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The opening service of the District Auxiliary was held, as usual, in St. John's Church, Washington, November 4, 1890. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Douglas, and an address was given by the Rev. Mr. Thomson, Missionary to China.

The monthly meetings for business, held regularly in St. John's Parish Hall, have been well attended by representatives from the following Parishes, which are united in the Auxiliary work: Ascension, Epiphany, St. John's (Georgetown), St. John's (Washington), St. John's and St. Mary's Chapels, St. Luke's, St. Paul's (Rock Creek), St. Paul's (Washington), and Trinity. It is earnestly desired that every Parish in the District should send delegates, and that our Churchwomen, generally, should be interested in the work and attend the meetings.

Reports, received monthly from the Parish Branches, show that many valuable boxes have been sent to Missionaries in our own Diocese and elsewhere. Three "general boxes,"

made up of contributions from all the Parish Branches, have also been sent; two to Mission Schools, and one to a retired Missionary. These boxes are highly appreciated, and we are assured that the contents are often worth more to the recipients than the money value reported. In many of our Parishes it would be impossible to raise the *money*, while the "box" seems to *grow up* from kindly personal interest and small gifts of material, time, and labor.

But the sending of boxes is only a part of the work. Our aim is to increase and extend Missionary knowledge and interest in every possible way; therefore, letters from different parts of the field are read at the meetings, and Missionary literature distributed. Sometimes we have addresses from Missionaries who are visiting the city; in this way we were privileged to hear the Rev. Mr. Thomson, Missionary to China, in November; and, in January, Miss Spencer, also a Missionary to China, whose pleasant, informal account of St. Mary's School, Shanghai, was of special interest, as all our Parish Branches unite in the support of the Catharine E. Jones Memorial Scholarship in that school.

We were grieved to hear of Miss Spencer's sudden death, March 25th, and mourn, with the whole Church, the loss of such an earnest worker.

Through the kindness of the Clergy, special Missionary Services are held, from time to time, for the Auxiliary; the objects being—to pray for Missions, to interest the congregations of the District, and to obtain offerings for the work. Two such Services were held this year, the first on January 7, in the Church of the Epiphany, when the Bishop of the Diocese presided, and the Bishops of Kentucky, Utah and Nevada, and Ohio were present and made addresses in behalf of various branches of Missionary work. The offering, \$202.01, was devoted to King Hall, the Theological School for colored men in this District; and an additional offering of \$132.00 was subsequently raised for the work of the Bishop

of Utah and Nevada. The second Service was held in St. Paul's Church, February 23, when the Bishop of Wyoming and Idaho gave an account of his field. The offering for his work amounted to \$118.00.

In connection with the Church Periodical Club, the Auxiliary is now sending out 55 periodicals regularly to those desiring them. This work might be largely increased; as, indeed, all branches of our work might and ought to be. Why should not every Churchwoman in the District consider herself a member of the Auxiliary; come, if possible, to the meetings and encourage others by her interest; work in her Parish Branch, or, if there is none, try to organize one; join in the prayers for Missions, Missionaries, and the unity of the Church; learn more of the great field and of its needs, and help to supply them? Each one of us seems, indeed, powerless alone, but, all united in the holy bonds of prayer and work, we may yet become, by God's grace, a mighty, though a modest and unnoticed, power for good.

The foregoing report was read at the closing Service of the District Auxiliary, held May 11, 1891, in St. Paul's Church, Washington. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rector, the Rev. Alfred Harding.

After the Service all present gathered in the Parish House and listened with interest to an address from Miss Emery, the General Secretary. The retiring officers were re-elected.

Report of Boxes and Money Sent Since May, 1890.

Ascension Parish, value.....	\$ 125 43
Epiphany Parish, value.....	1,400 50
Epiphany (through "Ladies' Aid").....	885 00
Epiphany (through Church Home).....	450 00
St. John's, Georgetown.....	30 12
St. John's, Washington.....	656 75
St. Mark's.....	34 21
St. Mary's Chapel.....	24 40
St. Paul's, Rock Creek.....	66 00
St. Paul's, Washington.....	111 53
Trinity	41 72
Total.....	<hr/> \$3,825 66

Respectfully submitted,

LILY MACLEOD, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts from May, 1890 to May, 1891.

Offerings at Special Services.....	\$ 349 29
Special for Bishop of Utah.....	132 00
Special for Church at Manistee, Mich...	6 00
Donations.....	33 00
Dues from Parishes.....	32 00
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Total.....	\$ 552 29

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Catherine E. Jones Memorial Scholarship	\$ 40 00
For King Hall.....	202 01
For Bishop of Utah.....	132 00
For Bishop of Wyoming.....	118 00
For Church at Manistee, Mich.....	6 00
For Insurance of Foreign Missionaries..	23 28
For sending a Missionary to China.....	16 00
For printing, postage, freight, etc.....	15 00
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Total.....	\$ 552 29

Respectfully submitted,

MARIA WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*



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