

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
—OF THE—
Central Pennsylvania Branch
—OF THE—
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
—TO THE—
BOARD OF MISSIONS,
1895.

REPORT.

The year brought to a close by the return of our Annual Meeting has not been one of great deeds in the history of our Branch of the Auxiliary. There has been manifest a greater interest in the work in some Parishes that have not taken much part in it before, and an apparent loss of zeal in others. The work in the Archdeaconry of Scranton especially has been very satisfactory under the management of the Secretary appointed last year. Sixteen of the Parishes having reported work, against seven in 1894. One Parish in the Archdeaconry of Harrisburg deserves mention. There are but eight women who are communicants and members of the Auxiliary in the Parish, and their gifts in money and boxes have been equal to Branches numbering many members and considerable means. If each small Branch would do like this, our gifts would be doubled and "the little one become a thousand." The most interesting thing connected with our work is the part we have taken in the United Offering, wherein we shared with our sisters all over the land. Twenty-five of our Parishes contributed to this fund. While most of us have been staying quietly at home, some of our members have been privileged to bear a more active part in the inspiring and enthusiastic meeting of the Women of the Auxiliary in the distant city of St. Paul. I wish we might catch some of the inspiration and real benefit of this gathering. Miss Emery, who is with us, and some of our Diocesan Members, may, I trust, impart a share in these good things to us. To realize that we are not isolated workers, but members of a great body with one object in view in our work, and that the best of all objects, is a great aid, and I believe, though the idea is common enough, that in our everyday and often humdrum lives we are apt to lose the benefit of it. Last year there was a falling off in the value of our missionary boxes. We attributed this to the financial stress felt in every quarter, but to the surprise of your Secretary, this year finds us still more behind in this regard. If we had balanced this deficit by a corresponding increase in our gifts of money, it might not cause anxiety or wonderment, but such has not been the case. The Missionary Box has changed its character somewhat with new inventions and the increased use of ready-made clothing, but it is still an important factor in the support of our Missionaries, whose stipends are quite inadequate to their needs. A Missionary Box prepared with loving care and in the spirit of the Golden Rule is worthy of our best efforts. This rule is sometimes violated, I fear; maybe, from want of thought. In a letter which came to me this fall the Missionary says, "My wife and daughter need winter coats. We

have some that were sent in a box last winter, but they are too shabby and old-fashioned to wear." Early in the winter of last year the General Secretary sent me a number of missionary letters begging me to dispose of as many as possible, as there were 180 Missionaries that no one had taken and who were much in need of their boxes. Quite a number of our Parishes were already at work, but I think we took four names off the list. Whether there is the same difficulty this year I do not know, but if there should be I hope we can do our share toward lessening it.

This may be a good place to say a few words in regard to the families most in demand by our parishes. It is an old story, but one needing our consideration. From almost every parish comes the request for a family with small children to supply sewing for the women. Letters furnishing the desired work are procured and made to go as far as possible, but all families are not made up of small children, and what to do with those consisting of a Missionary and his wife, or of one or two grown-up children, becomes a constant care and worry to the Secretary. How to keep our women together in a Sewing Circle and give them work to hold their interest without the small children to sew for is a problem that may be solved in course of time. Meanwhile, if some Auxiliaries would try to take up the work not quite as agreeable as they would like, or that they consider less suited to them, I believe it would prove easier than they think, and the work of the Auxiliary would be much benefited. Too much cannot be said about the prompt return of the letters sent out by the Secretary. In an organization the size of the Woman's Auxiliary, some time will necessarily be lost in sending these letters back and forth, but if we could fully realize what the delay of a few weeks or even a few days means to those who are anxiously waiting for much-needed clothes, I think we could be more prompt in making a decision about work. Through thoughtless delay in those matters a whole season slips away, leaving some family unprovided for, while their letter is making the rounds of the Diocese. When it at last returns to the Secrerary it is an humiliating thing to have to send it back to the General Secretary and confess our remissness. An event of the past year which has saddened the heart of every member of our Auxiliary is the death of our beloved and aged Bishop. Though sometimes prevented by the infirmities of age from being present with us at our annual gathering, his loving interest in our work and desire for its increase never slackened. The memory of his gracious presence will be with us many years like a benediction. May our memorial to him be the building up of our work in the Diocese, the growth of which was so dear to him, and God

"Grant to each and all, when death's dark shadows fall,
To stand with him—true workers 'round our Master's throne."

MARY M. STONE,
Secretary.

READING ARCHDEACONY.

The Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary for the Archdeaconry of Reading reports work for the year 1894-5, as follows: Early in the year thirty-two letters were written. Only ten answers were received, and of these eight took the Diocesan Envelopes. The other Parochial Branches throughout the Archdeaconry may have had Envelopes left over from last year, or procured them from the Diocesan Secretary, but your Secretary—not having any knowledge of that fact—is left with the unhappy, and, we hope, unnecessary fear that, if only eight Parishes have taken Envelopes, there will be little from the Archdeaconry of Reading wherewith to answer the earnest appeals for help that were made at our yearly meeting by Bishop Brooke, Rev. Mr. Yen, and the Rev. Mr. Provost. The Secretary should have answers to her letters, as they are the only means she has of knowing the amount of work being done in the Archdeaconry. The Missionary Work in some of our Parishes seems to have had a serious check, owing either to frequent changes in Rectors, or being without any for a long time. This is to be regretted, as the discouragements following on such conditions are difficult to recover from, and the Woman's Auxiliary loses much-needed help. The advisability of holding Archdeaconry Meetings was talked over with Mrs. Howe and Bishop Rulison, and, receiving their warm approval, the first one was held on the second of May in Trinity Church, Easton. Everything tended toward making the meeting a delightful one. The day was clear and bright, and our friends in Easton gave us a most cordial and hospitable welcome. The pleasure of the day was further increased by the presence of our President, Mrs. Howe, and the Diocesan Secretary, Miss Stone. A full and complete account of the meeting was written by some kind friend, and published in the *Church Chronicle* for June, 1895; and as all of our communicants read the Diocesan Paper, it is unnecessary to do more than note the fact of the meeting being held. Eight Parishes were represented—Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, East Mauch Chunk, Mauch Chunk, Pottsville, Reading, and South Bethlehem. The next one will be held in some central place early in January, 1896, so that all our Parochial Branches can be represented, as these meetings are intended for our mutual help and encouragement in the Missionary Work of the Church. The offerings presented on the day of the meeting, together with a tax of fifty cents on each branch in the Archdeaconry, left in the treasury, after all expenses were paid, the sum of eighteen dollars, which your Secretary proposes to devote to the United Offering. With the impetus that the great triennial meeting of the Church always gives to the Missionary Work, and with ever-increasing faith in God, the Holy Ghost, who is the Divine inspiration of the Missionary Spirit, we look forward with renewed hope for the work of the year 1895-6.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH VON R. STERLING,
Organizing Secretary.

GRACE CHURCH, ALLENTOWN.

Envelope Fund,	\$10 25
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TRINITY CHURCH, BETHLEHEM.

Box to St. Simon's Mills, Georgia,	\$100 00
Mothers' Meeting, box to Mrs. Buford,	20 00
Box to scholars, St. Elizabeth, Sioux Falls, S. D.,	35 00
Box of dolls to Springfield, Dak.,	25 00

Total,	\$180 00
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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BIRDSBORO.

Box to St. Simon's Mills, Georgia,	\$30 80
St. Agnes' Guild, box to Lawrenceville, Va.,	22 20
Envelope Fund,	8 25

Total,	\$61 25
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ST. JAMES' CHURCH, DRIFTON.

Box to Oneida, Wis.,	\$60 00
Envelope Fund,	80 06
United Offering,	6 65

Total,	\$146 71
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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EAST MAUCH CHUNK.

Envelope Fund,	\$4 15
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TRINITY CHURCH, EASTON.

Box to Lawrence, Kansas,	\$148 65
Envelope Fund,	18 56
United Offering,	1 00

Total,	\$168 21
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CHRIST CHURCH MISSION, FRACKVILLE.

Envelope Fund (Junior Aux. \$5),	\$25 00
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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAZLETON.

Envelope Fund,	\$18 25
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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, LEBANON.

Box to Bristol, Indiana,	\$90 00
Envelope Fund,	18 60

Total,	\$108 60
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ST. MARK'S CHURCH, MAUCH CHUNK.

Box to Sherman, Texas,	\$222 20
Box to Jonestown,	43 50
Envelope Fund,	50 00
Money to Colorado,	7 00
Money to Nebraska,	7 00
Money to Montana,	7 00
Diocesan Missionary,	10 00
United Offering,	75 00

Total,	\$421 70
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ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, MORGANTOWN.

Envelope Fund,		\$3 00
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TRINITY CHURCH, POTTSVILLE.

Box to Diocesan Missionary,		\$375 00
General Missions,		200 00
Diocesan Missions,		275 00
Children's League to a child in Shanghai Orphanage,		30 00
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Total,		\$880 00

CHRIST CATHEDRAL, READING.

Box to Diocesan Missionary,		\$125 32
Box to Indian Catechist (\$15 from Mothers' Meeting),		55 65
Box to Diocesan Missionary,		105 92
Christmas box (Diocesan),		15 00
Box for a child (Diocesan),		15 00
To Diocesan Missionary (Mothers' Meeting \$12.34),		22 14
Envelope Fund (Miss Gries \$40, Mrs. Howe \$15),		93 09
United Offering (Miss Gries \$200, through Mrs. Howe \$52),		302 63
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Total,		\$34 75

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES, ST. CLAIR.

Envelope Fund,		\$1 00
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CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, SOUTH BETHLEHEM.

Box to Georgia,		\$250 00
Box to North Carolina,		18 00
Box to Jonestown,		27 00
Box to Home of the Merciful Saviour, West Phila.,		9 50
Box to Diocesan Missionary,		247 85
Box to Rosem Home,		20 00
Box to school in North Carolina,		35 00
Envelope Fund,		19 11
United Offering (Mrs. Douglass \$15),		28 72
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Total,		\$655 18

CALVARY CHURCH, TAMAQUA.

Box to North Carolina,		\$35 00
Chandler Hare Mission Band to Bishop Hare,		5 00
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Total,		\$40 00

HARRISBURG ARCHDEACONY.

It is always with a feeling of distrust in our own efforts that we offer our report to the General Secretary. We have, however, in the Harrisburg Archdeaconry done better this year in our work than ever before. We were happy to do what little we could in swelling the fund of fifty-five thousand dollars, which was laid on the altar at the General Convention last month.

It is with pride and gratitude we record the generous gift from the women of St. Luke's Parish, at Altoona, and the work done by the struggling few in the Parish of the Church of the Prince of Peace, at Gettysburg. Lewistown, as well as the other new branches, seems to be imbued with the right spirit, and in time will, we trust, do even better than some of the larger Parishes.

At the spring meeting of the Archdeaconry at St. John's Church, York, one afternoon was given to the Auxiliary, and the desire to do Missionary work seemed roused in their midst. Every year we notice with joy a small increase in the Auxiliary envelopes, which is most encouraging. So we hope our combined efforts may be crowned with greater success in the future.

In January we sent out sixteen letters in regard to this fund. Some have never been heard from, but to those who did accept the envelopes we express our thanks.

May the source of all our efforts—the Holy Spirit—be felt in all we do, and to Him be the power, the honor, and glory.

KATHARINE BUEHLER RAMSAY,
Organizing Secretary.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, ALTOONA.		
United Offering,	- - - - -	\$50 00
ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BEDFORD.		
Envelope Fund,	- - - - -	\$2 15
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.		
Mrs. North to United Offering,	- - - - -	\$5 00
CHURCH OF PRINCE OF PEACE, GETTYSBURG.		
Box to School at St. Simon's Mills, Georgia,	- - - - -	\$7 50
Envelope Fund,	- - - - -	7 00
Total,	- - - - -	\$14 50
ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, HARRISBURG.		
Box to Danville, Ill.,	- - - - -	\$80 00
Box to Jonestown,	- - - - -	15 00
Money to Jonestown,	- - - - -	20 00
Envelope Fund,	- - - - -	32 36
United Offering, Mrs. Lamberton,	- - - - -	5 00
Total,	- - - - -	\$152 36
ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LANCASTER.		
Box to Salamanca, New York,	- - - - -	\$120 00
United Offering,	- - - - -	13 72
Total,	- - - - -	\$133 72

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, LANCASTER.

United Offering,	- - - - -	\$25 00
Envelope Fund,	- - - - -	9 50
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Total,	- - - - -	\$34 50
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ST. MARK'S CHURCH, LEWISTOWN.

Envelope Fund,	- - - - -	\$0 70
Box to Mrs. Cruikshank, Philadelphia,	- - - - -	50 00
United Offering,	- - - - -	7 44
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Total,	- - - - -	\$58 14
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WILLIAMSPORT ARCHDEACONY.

Concerning the Archdeaconry of Williamsport, we would report a continued growth of Missionary interest.

Philipsburg and Renovo have come bravely forward to the work, the efforts at these points being worthy of special commendation. As our share of the "Woman's United Offering" \$48.51 have passed through my hands.

Looking forward to all the great and urgent Missionary calls that meet us on every side, the results of our labors seem small and insignificant. But, remembering our region as a Missionary field itself, we must avoid discouragement, and continue faithful to our interests and to our various trusts. The death of our Bishop is an event that should not fail of notice in this our Annual Report. How at one time were all these remote points under his care and fostering! And how it was given him to see his once Mission field grow into a great and prosperous Diocese!

Extending to our beloved President our heartfelt sympathy in her loss and ours, let us press on to make our Diocese stronger and greater yet, more full of true Missionary zeal, more full of love and good works.

M. E. GRAFF,
Organizing Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BELLEVILLE.

Mrs. Wilkinson Sewing Class, box to Jonestown,	- - - - -	\$10 60
Mrs. Wilkinson, box to St. Luke's Hospital,	- - - - -	22 50
Mrs. Wilkinson, box to Tarborough, North Carolina,	- - - - -	9 25
Mrs. Wilkinson, box to Corsicana, Texas,	- - - - -	16 35
Mrs. Wilkinson, box to Pine Ridge, Dakota,	- - - - -	3 00
Mrs. Wilkinson, box to Jonestown,	- - - - -	12 90
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Total,	- - - - -	\$74 60
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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOCK HAVEN.

Box to Blackstone, Va.,	- - - - -	\$33 37
Box to Jonestown,	- - - - -	27 10
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Total,	- - - - -	\$60 47
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CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, MONTOURSVILLE.

Envelope Fund,	- - - - -	\$4 00
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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PHILIPSBURG.

Envelope Fund,			\$16 31
United Offering,			9 51
Total,			<hr/> \$25 82

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, TIOGA.

Envelope Fund,			\$1 00
United Offering,			1 00
Total,			<hr/> \$2 00

CHRIST CHURCH, WILLIAMSPORT.

Box to Fanny Paddock Hospital, Washington,			\$75 00
Envelope Fund,			13 25
United Offering,			25 00
Total,			<hr/> \$113 25

TRINITY CHURCH, WILLIAMSPORT.

Dorcas Society and St. Agnes' Guild, box to Diocesan Missionary,		\$67 00
By Missionary Guild to Charlotte, N. C.,		40 00
Total,		<hr/> \$107 00

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WELLSBORO.

United Offering,			\$1 00
Total,			<hr/> \$13 00

TRINITY CHURCH, RENOVO.

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SCRANTON ARCHDEACONY.

It was with many forebodings that I undertook the work of Secretary for the Scranton Archdeaconry, knowing so well how efficient the former Secretary, Mrs. George Hall, had been, and how hard it would be to fill her place. But the Parishes have responded to my first efforts in this new and untried work so kindly that I bring you an encouraging report to-day. While I have no new Branches to report as having been organized in the past year, I have secured the reports of much Missionary work that has been done by guilds and societies, and which they have been doing for years and not reporting through the Woman's Auxiliary, because they had never been regularly organized into a Branch of the Auxiliary.

I have endeavored to impress upon the small Parishes and Mission Churches that the little they could do was just as acceptable as the greater work done by larger Parishes, and have had a number of responses.

Three times during the year letters have been sent to almost every Parish in the Archdeaconry. The first to ask them if they were doing any Missionary work, and if not, would they not undertake some. The second to remind them of the "Envelope Fund," and ask for their reports; and the third asking for their contributions to the United Offering Fund.

Twenty-three boxes have been sent to Missionaries valued at \$1619.17, and money to various objects amounting to \$676.60, making a total of

\$2295.77, against \$1162.73 reported last year. Sixteen Parishes have made reports this year, while only seven did so last year.

We feel, therefore, that there is much to encourage us to press forward, and we trust that the coming year we may be able to report every Parish in the Archdeaconry of Scranton as having joined the noble army of Missionary workers.

SARA G. ISRAEL,
Organizing Secretary.

October, 1895.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ALDEN.

Box, - - - - -	\$35 00
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ASHLEY MISSION.

Box to Sheltering Arms Hospital, West Virginia, - - - - -	\$20 00
United Offering, - - - - -	4 50

Total, - - - - -	\$24 50
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TRINITY CHURCH, CARBONDALE.

Box to Walnut Cove, - - - - -	\$30 00
Envelope Fund, - - - - -	20 00
United Offering, - - - - -	5 00

Total, - - - - -	\$55 00
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GRACE CHURCH, GREAT BEND.

Missionary Box, - - - - -	\$52 02
United Offering, - - - - -	1 00

Total, - - - - -	\$53 02
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GRACE CHURCH, HONESDALE.

Box to Diocesan Missionary, - - - - -	\$80 00
Box to Mrs. Geoffreys, Beaufort, N. C., - - - - -	28 65
Box to St. Luke's Hospital, - - - - -	18 50
Envelope Fund, - - - - -	13 68
United Offering, - - - - -	14 65
To Diocesan Missionaries, - - - - -	11 00
Scholarship at Beaufort, N. C., - - - - -	10 00
By the Phillips Brooks Mission Band to Beaufort, N. C., - - - - -	10 00

Total, - - - - -	\$186 48
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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MILFORD.

Envelope Fund, - - - - -	\$3 00
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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MONTROSE.

Box to Jonestown, - - - - -	\$6 00
Envelope Fund, - - - - -	3 50
United Offering, - - - - -	5 00

Total, - - - - -	\$14 50
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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SCRANTON.

Box to Missionary in Elreno, Oklahoma,	-	-	\$253 76
Box to Jonestown,	-	-	57 00
Box to Diocesan Missionary,	-	-	67 50
Girls' Friendly Society, box to Nebraska,	-	-	30 00
Girls' Friendly Society, box to Dakota,	-	-	20 00
Envelope Fund,	-	-	50 00
Penny Club of Junior Auxiliary, per Deaf-Mutes,	-	-	60 50
Dunmore Mission,	-	-	50 00
United Offering,	-	-	40 77
 Total,	-	-	 \$629 53

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SCRANTON.

St. Catharine's Guild to St. Paul's Mission, Beaufort, N. C.,	-	-	\$118 75
St. Cyprian's School, East Virginia, a box,	-	-	10 16
United Offering,	-	-	10 00
To Bismarck, N. D., for altar,	-	-	5 00
Scholarship, Beaufort, N. C.,	-	-	10 00
 Total,	-	-	 \$153 91

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, SPRINGVILLE.

Box to St. Luke's Hospital,	-	-	\$5 00
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CHRIST CHURCH, TOWANDA.

Box to Iron Mountain, Mich.,	-	-	\$45 69
Envelope Fund,	-	-	26 05
 Total,	-	-	 \$71 74

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TUNKHANNOCK.

Box for Beaufort, N. C.,	-	-	\$65 00
Box to St. Luke's Hospital,	-	-	4 00
 Total,	-	-	 \$69 00

TRINITY CHURCH, WEST PITTSTON.

Envelope Fund,	-	-	\$17 00
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ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, WILKES-BARRE.

Box to Sioux Falls, Dakota,	-	-	\$271 08
Box to Diocesan Missionary,	-	-	69 37
Box to Titusville, Florida,	-	-	94 15
Junior Auxiliary, box to Pine Ridge Agency,	-	-	20 00
Junior Auxiliary, box to Hamilton, Va.,	-	-	55 54
Envelope Fund,	-	-	100 10
United Offering (Junior Auxiliary \$5),	-	-	91 50
Junior Auxiliary, for debt on Church at Round Hill, Virginia,	-	-	50 00
Junior Auxiliary, Scholarship, Hampton, Va.,	-	-	70 00
Junior Auxiliary, Rectory Fund, St. Peter's, Plymouth,	-	-	25 00
 Total,	-	-	 \$846 74

LOG CHAPEL MISSION, WILKES-BARRE.

King's Daughters, 2 boxes to Mrs. Buford's Hospital,	70 00
King's Daughters, money to Mrs. Buford's Hospital,	10 00
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Total, - - - -	\$80 00
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ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, WILKES-BARRE.

Box to Salem, Wisconsin, - - - -	\$50 00
Envelope Fund, - - - -	16 05
United Offering, - - - -	11 28
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Total, - - - -	\$77 33
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year, - - - -	\$67 51
Envelope Fund, - - - -	750 56
United Offering, - - - -	778 51
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Total, - - - -	\$1596 58
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EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of speakers at Annual Meeting, - - - -	\$25 00
Bishop Brooke, December, - - - -	50 00
Teacher's salary, Lynchburg, Virginia, - - - -	180 00
Home at Jonestown, January, - - - -	30 00
Central Pennsylvania Scholarship, Rosebud, Dakota, - - - -	60 00
Rev. Mr. Gring's Life Insurance, - - - -	50 00
Home at Jonestown, June, - - - -	50 00
Rev. Mr. Yen, China, - - - -	100 00
Rev. Mr. Provost, Alaska, - - - -	100 00
To Miss Hampton, - - - -	10 00
To Bishop Brooke, Oklahoma, November, - - - -	50 00
Auxiliary expenses, printing, postage, &c., - - - -	30 49
United Offering, - - - -	778 51
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	\$1514 00

Balance on hand, - - - -	\$82 58
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Summary of Boxes and Money for Diocese:

Boxes, \$4325.47. Money, \$2381.57.

MARY M. STONE,
Treasurer.

NOTE.—Owing to the loss at Minneapolis of a memorandum of part of the sums contributed to the United Offering, there may be some few inaccuracies in the report of the same.