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Seventh Annual Report

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Eighteenth Annual Report

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*FOR THE DAILY USE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.*

O God Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the Faithful, visit, we pray Thee, the Woman's Auxiliary of this Diocese with Thy love and favor, enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel, graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Thirteenth Annual Report
OF THE
DELAWARE BRANCH
OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS.

OCTOBER 14TH, 1897.

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PLEDGES FOR 1897-98.

1. St. Matthew's Mission Building Fund.
2. Alfred Lee Memorial Scholarship, Mexico.
3. Foreign Insurance (made up.)
4. Diocesan Missions.
5. Dr. Driggs' Work, Alaska.
6. Japan Mission, two objects.
 St. Paul's College, Tokyo.
 Rev. A. D. Gring, Kioto.
7. China Mission, two objects.
 A woman teacher.
 Medical work.
8. St. Michael's Day Nursery.

SPECIAL OFFERING.

The United Offering to be presented at the Triennial Meeting in Washington, October, 1898, for the training, sending out, and supporting women as missionaries.

MINUTES
OF THE
Thirteenth Annual Meeting.

OF THE DELAWARE BRANCH, HELD IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH,
SMYRNA, OCTOBER 14, 1897.

MORNING SERVICE.

Holy Communion was celebrated by the bishop at 10.30 o'clock, assisted by Archdeacon Dame, rector of the Parish and the Rev. Messrs. Wilkie, Hammond and Horne.

The church was well filled with interested women, and a stirring missionary address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Charles L. Olmsted of St. Asaph's Church, Bala, Penn., dwelling on the hindrances to our success in Missionary Work. He said, "We lack the spirit of devotion and the consecration of our gifts. We are more or less infected with the spirit of the day, and need a revival of a childlike faith in Christ's death upon the cross, that everywhere people may feel that the old faith that has come down to us, is to be the religion of the future. Another reason, our lives are not sufficiently Godly. We measure our living and our giving by the people around us.

Immediately after the address, noon-day prayers for missions were offered, followed by an address by the bishop, on Woman's Work in our own Diocese and England. He spoke of the readiness of women of the highest rank and social position in England to take part in the work of the church and of the Queen's great influence because she is a christian woman. Mention was also made of the multiplicity of societies, but as there are so many diversities of gifts, room is given for all workers, and a place for each one.

The Offertory amounted to \$25.06. Immediately after the service a most enjoyable luncheon was served in the Sunday school room by the ladies of the parish, and a very pleasant social time quickly passed away.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

At two o'clock the business meeting was called to order. The bishop read the Auxiliary prayers, and the hymn "Awake my soul stretch every nerve," was sung. Seven of the executive committee were present, thirteen parish branches were represented and one hundred and ten members responded to the roll call.

The president in her address to the women assembled spoke of "this happy day of reunion with its tender and solemn services and stirring addresses, the stimulus of meeting fellow-workers, and planning with them more steadfast and intelligent service for the coming year." Special mention was made of two of our faithful workers in this diocese who have been called from their earthly labors, and the loss to the church at large of our General Secretary, Dr. Langford, and of Miss Ward one of our missionaries to China. She also spoke of the absence of our much beloved Domestic Directress to whom, in her sorrow, loving and prayerful sympathy was extended. Among the many kind messages from friends interested, was one from our former President, Mrs. Littell, one of regret that she could not be at the meeting, and wishing us God speed in the work for the coming year. A warm greeting was extended to the former President of the Juniors, who was with us from Colorado.

The question was asked, "Will not our branches do a little missionary study this year?" In this way increase interest in the work.

The minutes of the last annual and the May meetings were read. The election resulted in the same officers being retained with the exception of the Correspondent of the Church Periodical Club; Miss Gibbs of Middletown, being elected to fill that office. Annual dues were paid; after which the offertory was taken, amounting to \$11.82. Pledges were then discussed. Mrs. Hall spoke in behalf of Alaska, and of St. Matthew's Mission, Wilmington; to the latter the bishop added a plea for the building fund. Mrs. Lodge moved that four-fifths of the morning's offering be devoted to this object, which motion was carried. Mrs. H. L. Curtis urged the attention of the meeting to Japan, and Miss Lafferty to the importance of Foreign Insurance.

Pledges were then made to the following: St. Matthew's Building Fund. Bishop Lee Scholarship. Foreign Insurance, \$50. Diocesan Missions. Dr. Driggs' Work in Alaska. Japan, St. Paul's College, Tokyo and Rev. Dr. Gring. China, salary for Teacher and Medical Work. St. Michael's Day-Nursery. A letter was read

from Miss Tomes, suggesting, as a memorial to Dr. Langford, an altar in the chapel of the Church Missions House, the money not to be raised by pledges from branches but by free will offerings from individuals. Some gladly availed themselves of this opportunity.

The secretary read the annual report which included those of the Foreign and Domestic Directresses.

The treasurer read her report which was audited by Mrs. Hall and Miss R. J. Warner.

The Junior secretary-treasurer read a fine report of their years work, audited by Mrs. Wilkie and Miss Price.

The report of the treasurer of the United Offering was read by the secretary and received with enthusiasm because of such wonderful results from the blue mite chests. The account was audited by Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Dame.

Miss Palmer read report of Mexican Division.

The secretary read report of the Church Periodical Club.

Trinity Church, Wilmington, extended an invitation for the next annual meeting, which was accepted.

Miss Comegys made a motion to abolish the office of Librarian, the Correspondent of Church Periodical Club to take the place of that office, to be acted upon at the next meeting.

Mrs. Lightner gave a most interesting talk on Woman's Work in Colorado, how it differs from ours, told of their hospital and Home for Consumptives, also of the Baby's Branch in that Diocese. Mrs. Hall announced that one has been started in our own Diocese of Delaware.

The following resolutions were offered and each one was adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, By the members of the Delaware Branch of Woman's Auxiliary that we have heard with profound sorrow of the death of Rev. Dr. Langford, who as Secretary and General Agent of the Board of Missions, manifested such an exemplary zeal for the cause of Missions, and was so helpful in many ways to the members of the Auxiliary throughout the country.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to Rev. Dr. Olmsted for his able address to the Woman's Auxiliary of Delaware.

Resolved, The Delaware Branch assembled in St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, desires by a rising vote to express its thanks to the rector, the choir and the members of St. Peter's Church for their gracious reception and warm hospitality.

After singing the long metre Doxology the bishop pronounced the Benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 5 P. M.

C. L. McILVAINE, Pres.

M. LAFFERTY, Sec'y.

13th Annual Report of the Secretary.

Right Reverend Father in God and Women of the Auxiliary:

We present this report with the regret that our faithful and efficient Secretary, Miss Hurd, who commenced the year's work with us, is not in her place to-day. The usual meetings of the Executive Committee have been held with a good average attendance. The Epiphany meeting in Trinity Church, Wilmington, was a large and enthusiastic one, many papers of interest were read, and a gavel of great historic interest was presented to the Auxiliary in the name of St. Andrew's Branch as a memento of the twelfth anniversary held in that parish last October.

The May meeting at Delaware City was small because of very inclement weather.

Boxes have been sent to eight missionaries in the West and South, in two instances several branches have united to fill one box, in this way providing more fully for the needs of the missionary. Six branches have sent boxes in the Diocese. Value of all sent during the year \$944.71, a very decided increase over last year.

Printed postal cards have been provided for the use of the Secretary in sending out notices, greatly reducing her labors, and printed forms of receipt for the treasurer's use were ordered at the May meeting. This shows an advance in our business methods and the next need is a concise form of report for the parish secretaries.

The Quiet Day for Women, held in St. Andrew's Church on April 1st, conducted by the Rev. George M. Christian of Newark,

N. J., was I am sure helpful to the many women who were privileged to attend.

The addresses were on the "Four Laws of the Spiritual Life." The Offertory as is usual on such days, was devoted to diocesan missions.

A parlor missionary meeting was held at Bishopstead in the afternoon of October 5th, to meet Dr. and Mrs. Boone. We wish all could have heard the very clear and practical way in which the missions in China were presented to a large and attentive gathering of men and women. An appeal was made by Mrs. Boone for a woman worker for that field to come out of Delaware. The offering at this meeting was given to the work in China.

The report of the treasurer for the United Offering will speak for itself and should incite us to renewed effort for the last of our three years.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY LAFFERTY, Sec.

Reports from Parish Branches.

October, 1896, to October, 1897.

CHRISTIANA HUNDRED—Christ Church.

1 box to South Carolina, \$54.50; 1 box to Washington, \$4.00; 1 box to Hospital and Day-Nursery, \$20.50; Babies Hospital and Day Nursery, \$66.00; Diocesan Missions \$5.00; St. Matthew's Mission, \$5.00; Brazil, \$10.00; Bishop Lee Scholarship, \$5.00; United Offering, \$26.19; Annual Dues, \$2.00, Total, \$ 198 19

CLAYMONT—Church of the Ascension.

1 box, Sister Flora, Sewanee, Tenn., \$15.00; Bishop Lee Scholarship, \$5.00; St. Matthew's Building Fund, \$3.00; United Offering, \$7.19; Annual Dues, \$2 00, Total, \$ 32 19

DELAWARE CITY—Christ Church.

1 box to North Carolina, \$11.91; Diocesan Missions, \$5.00; United Offering, \$8.04; Annual Dues, \$1.00, Total, \$ 25 95

DOVER—Christ Church.

1 box, South Dakota, \$28.75; 1 box, Day Nursery, \$5.57; Diocesan Missions, \$10.00; Bishop Lee Scholarship, \$5.00; United Offering, \$4.50; Annual Dues, \$2.00, Total, \$ 55 82

LEWES—St. Peter's Church.

1 box, St. Michael's Day-Nursery, \$6.75; Annual Dues, \$2.00, Total, \$ 8 75

MIDDLETOWN—St. Anne's Church.

1 box to North Carolina, \$54.60; St. Matthew's Building Fund, \$20.00; Brazil, \$5.00; Dr. Driggs, \$5.00; Foreign Insurance, \$5.00; Bishop Lee Scholarship, \$5.00; United Offering, \$30.84; Juneau, \$1.00; Annual Dues, \$2.00, Total, \$ 128 44

NEWARK—St. Thomas' Church.

1 box to North Carolina, \$28.00; 1 box to Sewanee, Tenn., \$15.00; 1 box to Day Nursery, \$6.00; Bishop Lee Scholarship, \$5.00; Foreign Insurance, \$5.00; Brazil, \$5.00; Japan, \$20.00; Day Nursery, \$1.00; United Offering, \$10.25; Annual Dues, \$1.00, Total, \$ 97 70

NEW CASTLE—Immanuel Church.

1 box, St. John's School, South Dakota, \$33.49; 1 box to Sewanee, Tenn., \$36.84; Brazil, \$5.00; Foreign Insurance, \$5.00; Bishop Lee Scholarship, \$10.00; Wu Chang, China, \$5.00; Sister Flora, Sewanee, Tenn., (special) \$10.00; United Offering, \$13.67; Annual Dues, \$2.00, Total, \$ 131 00

NEWPORT AND STANTON—St. James' Church.

Bishop Lee Scholarship, \$2.00; Brazil, \$5.00; Day Nursery, \$3.00; United Offering, \$8.20; Annual Dues, \$2.00, Total, \$ 20 20

SMYRNA—St. Peter's Church.

1 box to North Carolina, \$24.00; Brazil, \$10.00; Foreign Insurance, \$5.00; Baby Hospital, \$5.00; Church Periodical Club, \$1.50; Miss Driggs' Work in Mexico, \$16.00; Clergyman's Wife, \$2.00; United Offering, \$12.00; Annual Dues, \$2.00, Total, \$ 77 50

WILMINGTON—St. Andrew's Church.

1 box to Arkansas, \$183.53; 1 box to St. Elizabeth's School, South Dakota, \$60.00; Bishop Lee Scholarship, \$15.00; Foreign Insurance, \$5.00; Japan, \$5.00; Brazil, \$5.00; Dr. Driggs, \$5.00; Day Nursery, \$5.00; Diocesan Missions, \$1.17; United Offering, \$83.03; Annual Dues, \$2.00, Total, \$ 369 73

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY—St. Andrew's Church.

Bishop Lee Scholarship, \$2.00; Diocesan Missions, \$2.00, . . . Total, \$ 4 00

WILMINGTON—Calvary Church.

1 box to South Carolina, \$78.00; Brazil, \$5.00; Foreign Insurance, \$5.00; United Offering, \$19.00; Annual Dues, \$2.00, Total, \$ 109 00

WILMINGTON—St. John's Church.

3 boxes sent to St. Michael's Day Nursery, \$60.87; 1 box to Diocesan Clergyman, \$55.50; 1 box to Sewanee, \$5.00; Bishop Lee Scholarship, \$5.00; Dr. Driggs, \$5.00; Japan, \$5.00; Foreign Insurance, \$5.00; Brazil, \$5.00; St. Matthew's Mission, \$10.00; Specials to St. Matthew's Mission, \$16.00; Day Nursery and Hospital for Babies, \$27.00; St. Barnabas, Marshallton, \$29.62; Clergyman's family, \$20.00; Work in Mexico, \$3.00; to Bishop of Delaware, \$33.25; Easter Gift to Holy Trinity, Bramwell, W. Oregon, \$16.00; United Offering, \$31.10; Annual Dues, \$2.00, Total, \$ 334 24

WILMINGTON—Old Swedes' Church.

Bishop Lee Scholarship, \$5.00; Annual Dues, \$2.00, Total, \$ 7 00

WILMINGTON—Trinity Church.

1 box to Wisconsin, \$131.30; 1 box to Sewanee, \$25.60; Diocesan Mission, \$50.35; Bishop Lee Scholarship, \$5.00; Brazil, \$5.00; Foreign Insurance, \$5.00; Japan, \$5.00; Dr. Driggs, \$10.00; St. Matthew's Mission, \$5.00; Day Nursery, \$5.00; Church Periodical Club, \$2.00; United Offering, \$50.32; Annual Dues, \$2.00, Total, \$ 301 57

Woman's Auxiliary, Treasurer's Report.

E. A. Lodge, Treasurer, in account with the Delaware Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

1896 and 1897.

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	Cash balance,	\$ 24 77
Nov. 7th.	Evening collection,	18 00
Nov. 8th.	Collections at Annual Meeting,	52 31
	January quarterly collection,	8 70

Collection at Quiet Day,	36 20
May quarterly collection,	6 65
Annual dues from 15 parishes,	28 00
To Bishop Lee Scholarship in Mexico—St. Andrew's, Wil- mington, \$15.00; Trinity, 5.00; St. Thomas', Newark, 5.00; St. John's, 5.00; St. Anne's, Middletown, 5.00; Immanuel, New Castle, 10.00; Ascension, Claymont, 5.00; Newport and Stanton, 2.00; Junior Auxiliary, 5.00; Christ Church, Christiana Hd., 5.00; Christ Church, Dover, 5.00; Old Swedes', 5.00; Girls' Friendly Society of St. Andrew's, 2.00,	74 00
To Diocesan Missions—Trinity, Wilmington, \$50.35; Imman- uel, New Castle, 10.00; Christ Church, Dover, 10.00; Christ Church, Delaware City, 5.00; Christ Church, Christ- iana Hd., 5.00; Girls' Friendly Society of St. Andrew's, 2.00; Systematic Off., Mrs. McIlvaine, 1.17; Systematic Off., Mrs. S. J. Taylor, 1.00,	84 52
To Brazil Mission—Trinity, \$5.00; Mrs. H. L. Curtis, 5.00; Newport and Stanton, 5.00; Immanuel, New Castle, 5.00; Calvary, Wilmington, 5.00; St. Peter's, Smyrna, 10.00; St. Anne's, Middletown, 5.00; St. John's, 5.00; St. Andrew's, 5.00; Christ Church, Christiana Hd., 10.00; Junior Auxiliary, 1.00,	61 00
To Insurance of Life of Foreign Missionary—Trinity, \$5.00; St. Thomas, Newark, 5.00; St. John's, 5.00; St. Anne's, Middletown, 5.00; Immanuel, New Castle, 5.00; Cal- vary, 5.00; St. Andrew's, 5.00; Junior Auxiliary, 5.00; St. Peter's, Smyrna, 5.00,	45 00
To Kyoto, Japan, and Rev. A. D. Gring—Trinity, \$5.00; Junior Branch of St. Andrew's, 5.00; Mrs. H. I. Curtis, 5.00; St. Thomas, Newark, 15.00; St. Andrew's, 5.00; Junior Auxiliary of St. John's, (Spec.) 1.00; Junior Branch of Middletown, (Spec.) 1.00; St. John's, 5.00; Trinity and St. John's, additional, 2.00,	44 00
To Day Nursery—Trinity, \$5.00; St. Andrew's, 5.00; St. Thomas, Newark, 1.00; Junior Auxiliary, 5.00,	16 00
To St. Matthew's Building Fund—Trinity, \$5.00; St. John's, 10.00; Christ Church, Christiana Hd., 5.00; St. Anne's, Middletown, 20.00; Ascension, Claymont, 3.00,	43 00
To Dr. Driggs, Alaska—St. John's, (spec.) \$5.00; Trinity, 10.00; Junior Branch, Middletown, (spec.) 5.00; St. Anne's, Middletown, 5.00; St. Andrew's, 5.00; Junior Auxiliary, 5.00,	35 00
To General Missions—Mrs. J. M. Harvey, \$2.60; Junior Auxiliary, 2.50,	5 10

To St. John's College, China—Junior Auxiliary, \$1.50, . . .	1 50
To Wuchong, China, Immanuel, New Castle, \$5.00, . . .	5 00
Towards Printing Reports Junior Auxiliary, \$5.00, . . .	5 00
Total, . . .	<u>\$593 75</u>

1896 and 1897.

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By traveling expenses of speakers, . . .	\$ 8 29
Postage, express for reports of 1896, Sec. \$4.78, Treas. 50 cts., Pres. \$2, . .	7 28
Printing reports to Mercantile Printing Co., . . .	27 22
New book for Treasurer, . . .	25
Mercantile Co. for Stationery, . . .	8 70
Expenses of Quiet Day, . . .	9 75
Church Periodical Club, . . .	3 00
Bishop Lee Scholarship in Mexico to Miss Palmer, . . .	74 00
St. Matthew's Building Fund, Bishop Coleman, . . .	43 00
Dr. Driggs' to Miss Emery, . . .	35 00
Day Nursery to Mrs. Coleman, . . .	16 00
Brazil Mission, Miss Emery, . . .	61 00
Insurance for Missionaries, Miss Emery, . . .	50 00
Japan Mission, Miss Emery, . . .	51 00
Diocesan Missions, J. S. Grohe, . . .	135 97
General Mission, Miss Emery, . . .	5 10
St. John's College, China, Miss Emery, . . .	1 50
Wuchang, China, Miss Emery, . . .	5 00
Traveling expenses of President, . . .	5 50
Total, . . .	<u>\$547 56</u>
Balance on hand, . . .	46 19

\$593 75

We do hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing Treasurer's report and find the same correct.

R. J. WARNER,

S. C. HALL,

Auditing Committee.

Report on "United Offering."

Money in hand, December, 1895,	\$ 3 75
Received from Mite Chests to October, 1896,	287 72
Interest on same to date,	31
Total,	\$291 78
Received Feb. 26, 1897, from Mrs. Littell, gathered mainly from Delawareans in New York,	\$ 64 00
Received March 20, from same,	50 50
Received June 3, from same,	3 75
Total from Mrs. Littell,	\$118 25
Received Sept., 1897, from Christ Church, Dover,	\$ 4 50
" 27, 1897, from Immanuel Church, New Castle,	13 67
" 29, " Trinity Church, Wilmington,	45 94
" 30, " St. Thomas' Church, Newark,	10 25
" 30, " Christ Church, Delaware City,	8 04
" 30, " St. Anne's Church, Middletown,	30 84
" 30, " Christ Church, Christiana Hd.,	26 19
Oct. 1, " St. Peter's Church, Smyrna,	12 00
" 1, " Calvary Church, Wilmington,	19 00
" 5, " Church of the Ascension, Claymont,	7 19
" 7, " Trinity Church, Wilmington,	4 38
" 9, " Mrs. Littell, (personal),	25 00
" 11, " St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington,	83 03
" 11, " Stanton and Newport,	8 20
" 11, " St. John's, Wilmington,	31 10
Total from Mite Chests for 1897,	\$329 33
Interest on same to date,	4 87
Total for year ending Oct. 1897,	\$334 20
Total for year ending Oct. 1896,	291 78
Total from New York,	118 25
Grand total,	\$744 23

Respectfully submitted,

NATHALIE G. WILSON, Treas.

We do hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing Treasurer's account, and find the same correct.

MRS. M. K. D. ELDRIDGE,

MRS. GEORGE C. DAME,

Auditing Committee.

Smyrna, Oct. 14, 1897.

Report of the Church Periodical Club.

We have seven librarians, one in each of the following parishes, Middletown, Newark, Smyrna, Newport, St. John's, St. Andrew's and Trinity, Wilmington.

In these 48 persons contributed, sending 51 periodicals, 3 Sunday School papers, 765 back numbers of magazines, 3 books, 1 calendar, 24 Easter and Christmas cards. These have been sent directly to individuals cheering many a lonely and suffering one.

A large box of reading matter has been sent from Smyrna to the club rooms in New York. It is for the distribution of books and papers sent in this way that the general secretary sent me the following appeal last spring. The C. P. C. rooms are filled with boxes containing reading matter for which the missionaries are waiting but there is not money to send them on. "Can your Diocese help by sending one dollar in this need and can you interest some new friends who do not know about the work of the C. P. C."

In response to this we sent five dollars, three of which were given by the Executive Committee from the treasury.

Can we not pledge something annually to this work?

Respectfully submitted,

M. LAFFERTY, Cor. of C. P. C.

Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Mexican Division.

Since the last annual meeting the Mexican Division had held its usual stated meetings. The most important events that have been reported are:

First. The ordination of Samuel V. Silenas, deacon, to be a

Presbyter in the Mexican Episcopal Church; he was ordained by Bishop Kendrick on the 3d of February, 1897, at the Church of San Jose de Gracia in the city of Mexico; six Mexican Presbyters united with the bishop and Rev. Henry Forrester in the imposition of hands. The Rev. Samuel V. Silenas has been educated for Holy Orders by means of the fund raised in Delaware, as a memorial of the first bishop of the State. He has been educated entirely in Mexico, and is very well spoken of, both for piety and learning, by Rev. Mr. Forrester. At last accounts he had charge of nine congregations, assisted by a Mexican deacon.

Second. The ordination of this young deacon, made it necessary to choose a new candidate in Holy Orders, to be educated in Theology by means of the scholarship fund. After consultation by letter with Rev. Henry Forrester, it was decided at the May meeting of the Mexican Aid Association, to select a student in the Dean Gray School for Boys, (in Mexico), named Luis Caballero, to be the next candidate; the student referred to was recommended by Mr. Forrester for steadiness, and owing to our confidence in Mr. Forrester's good judgment, it was thought best to select Luis Caballero. A resolution to this effect was offered at the May meeting, and was unanimously adopted.

As the education of a band of Mexican Presbyters is a deeply important matter, it is to be hoped that the fund promised by Delaware will be kept up nobly by the Diocese, and to that end, let each parish pledge some amount for this good object; and thus all can take part in this good work, which is a living memorial to our beloved first bishop; a memorial that cannot fade away, but grow brighter through time, and endure when "Time shall be no more," and "shine as the stars forever and ever."

Respectfully submitted,

M. T. CANBY, Cor. Sec. Mex. Div.

Mexican Division, Treasurer's Report,

*Elizabeth Palmer in account with the Mexican Division of the
Woman's Auxiliary:*

1896 and 1897.	DR.	
Membership dues,		\$ 47 00
Dr. White, St. John's,		1 00
Immanuel Church, Highlands,		3 00
St. Andrew's Sunday School, Wilmington,		60 00
“ Mexican Band,		50 00
“ Junior Auxiliary,		3 00
“ Girls' Friendly,		2 00
Mrs. S. M. Curtis, Newark,		25 00
Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Lodge, Treas.,		74 00
Interest on deposit,		62
		<hr/> \$265 62

1896 and 1897.	DISBURSEMENTS—CR.	
To Bishop Lee Scholarship, Mexico,		\$233 62
To salary of the Rev. Mr. Forrester,		25 00
To General Work in Mexico,		7 00
		<hr/> \$265 62

Report of Secretary of Junior Auxiliary of Delaware for 1896-97.

The Junior Auxiliary now numbers thirteen branches. One new branch of the Auxiliary has been organized during the past year; that of St. Paul's Church, Georgetown.

The United Lenten Work resulted in two barrels of clothing, sent

to Sister Flora, St. Mary's on the Mountain, Sewanee, Tenn. Valued at \$144.46; freight charges \$2.18.

Besides the United Lenten Work individual branches report a great deal of special work done.

On Saturday, May 1st, in St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, was held the seventh annual meeting of the Junior Auxiliary. Despite the threatening weather the meeting was largely attended. Bishop Coleman made an address. Several clergymen of the Diocese were present. The Offertory amounted to five dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$5.28).

The total value of missionary work done by the Junior Auxiliary for 1896-1897 is summarised as follows:

Boxes.	VALUE.
1 to Sewanee, Tennessee,	\$144 46
1 to Juneau, Alaska,	1 00
1 to Diocesan Clergyman,	20 00
3 to Beaufort, N. C.,	91 00
12 to St. Michael's Day Nursery and Hospital for Babies,	97 87
2 special boxes,	107 00
Total, 20 boxes valued at	\$461 33

Money.

Toward a scholarship for school in the Platte,	\$ 20 00
Rev. Mr. Bartlett for Mission Work,	20 00
Dr. Driggs, Alaska,	10 00
Bishop Lee Scholarship,	5 00
Foreign Insurance,	5 00
Board of Missions,	12 59
Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, Kyoto, Japan,	3 00
Brazil Missions, Rev. L. L. Kinsolving,	2 00
St. John's Orphanage, Baltimore, Md.,	5 00
Armenia,	1 00
Diocesan Missions,	1 00
St. Paul's School, Japan,	5 00
Mexican Missions,	3 00
Visiting Missionary,	2 00
General Missions,	2 00
St. John's College, Tokio,	1 50
St. Michael's Day Nursery and Hospital for Babies,	54 05
Beaufort, North Carolina,	9 00
Printing report,	5 00
Special,	11 00
Total,	\$177 14

Total Value in Boxes and Money.

Boxes,	\$461 33
Money,	<u>177 14</u>
Total,	\$638 47

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN ERNESTINE VAN TRUMP.

Sec.-Treas. of Junior Auxiliary of Delaware.

We do hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing Treasurer's account and find the same correct.

MARY L. PRICE,
ELLEN M. WILKIE,
Auditing Committee.

Smyrna, Del., Oct. 14, 1897.

SUMMARY.**Grand Total for 1896-97.**

Woman's Auxiliary,	\$2097 10
Balance of Mexican Work not included in parish reports,	191 62
Balance of Junior Auxiliary, not included in parish reports, . . .	<u>606 47</u>
Total,	\$2895 19

PARISHES.	Bishop Lee Scholar- ship.	Foreign Insurance.	Japan.	China.	United Offering.	Brazil.	St. Matthew's Mis- sion.	Dr. Driggs.	Day Nursery, Hospital for Babies.	Diocesan Missions. Systematic Offerings.	General Missions.	Specials.	No. Boxes Sent.	Value.	Annual Dues.	Total.
Christiana Hd., Christ Church,	\$ 5 00				\$ 26 19	\$ 10 00	\$ 5 00			\$ 5 00		\$ 66 00	3	\$ 79 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 198 19
Claymont, Ascension Church,	5 00				7 19		3 00						1	15 00	2 00	32 19
Delaware City, Christ Church,					8 04					5 00			1	11 91	1 00	25 95
Dover, Christ Church,	5 00				4 50					10 00			2	34 32	2 00	55 82
Lewes, St. Peter's Church,													1	6 75	2 00	8 75
Middletown, St. Anne's Church,	5 00	5 00			30 84	5 00	20 00	5 00				1 00	1	54 60	2 00	128 44
Newark, St. Thomas' Church,	5 00	5 00	20 00		10 25	5 00			1 00				3	50 45	1 00	97 70
New Castle, Immanuel Church,	10 00	5 00		5 00	13 67	5 00				10 00		10 00	2	70 33	2 00	131 00
Newport-Stanton, St. James' Church, . .	2 00				8 20	5 00			3 00						2 00	20 20
Smymna, St. Peter's Church,		5 00			12 00	10 00			5 00			19 50	1	24 00	2 00	77 50
Wilmington—St. Andrew's Church, . .	15 00	5 00	5 00		83 03	5 00		5 00	5 00				2	243 53	2 00	369 73
“ G. F. So., St. Andrew's Ch.,	2 00									2 00						4 00
“ Calvary Church,		5 00			19 00	5 00							1	78 00	2 00	109 00
“ St. John's Church,	5 00	5 00	5 00		31 10	5 00	10 00	5 00				144 87	5	121 37	2 00	334 34
“ Trinity Church,	5 00	5 00	5 00		50 32	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	50 35		2 00	2	156 90	2 00	301 57
“ Old Swedes' Church,	5 00										2 50	5 00			2 00	7 00
Junior Auxiliary,	5 00	5 00	7 00	1 50		1 00		5 00								32 00
Miscellaneous,			2 00		* 148 12			10 00		1 00	2 60					163 72
	\$74 00	\$45 00	\$44 00	\$ 6 50	\$ 452 45	\$61 00	\$43 00	\$40 00	\$19 00	\$84 52	\$ 5 10	\$ 248 37		\$ 946 16	\$28 00	\$2097 10

*From New York, not reported last year, \$118.25.

Remittances should be made as follows:

For Woman's Auxiliary,
Mrs. WILLIAM C. LODGE,
Claymont, Del.

For the United Offering,
Mrs. ANDREW G. WILSON,
1119 Market Street,
Wilmington, Del.

For the Junior Auxiliary,
Miss HELEN VAN TRUMP,
412 Broome Street,
Wilmington, Del.

For the Mexican Division,
Miss ELIZABETH PALMER,
1908 Market Street,
Wilmington, Del.

Meetings.

The Epiphany Meeting will be held on the second Thursday in January, A. D. 1898, in St. John's Church, Wilmington, at 2.30 P. M.

Due notice of the May Meeting will be given.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting, which will be held in Trinity Church, Wilmington, will be postponed until the first Thursday in November, 1898, on account of the session of General Convention in Washington during the month of October.