCHDEACONY OF WILLIAMSPORT.

At the meeting of the Archdeaconry held January, 1889, in Trinity Church, Williamsport, steps were taken to encourage and quicken the work of the Auxiliary throughout our borders. The Clergy present responded cheerfully to the suggestions made, and promised interest in the matter.

A Central Advisory Board of three ladies each from the Parishes of Christ Church and Trinity, Williamsport, was appointed, which has held frequent meetings, and has corresponded with all the Parishes and Mission Stations in our field. The effort has resulted in awakening interest in many directions. The following record of boxes sent shows an advance upon years past, and gives promise of still better things in days to come.

Trinity, Antrim, 1 package to St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem,
no value given.

St. John's, Bellefonte, box to Mrs. Buford, \$100 00

St. Luke's Hospital, 45 00

"Busy Bees," to Jonestown, 40 00

\$185 00

St. Paul's, Bloomsburg, Junior Branch, box to Jonestown, 25 00

Christ Church, Danville, box to Missionary Diocese of New York, 75 00

St. Paul's, Lock Haven, box to Mrs. Jennings, Virginia, \$36 45

Box to Jonestown, 18 98

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St James', Mansfield, box to Williamsport,	\$20 00
"Our Saviour," Montoursville, package to Mrs. Brent, Virginia,	12 00
St. Paul's, Philipsburg, box to Mrs. Burwell, Virginia,	45 53
Trinity, Renovo, box to South Mills, N. C.,	42 00
St. Paul's, Wellsboro, box to St. Luke's Hospital,	45 00
Christ Church, Williamsport, box to Missionary,	\$25 00
1 box to Missionary,	155 00
Wadleigh Chapel to above,	5 00
St. John's Chapel to above,	15 00
	200 00
Trinity, Williamsport, box to Missionary,	65 00
Value of boxes, \$769.96.	

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Christ Church, Danville, cash to Missionary,	\$20 00
Our Saviour, Montoursville, Envelope Fund,	3 00
Trinity, Shamokin, Bishop Whitehead for Johnstown,	10 00
Christ Church, Williamsport, to Missionary,	37 50
Trinity, Williamsport, to Missionary,	25 00
Trinity, Renovo, Envelope Fund,	9 65
Total,	\$105 15

The meetings of the Advisory Committee will be resumed this fall, and every effort will be made to extend the work, and call out best results. At the next winter session of the Archdeaconry, to be held at Christ Church, Williamsport, a meeting has been arranged for at which we shall hope to secure the presence of all our Parochial Secretaries. Such a meeting, for prayer, counsel, and mutual encouragement, cannot fail, we think, to lend added interest to our work. Our leading aims are:

1. Preparation of Missionary Boxes.
2. Encouragement of Bishop Neely's Plan of Quarterly Offerings for Missions.
3. Establishment of Junior Branches.
4. Circulation of Missionary Literature.

Thanking the Rectors who have kindly seconded us, the ladies who have consented to act as Parochial Secretaries, and to all who have contributed in any way to the success of our work,

Very respectfully,

M. EDITH GRAFF,

Organizing Secretary, Archdeaconry of Williamsport.