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LADIES :—

It is my pleasant duty to extend to you a hearty welcome and sincere congratulations that so much has been accomplished, by united effort, during the first year of our existence.

In April of last year the Delaware Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was organized, with the cordial approval of the Bishop. We hope to include all the parishes in the Diocese, and desire the co-operation of all the clergy. We do not propose to change the work of any parish, but, by united and sympathetic action, to increase the interest in and render more systematic, the Missionary work of the Church.

At the first annual meeting in May we were greatly cheered by the presence of the Secretary, Miss Emery, and enthusiasm was awakened by her stirring appeal. We also had the pleasure of listening to an address by Mr. Gardiner, telling of his work in connection with St. Paul's School, in Tokio, Japan; which has borne fruit in three parishes, which sent \$69 for the Tokio Hospital.

We immediately began the preparation of a box for the Rev. Mr. Turner, which was sent in June; also a suit for the Rev. Mr. Logan. Contributions were received from St. Andrew's, Trinity and St. John's Churches, Wilmington, and Immanuel Church, New Castle.

In October we held a very interesting quarterly meeting in Trinity Chapel, and Miss Emery again addressed us, and made valuable suggestions for future work.

Four parishes only have contributed to central expenses. We suggest that each parish pay one dollar per year toward a general fund, to defray expenses upon the boxes, etc., sent by the Diocesan Branch.

In the Autumn of 1883 a general meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Philadelphia, during the session of the General Convention; and a similar meeting is appointed to take place in Chicago, in October, 1886. It would be very pleasant and profitable if all interested in the work of the Auxiliary, as well as the Diocesan and Parish officers, who may be preparing to spend their summer in travel, would make their plans to be present at the general meeting in Chicago; and we should be glad to hear from any who hope to be present, that we may send their names to the Secretary, who writes that, "It will be a happy day for the Auxiliary if real, healthy growth may be noted then; an indication of the HOLY SPIRIT'S life, prompting those activities which sometimes seem marred by selfishness and secularity."

It is very desirable that as many members as possible be obtained by the different Parish Branches, and that each member pledge herself to give five cents a week as a fund for the different departments of the missionary work, Diocesan, Domestic, Indian, Freedmen and Foreign.

On planning our work for the coming autumn and winter, it is suggested that we continue our offerings for the Hospital at Tokio. A feasible and good work for some of the Parish Branches would be to support scholarships in St. Mary's Orphanage, China, at \$20 for twelve months each, and that they give us their pledges for these.

In presenting my first report as President of the Delaware Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, I have many

words of encouragement and cheer to offer; not that we have accomplished half that we might, but we can see that in banding together there have been greater results than in any year previous to the formation of our branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. If the women of the Church can be aroused to feel it their bounden duty to make systematic offerings for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, we need not fear the result.

"We cannot afford to deny ourselves the pleasure of giving." "We want to give while we live; with warm hands from loving hearts. We want to dispense our charities from day to day, in small sums if need be, not waiting for large ones, and making our lives, like that of our Saviour, a constant benediction."

HELEN A. LITTELL.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE DELAWARE BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary in Delaware respectfully submits the following report:

We gather to-day for our second annual meeting, an Association of eleven active branches, all of whom have been engaged in missionary work during the year past, though some of the Societies are of too recent formation to make any report at this time. Others, in existence long before the Woman's Auxiliary was formed, have cordially joined with

us, thus making all of the woman's work of our diocese a united, co-operative one.

The Central Executive Committee has held numerous meetings, and has packed and forwarded seven barrels filled unitedly by several parishes. Through the courtesy of our President her house has been headquarters for the packing of the boxes. A meeting-room for the Executive Committee in the centre of the town, would be very desirable and, we trust, attainable in the future.

Our Constitution calls for quarterly meetings, and it was our design to hold two of them in Wilmington and two in other towns. We regret that we have been unable this year to arrange for the meetings outside of Wilmington, but hope that next autumn invitations will come from some of our branches, which will make the duty of the Central Committee pleasanter and easier in this respect.

The quarterly meeting held in October, in Trinity Chapel, Wilmington, was most interesting, and was well attended, eighty-seven ladies and five clergymen being present. Miss Emery addressed us and furnished numerous suggestions for work. She urged upon our societies systematic collections, in addition to the filling of missionary boxes, and asked our Delaware branch to undertake the support of a scholarship in a mission or theological school. She recommended the division of our working year into quarters—two domestic and two foreign. She called our attention to the great destitution of the Christian Indians at Leech Lake, Dakota, under Rev. Mr. Gilfillan, and read to us a touching letter from the venerable Indian missionary, Enme-gah-bow.

With regard to her appeal for Mr. Gilfillan's Indians, we have been able to make a most satisfactory response, that

gentleman writing to us in several grateful letters that our diocese had fully supplied the needs in clothing for his people, and sending to all the contributors his hearty thanks. He commended the judgment with which the articles had been made and their excellent quality.

The *united* work of our Delaware branch during the year from May, '85, to May, '86, has been as follows :

To Rev. M. T. Turner, Mansfield, La., one box filled by Wilmington and New Castle parishes, . . .	\$ 37 50
To the same, one stole,	9 00
To Rev. Mr. Logan, Mississippi, by united parishes, one clerical suit,	22 50
To Rev. Mr. Gilfillan, for Leech Lake Indians, Minnesota, five barrels,	179 75

Total value of boxes sent by Central Committee, \$248 75

The list of boxes sent by *Parish Branches* with their valuation is as follows :

New Castle Parish Branch, one box to Rev. Mr. Sweetland, Ashippin, Wis.,	\$ 90 00
To Rev. Henry Swift, South Dakota, one box clothing for six Indian Girls,	60 43
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	\$150 43

Delaware City Branch, clothing for Leech Lake Indians, including a quilt made by Sunday-School,	\$ 21 00
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St. John's Parish Branch, Wilmington, one package to Mrs. Israel Harding,	\$ 40 00
One box to Rev. G. A. Ottman,	101 65
Clothing for Leech Lake Indians,	29 43
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Claymont Branch, and Calvary Church, Brandy-	
wine hundred, one box to Mrs. Buford, Virginia,	\$20 00
One box to Leech Lake Indians,	25 00
To Rev. Mr. Logan, Mississippi, partial supply,	20 00
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	\$65 00

St. Andrew's, Wilmington, Parish Branch, one box	
to Rev. R. B. Windley, North Carolina.	\$152 67
One box to Leech Lake Indians	47 00
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	\$199 67

Newark Branch, one barrel clothing, Leech Lake	
Indians,	\$ 50 00

✓ Lewis Branch, two barrels clothing Leech Lake	
Indians,	\$ 33 62

St. Anne's Church, Middletown, package for Leech	
Lake Indians,	\$ 6 85

Trinity Chapel, Wilmington, Ladies Parish Aid	
Society, one box to Rev. W. A. Barnwell, Paris,	
Ky.,	\$152 68

Groceries to Leech Lake Indians, through Central	
Committee,	\$ 10 40

Box to destitute basket makers in Rockland county,	
N. Y.,	\$ 51 25

\$214 33

Guild of Christ Church, Dover, to Leech Lake In-	
dians, one box,	\$ 60 00

One quilt for Indian box from a member of Christ	
Church, Christiana hundred,	75

Girls' Friendly Society, Old Swedes, Wilmington,	
one box to Rev. J. A. Matthews, Mt. Vernon,	
Ill.,	\$ 25 00

St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, Parish Guild, to a clergyman's family in Delaware, one box, \$ 50 00

Total value of boxes from parish branches, . . . \$1,047 73

Work done by special committee last May for Rev.

Messrs. Logan and Turner, as mentioned at the beginning of this list, 69 00

Total value of boxes from the Diocese, . . . \$1,116 73

The contributions in money have been as follows:

From Immanuel, New Castle Branch, \$ 6 00

From Delaware City Branch, for hospital in Tokio, Japan, 5 00

From St. John's Branch for Tokio hospital, . . . 3 00

From St. John's Branch for Central Fund, 2 83

From St. Andrews' Branch for Central Fund, . . . 3 00

From St. Andrews's Church for Central Fund, . . . 10 00

From collection at quarterly meeting, Trinity Chapel, half for Contingent Fund, half for Tokio hospital, 15 72

From Christ Church, Christiana Hundred Missionary Society for Tokio hospital, 23 00

From the same church, collection for Tokio hospital, 26 00

From St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, Missionary Guild, 6 40

From Calvary Church, Wilmington, through Miss Emery, 3 00

From sale of rags, 37

Total in money contributions, \$104 32

Grand total for the year in boxes sent and money

contributed of \$1,221 05

Your Secretary makes the request that at this time the second article of the constitution, which unites the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, be amended, so as to make the office of Treasurer a distinct and separate one. As there is

only one Secretary for both Corresponding and Recording, it seems more fitting that the Treasurership should be held by another person, even though, as we regret to say, the duties of said office have not, so far, been arduous.

We close our report with grateful hearts for what we have been permitted to accomplish, and an earnest hope that our third re-union will find us stronger in members, in work accomplished, and in purpose of heart to make our association, under our Heavenly Father's blessing, a power for good. Respectfully submitted,

CLEMENTINA L. McILVAINE.

DOMESTIC DIVISION.

The report of work done for Domestic department of woman's work in our Diocese, being embodied in that of our Secretary, there is no need of repeating statistics.

The Domestic Directress has been in correspondence with the General Secretary, Miss Emery, also with various Parishes, with regard to work, the result of which appears in the report of our Secretary.

There has been increased interest in missionary boxes, and Parishes have contributed *whole* boxes, when they thought it would be hard to accomplish *any* work. Already, in one case, application has been made for work for the coming season of Advent.

It is well to be in time, for we find, in asking for it, such a desire for families with children, that it is not easy to interest some parishes in any box providing only for adults.

Boys are not so much sought for. Many ask for families with *girls*, or little children, to the exclusion of large boys. Miss Tomes, assistant to Miss Emery, writes that "this is such a difficulty that she would like to start a society to work for men and boys alone," and says: "We can find plenty of people who will make girl's clothing, but the poor boys must do without, generally, so far as the boxes are concerned. If it is hard and we don't want to do it, it is just the reason we should, during Advent and Lent, try to make Delaware set the good example of working for boys!" There will always be necessity for such work while we have missions to Indians or to colored people, and perhaps her words apply more to such boxes than to those sent to missionaries. Let us hope so. In cases where half-worn clothing may be useful, will the Parish Branches be kind enough to bestow a little time in repairing and putting it in as good order as possible. The freight being an item of consideration, it is sometimes hardly worth paying unless the articles sent are in good condition.

We would make the suggestion to any Parishes that when needing work they will make application for it as early in the season as practicable. If they will remember it takes some days after their letter is sent, to write to Miss Emery and have her reply, they will also remember that it is hardly reasonable to ask for an answer in a day or two.

Sometimes a letter to a missionary and a reply is necessary, and there have been times this winter when a delay of a month has been, owing to said missionary having been busy at another point, and failing to receive the letter sooner.

Again we would advise promptness in deciding what is wanted, and in answering letters and in returning those to

be sent to other parishes, also in following the advice given by Miss Tomes—in being willing to supply a pressing need—even if it is not the most agreeable work, remembering we are not working simply for our own pleasure, but for Him, whose servants we are.

E. L. BURNHAM.

FOREIGN DIVISION.

A society was organized in Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, November 9, 1885, called "The Christ Church Missionary Society." The work is for Domestic and Foreign Missions. There are sixty-two members. The adults pay a fee of fifty cents yearly, and the children twenty-five cents. The ladies meet every other week for sewing, and a meeting is held once a month in the evening that the male members may attend, when addresses are made.

This is done to increase the interest in missionary work and to promote social intercourse in the Parish.

The foreign work is for the Woman's Auxiliary, and the object this winter has been for the building of the Tokio Hospital. Many articles have been made for the hospital, to be sent when it is opened.

The amount collected in this society, including a church collection, is \$49, and \$5 has been received from the Delaware City branch, and \$3 from the St. John's (Wilmington) branch for the Tokio Hospital.

MARY B. SMITH.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

*C. L. McIlvaine, Treasurer, in Account with the Delaware
Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.*

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June 2, 1885 : To cash from St. Andrew's Church, .	\$10 00
October 23, 1885 : To cash from quarterly meeting at Trinity Church,	15 72
February 24, 1886 : To cash from St. Andrew's Parish Branch,	3 00
February 25, 1886 : To cash from New Castle Branch, .	6 00
April 8, 1886 : To cash from St. John's Branch, . .	2 83
April 8, 1886 : To cash from sale of rags,	37
April 21, 1886 : To cash from collections for Tokio Hospital from Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, .	26 00
April 21, 1886 : To cash from Missionary Society of Christ Church for Tokio Hospital,	23 00
April 21, 1886 : To cash from Delaware City Branch for Tokio Hospital,	5 00
April 26, 1886 : To cash from St. Peter's Church, Smyrna,	6 40
May 3, 1886 : To cash from St. John's Branch for Tokio Hospital,	3 00
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June 3, 1885: To cash paid towards clerical suit, . . .	\$ 5 00
October 23, 1885: To cash paid Miss Emery, Missionary collection at Trinity Chapel,	15 72
October 26, 1885: To cash paid for minute books, postage, stationery, and express, at different times, . . .	3 50
April 8, 1886: Freight on five barrels to Rev. Mr. Gilfillan, Minnesota,	12 70
May 4, 1886: Check to Miss Emery,	57 00
May 4, 1886: Balance on hand,	7 40
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\$101 32

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. McILVAINE, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct,

ALICE B. MARTIN,
LAURA C. SCUDDER.

 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The second annual meeting of the Delaware Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, May 6, 1886.

At 10.30 o'clock there was the administration of the Holy Communion, the Bishop of the Diocese officiating, assisted by Rev. T. G. Littell and Rev. C. E. Murray.

At 11.30 the business meeting was called to order and the list of delegates was called. About seventy-five women were present, representing eleven different societies. The President then read an address of welcome, embodying in it suggestions of work for the ensuing year.

The reports of the Secretary and of the Domestic and the Foreign Directresses followed. The Presidents of the different branches then read short reports, or made statements of the condition of their societies.

The meeting being favored by the presence of Mrs. T. L. Rumney, an officer of the Pennsylvania Branch, she now addressed the meeting in a few well-chosen words, telling us of the benefit and blessing which in her own experience she knew would result from our *united work*, and bidding us God-speed.

Mrs. Dr. Downs, also a member of the Pennsylvania Branch, having consented to read a paper on mission work, was listened to with great interest, and the society by a rising vote testified its thanks to these ladies for their presence with us, their sisterly interest and valuable counsel.

The Constitution was now amended by a unanimous vote, so as to make the offices of Secretary and Treasurer distinct.

The second article now reads as follows :

"ARTICLE 2.—Its officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Directress for Domestic Missions, Directress for Foreign Missions, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall form an executive committee."

The Treasurer's report, showing receipts in money for the year of \$104.32, was read and approved.

Nine parishes responded to the suggestion of the President that there should be an assessment of \$1 a year from each branch, for a central fund, by a promise to pay \$1 annually for the expenses of the Central Committee, viz.: freight, postage, etc.

Pledges for the ensuing year were asked for, and the following parishes promised to take a scholarship of \$20 for one year in St. Mary's orphanage, China, for female infants.

Trinity, Wilmington.

St. John's, "

St. Andrew's, "

Immanuel Church, New Castle.

Church of the Ascension, Claymont.

Christ Church, Delaware City.

Girls' Friendly Society, \$5 towards a scholarship.

Delegates were requested to volunteer to represent the Delaware Branch at the triennial meeting of the Auxiliary in Chicago, next October, and the Vice President, Miss Rodney, Mrs. J. G. Shaw, of the New Castle Branch, and Mrs. S. Minot Curtis, of the Newark Branch, stated that they would probably be able to go. Officers for the ensuing year were then voted for, the old officers being unanimously re-elected. The following nominations for Treasurer were made: Mrs. George Bates, Mrs. C. B. Bird, Mrs. William C. Lodge, and Mrs. G. W. Dubois. The first two having withdrawn their names, Mrs. William C. Lodge, of Claymont, was unanimously elected Treasurer.

At 1.30 the meeting adjourned to the Sunday-school room, where lunch was served. At 3 p. m. a general missionary meeting was held. Addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. Langford, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, and Rev. J. Thomson Cole, missionary to Japan.

The collections at the two services amounted to \$36.43.

C. L. McILVAINE, *Secretary*.

MEETINGS IN CHICAGO.

Officers' meeting, Wednesday afternoon, October 6, 1886.

General meeting, Thursday, October 7, 1886.

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