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PRAYERS.

O LORD, Who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth, send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which, whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for Thine only Son, JESUS CHRIST's sake. AMEN.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain Thy Heavenly promises, through the merits of JESUS CHRIST our Lord. AMEN.

Direct us, O LORD, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. AMEN.

O LORD, Who didst come to seek and to save the lost, and to Whom all power is given in Heaven and in earth, hear, we beseech Thee, the prayers of Thy Church for those who, at Thy command, go forth to preach the Gospel to every creature. Preserve them from all dangers to which they may be exposed; from perils by land and perils by water; from the deadly pestilence; from the violence of the persecutor; from doubt and impatience; from discouragement and discord; and from all the devices of the powers of darkness; and while they plant and water, send Thou, O LORD, the increase; gather in the multitude of the heathen; convert in Christian lands such as neglect so great salvation; so that Thy Name may be glorified and Thy Kingdom come, O Gracious Saviour of the world, to Whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. AMEN.

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DISTRICT AUXILIARY.

The opening service of the District Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, for the working year, 1884-'85, was held in St. John's Church, Washington, November 4th, 1884. Although the day was stormy, five of the Clergy of the District and representatives from nearly all the Parish Branches were present. The Holy Communion was Celebrated by the Rev. J. H. Elliott, D. D., Rector of the Ascension, and an address made by the Rev. W. A. Leonard, Rector of St. John's.

Regular meetings for business have been held every month during the winter, with an average representation of six Parishes. Although the actual value of boxes reported is less than that of last year, owing to unusual demands upon some of the workers in their own Parishes, yet it is hoped that the Auxiliary in its quiet way has helped to increase Missionary interest among the Church women of the District. Surely all who attend the meetings must feel the benefit of uniting ourselves in this way; "taking sweet counsel together," as to the various methods of work; listening and responding, as far as possible, to appeals for help from the mission field; hearing the grateful letters that always make us wish to do so much more than we have done; and joining in earnest prayer for the unity of the Church, for her Missions and her Missionaries. But how much more good might be accomplished if *all* the Parishes in the District were united in this common work! How might a spark of true charity be kindled that in time should melt away the cold, unchurchly spirit of *congregationalism* from among us! For this we shall never cease to strive and pray.

We have already seen the benefit of united interest in the impulse given, through the Auxiliary, to varied phases of Church work, resulting in two such organizations as the "Association for Works of Mercy" and "St. Mark's Friendly League for Mission Work." During the past year the League has spread out new Branches, and has brought forth noble fruit; in it the children have done good work for Missions and for their own Parishes. As the report of the League—now numbering six Branches in this city—was read at the Annual Service on Saint Mark's Day, it is not included in the Auxiliary Report; but it may not be amiss to mention that the aggregate value of the League's contributions, in boxes and money, were reported as \$944.40, an advance of \$667.00 over last year. A special Service for the Auxiliary was held on January 23d, in the Church of the Ascension, when the Right Rev. Bishop Elliott, of Western Texas, made a most interesting address; telling of the needs of the great Missionary field in the West, and of how the Auxiliary may help to supply them.

The closing Service for the year was held in St. John's Church, Washington, on Tuesday, May 12th, 1885. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Louisiana, who addressed the members of the Auxiliary in kind and encouraging words, dwelling chiefly on the meaning of our name—*help*—and showing that the life of helpfulness is the true Christian life. In conclusion he appealed to all the Parishes in the District to unite in this common work. The Annual Report was read by the Rev. A. F. Steele, Rector of St. Mark's.

The following Parishes have been in union with the District Auxiliary during the past year :

ASCENSION,
GRACE, GEORGETOWN,
HOLY CROSS,
INCARNATION,

ST. JOHN'S, WASHINGTON,
 ST. MARK'S,
 ST. PAUL'S, ROCK CREEK,
 ST. PAUL'S, WASHINGTON,
 TRINITY.

In May the Incarnation Parish withdrew from the Association.

BOXES.

Number and value of boxes sent since May, 1884 :

Ascension, 3 boxes, value.....	\$ 332 50
Holy Cross, 1 box and 2 packages, value.....	45 00
Incarnation, 3 boxes and 1 package, “	149 66
St. John's, 10 boxes, value.....	1,107 48
Trinity, 1 box, value.....	175 00
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Total, 18 boxes and 3 packages.....	\$ 1,809 64

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS FROM MAY, 1884, TO MAY, 1885.

Balance on hand.....	\$ 7 91
Offertory at Closing Service.....	6 15
Offertory at Opening Service.....	2 50
Offertory at Special Service.....	12 26
Dues from the Parishes of Ascension, Grace, Georgetown, Holy Cross, Incarnation, St. John's, Washington, St. Marks, St. Paul's, Rock Creek, St. Paul's, Washington and Trinity.....	38 00
Donations.....	30 50
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Total receipts for year.....	\$ 97 32

DISBURSEMENTS.

For support of Chinese Scholarship.....	\$ 40 00
For Hospital in Tokio, Japan.....	25 00
For Domestic Missions.....	12 26
For Mrs. Brent's Colored School.....	5 00
For printing, postage, &c.....	12 08
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Total disbursements.....	\$ 94 34
Balance on hand.....	2 98
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	\$ 97 32

District of Columbia Branch, Woman's Auxiliary.

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ST. JOHN'S PARISH, WASHINGTON.

Mrs. Peachy, 1731 De Sales Street.
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Mrs. Ross Ray, 1901 F Street, N. W.
Miss Johnston, 1406 H Street, N. W.

ST. MARK'S PARISH.

Mrs. A. F. Steele, 600 A Street, N. E.
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Mrs. Alfred Williams, 232 N. Capitol Street.
Mrs. Strong, 110 2d Street, N. E.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, ROCK CREEK.

Miss Buck, St. Paul's Rectory.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, WASHINGTON.

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Miss Law, 1914 G Street, N. W.

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