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## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

I find that this year has been more successful in sending of boxes, etc., and financially than before, and I must congratulate my co-workers for accomplishing so much; and also mention the exceeding kindness and hospitality to myself and delegates at the meeting of the Province of Washington in Richmond in November last.

Next October the General Convention meets at St. Louis, the presiding officer being our honored Bishop of Missouri, Rt. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, this year being his fiftieth anniversary. My own acquaintance with him goes back many years, and he has been a life-long friend of all my family. I regret not being able to attend the convention myself, but there will be excellent delegates—four delegates from the Woman's Auxiliary and four alternates, also one delegate and one alternate from the Juniors.

As the gentlemen were passing through this city several persons made short addresses at St. John's Parish Hall at our regular Monday meetings: Bishop Paul Jones, of Utah, and Bishop Capers, of Western Texas, and also Mr. Thurber, the principal of an Industrial School for Homeless Boys at Covington, Va., These addresses were all interesting, and extra money was raised. There were many other fine addresses before our general meetings, but they will be mentioned by our secretaries in their reports.

Besides our usual work we had fine reports from the delegates to the Province of Washington that met in Richmond, in November. These reports will be found very interesting.

May all my co-workers have busy and happy summers and all return fresh for their work in the fall!

The Rev. G. Williamson Smith celebrated the Holy Communion at our last meeting for the season, in May, in St. John's Church. Archdeacon Stuck was present on that day.

JANE WILKES,  
*President.*

May, 1916.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

It is gratifying to be able to report a year's work that shows most encouraging results.

About a year ago some pessimists declared that because of so much work being done by women in this country for the war sufferers in Europe the cause of Missions would necessarily feel a falling off in the usual support of the Woman's Auxiliary.

If such has been the case our reports for the past year do not bear out the gloomy forecast, as there is shown to be a decided increase in all receipts over last year.

The report of our Corresponding Secretary shows an increase as compared with last year; the United Offering is in advance of what we had three years ago; the Juniors make an excellent showing with eighteen active branches and an increase in contributions of \$200 over last year, while the large attendance at the monthly Diocesan meetings has been most gratifying.

At the opening services held at St. John's Church on the morning of November 2 the Bishop of Washington spoke to the members about the recent convention and of his attitude in resigning his voting membership in the Board of Missions. He read extracts from the Treasurer's report showing the increase in contributions over previous years, and congratulated the Woman's Auxiliary for their work.

From these remarks, together with the statements made above concerning the work of our diocesan branch, we should derive strength and courage to go on for another year with augmented hope and cheer.

The Bishop of Brazil addressed the members of the Woman's Auxiliary at the afternoon session of this meeting, calling their attention to the responsibility of the United States to foreign lands, and to the fact that no man can live to himself alone, and likewise no nation for itself exclusively.

The election of officers was held at this meeting, with the result that all those who had served during the past year were re-elected.

At the December meeting the two delegates representing our organization at the Provincial Synod held at Richmond in November read their reports, which were full of interest.

Miss Hopwood, a young missionary from China, whose earnest words deeply stirred the members at this meeting, is endeavoring to raise \$10,000 for St. Agnes' School in An-

king, China. Her descriptions of the reforms carried on by this mission in foot-binding, and of her own personal ministrations to the poor victims were extremely touching.

Those attending the January meeting had the privilege of meeting the new Secretary of the Province of Washington, the Rev. William C. Hicks, and of hearing a most earnest and instructive talk by Dean Bratenahl, who made a special appeal to the Woman's Auxiliary, pointing out that Washington, as the Capital of the Nation, should be made a missionary center of the world, and that the accomplishment of this rested very largely with the Woman's Auxiliary.

Among the suggestions offered by Dean Bratenahl in regard to our work and progress was that our organization should adopt a badge. The Rev. Mr. Hicks was then introduced by Dean Bratenahl, and gave a short address.

Mrs. Ferguson, whose husband was a member of the Philippine Commission appointed by the late President McKinley, and who herself had spent eight years in the islands, read a paper at the February meeting which described very vividly and agreeably her experiences among the natives, and her knowledge of the work of the Church during her residence there.

The March meeting was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Bryan of the Colored Theological School at Petersburg, Virginia.

As Bishop Howden always inspires interest, there was an unusually large attendance at the April meeting when he spoke to the members about the character and extent of his territory, of its wonderful resources and salubrious climate, and of the growth of the work there.

The annual meeting, on May 2, was opened with services and Corporate Communion in St. John's Church at 11 a.m., the members adjourning afterward to the Parish Hall for luncheon and business meeting.

Reports were read by officers, and delegates were elected to attend the convention to be held at St. Louis in October.

Archdeacon Stuck gave an interesting talk on Alaska, principally about that section above the Yukon where he is working.

He spoke of the increasing number of tourists coming to Alaska since the outbreak of the great war, and of their influence upon the natives, which was of such a nature as to cause great sorrow to the missionary.

Several Mission Study classes have been held with great success during the winter. One normal class was conducted by Mrs. McGrew, the text-book being "The Present World

Situation," and another was held at the residence of Miss Kibbey, conducted by Mrs. Pillsbury, of Philadelphia, the "Conquest of the Continent" offering the subject for consideration and discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

May 2, 1916.

KATHARINE F. ROBINSON,  
*Recording Secretary.*

## REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Of the forty branches, Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Washington there are more than twenty branches represented at the monthly meetings held in St. John's Parish Hall, with an average response to roll call of eighty persons.

Many parish branches contributed to the splendid Christmas and Easter boxes for Morganton and Balsam, North Carolina.

Seven branches have failed to send a report of the year's work.

During the year more than four hundred letters and postals have been sent out.

In this year of stress it is gratifying to know that in gifts of money the Woman's Auxiliary has exceeded last year's report by more than one thousand dollars.

The report of boxes and money is as follows:

Parish	Boxes.	Cash.	Total.
Advent .....	\$35.00	\$52.00	\$87.00
All Saints', Chevy Chase....	335.30	41.70	377.00
All Souls' .....	135.00	47.55	182.55
Ascension .....	92.79	42.79	135.58
Christ Church, Georgetown....	170.88	75.51	246.39
Christ Church, Washington..	.....	7.00	7.00
Emmanuel, Anacostia .....	.....	.....	.....
Epiphany .....	342.30	985.88	1,328.18
Good Shepherd.....	34.00	13.65	47.65
Incarnation .....	163.01	70.00	233.01
Nativity .....	6.00	41.06	47.06
St. Albans.....	70.95	130.66	201.61
St. Andrew's.....	110.00	40.50	150.50
St. James'.....	36.00	52.60	88.60
St. John's, Georgetown.....	162.86	226.95	389.81
St. John's, Washington.....	422.50	725.51	1,148.01
St. Luke's.....	35.00	5.00	40.00
St. Margaret's.....	247.10	715.16	962.26
St. Mark's.....	73.10	64.50	137.60
St. Paul's, Rock Creek.....	.....	185.98	185.98
St. Paul's, Washington.....	81.13	47.00	128.13
St. Stephen's .....	700.00	13.15	713.15
St. Thomas', Washington....	532.00	1,189.54	1,721.54
Trinity .....	35.00	53.65	88.65
Christ Church, Rockville.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace, Silver Spring.....	102.50	97.00	199.50
Pinckney Memorial, Hyattsville	80.00	10.00	90.00
St. John's, Bethesda.....	10.75	1.00	11.75

Parish.	Boxes.	Cash.	Total.
St. John's, Olney .....	\$44.00	\$67.03	\$111.03
St. Philips, Laurel.....	15.00	10.06	25.06
St. Thomas', Croome.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Peter's, Poolesville and Barnesville .....	.....	41.25	41.25
St. Paul's, Aquasco.....	.....	.....	.....
Trinity, St. Mary's City.....	.....	39.55	39.55
Christ Church, Kensington..	.....	22.95	22.95
Esther Memorial.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Agnes.....	.....	.....	.....
St. David's, St. Columba's, St. Patrick's .....	.....	.....	.....
St. Andrew's, College Park, Md.	.....	.....	.....
St. Barnabas, Leeland, Md...	.....	35.45	35.45
Christ Church, Port Tobacco, Maryland .....	.....	14.35	14.35
 Total.....	\$4,172.17	\$5,165.98	\$9,338.15

May 2, 1916.

LUANNA C. KRAMER,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT, MAY 5, 1915—MAY 2, 1916.

Balance on hand May 5, 1915.....	\$58.82
Receipts from May 5, 1915 to May 2, 1916..	1,115.32
	—————\$1,174.14

EXPENDITURES.

Miss Langdon, Alaska.....	\$30.00
Bible Woman, China.....	50.00
Mr. Thomas' school, Brazil.....	100.00
Archdeacon Wentworth, Kentucky.....	2.00
Dues to Auxiliary in connection with Synod	10.00
St. Hilda's, Hankow.....	25.00
St. Mary's, Shanghai.....	25.00
Scholarship in Mr. Ellis' school, Virginia..	10.00
Clergy Relief Fund.....	5.00
Mrs. Wetmore, Arden, North Carolina.....	10.00
<i>Washington Post</i> , for Christ School, Arden, North Carolina.....	5.00
Bishop Payne Divinity School, Petersburg, Virginia .....	25.00
Stole and surplice.....	17.50
Rt. Rev. F. B. Howden, New Mexico.....	35.00
Rt. Rev. P. T. Rowe, Alaska.....	248.00
Catherine E. Jones Memorial Scholarship, China .....	39.00
Foreign insurance.....	70.00
Deaconess Hart, China.....	100.00
Bishop Ingle Scholarship, Boone University	10.00
General Missions.....	35.40
School in Winslow, Arkansas.....	56.00
Miss Hopwood's work, Anking, China.....	130.35
Postage, express, etc.....	70.65
	————— 1,108.90
Balance May 2, 1916.....	65.24
	————— \$1,174.14

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY C. MATTHEWS,  
*Treasurer.*

Diocesan Branch Woman's Auxiliary,  
Washington, D. C.

REPORT OF UNITED OFFERING.

	From May, 1915 to May, 1916	Total from Oct., 1913 to May, 1916
St. John's, Lafayette Square.....	\$249.55	\$540.20
St. Margaret's .....	90.26	259.75
Church of the Ascension.....	80.13	240.64
Church of the Epiphany.....	151.34	208.99
All Souls' Memorial .....	86.88	207.19
St. Alban's .....	54.56	95.01
St. Mark's .....	26.10	77.65
Church of the Advent .....	30.02	67.48
St. Paul's, Rock Creek.....	31.45	64.95
St. John's, Georgetown .....	.....	64.25
Grace Church, Silver Spring.....	55.50	62.00
St. Stephen's .....	.....	60.17
Christ Church, Georgetown .....	51.00	55.10
St. Paul's .....	27.70	54.30
St. James' .....	31.25	48.25
All Saints', Chevy Chase.....	20.50	36.25
St. Barnabas, Leeland .....	11.20	32.49
St. John's, Olney .....	14.03	32.03
Christ Church, Rockville .....	12.75	25.25
Trinity .....	10.00	20.15
St. Andrew's .....	9.25	19.25
Chapel of the Nativity.....	7.56	16.70
Christ Church, Kensington .....	4.65	16.40
St. Peter's, Poolesville .....	8.50	15.50
St. Agnes' Chapel .....	8.91	13.37
St. Philip's, Laurel .....	5.56	11.89
St. Thomas' .....	2.85	8.85
Pinckney Memorial .....	3.00	8.00
Christ Church, Accokeek .....	4.50	7.50
St. Luke's .....	2.00	7.20
St. Thomas', Croome .....	.....	6.37
Chapel of the Good Shepherd.....	3.00	5.50
St. Michael and All Angels.....	.....	5.00
Trinity Church, St. Mary's.....	2.00	4.00
Christ Church, Washington.....	3.50	3.50
Bethesda Church, Norwood .....	.....	2.88
Esther Memorial .....	2.00	2.00
Christ Church, La Plata.....	2.00	2.00
Mt. Rainier Chapel .....	1.00	1.00

Church of Our Saviour, Brookland.	\$1.00	\$1.00
Christ Church, Chaptico .....	1.00	1.00
Miscellaneous .....	17.02	55.06
Interest .....	4.16	34.43
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$1,127.68</b>	<b>\$2,500.50</b>

M. W. Trott,  
*Diocesan Treasurer, United Offering.*

REPORT OF THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB,  
APRIL 1, 1915, TO APRIL 6, 1916.

Most of the parishes of the diocese are showing great interest in the Church Periodical Club, and as a result thousands of magazines have been distributed, many of them sent currently.

A library of seventy-five volumes and an encyclopedia of twenty-five volumes have been forwarded to St. Agnes School, Anking, China, of which Miss Hopwood is the principal.

There has been a rich harvest of books collected, of which some have been sent to places within the diocese; some to needy libraries and schools outside the diocese, and many to Alaska. A number of Bibles and Prayer Books have been received and distributed. Hundreds have been gladdened by the pretty Christmas and Easter cards sent to schools and missions.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance brought forward.....	\$79.05
Expended by librarians.....	99.43
Received from librarians, sent to New York.....	35.00
Received from other sources.....	62.07
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	\$275.55
Expended by correspondent.....	\$55.37
Expended by librarians.....	99.43
Sent to New York.....	35.00
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	189.80
Balance on hand.....	85.75
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	\$275.55

ANNIE GREY,  
*Correspondent, C. P. C.*

## REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY.

A Normal Study class, led by Mrs. McGrew, was held during Epiphany season at Epiphany Parish Hall. It proved most helpful and interesting. A normal class, composed of forty ladies, was held at the residence of Miss Bessie Kibbey, on Massachusetts Avenue, March 29 to 31, inclusive. Two sessions were held daily, which were very enthusiastically attended. Mrs. Pilsbry of Philadelphia was the very able leader, and was greatly appreciated. The study closed with a pageant presented at Epiphany Parish Hall, March 31. A very large audience was present, and all were deeply impressed, as the needs of the aliens within our broad lands were presented with good effect. The Rev. Mr. Atkinson chanted the Litany of the Church.

The Mission Study classes this year have been replaced in the majority of the parishes by "Reading Circles," about the usual number being represented.

Attention is called to the Teacher Training classes to be held in June at the Cathedral.

Respectfully submitted,

VIRGINIA SMYLIE,  
*Educational Secretary.*

## REPORT OF LITTLE HELPERS.

The Little Helpers report work since the last annual meeting as follows:

	Number of Little Helpers	Memorials	Amount of Offerings
Chapel of The Good Shepherd			
herd .....	45	8	Not completed
Advent .....	25	1	\$8.50
Ascension .....	40	1	14.50
Christ Ch. (Georgetown) .....	14	1	8.17
St. Albans .....	27	..	4.00
St. John's (Washington) .....	12	..	2.83
St. Margaret's .....	33	..	15.66
St. Paul's, Rock Creek .....	15	18	37.50
St. Thomas .....	28	..	5.00
Trinity .....	30	..	10.44
 Total receipts year ending May, 1916 .....			\$106.60
Balance on hand for 1915 .....			141.59
 Total .....			\$248.19

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Check to Mr. George Gordon King, Treas .....	\$117.94
Postage, supplies, etc .....	6.47
 Total disbursements .....	\$124.41
Balance on hand .....	\$123.78

In addition to this, St. Mark's reports 99 members, and they sent through the parish treasurer \$36.00 for Diocesan Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. SHUFELDT,  
*Diocesan Secretary.*

May, 1916.

## REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

The Junior Auxiliary reports eighteen active branches. Two public meetings for children and leaders, and three business meetings for leaders only have been held this past winter.

The speaker at our Advent meeting, which was held at St. John's, Lafayette Square, was Miss Hopwood, of Anking, China, who won all hearts. At our spring meeting, held in St. Margaret's Church, we had the pleasure of listening to Miss Preston, secretary to Archdeacon Neve, who told us many tales of the mountaineers, showing how much the Church was needed in that region. Instead of monthly meetings this past winter, the president, Miss Abbott, held a Mission Study class in November; the study book chosen was "Modern Heroes of the Mission Field."

In order to stimulate study, a prize was offered to the child writing the best paper on one of the heroes in that book. Eighteen papers were written, and the prize—a set of book-marks—was won by a Junior of the Church of the Advent, who wrote a paper on Bishop Boone. Honorable mention was given to a member of the Junior Branch in St. Margaret's Church.

We sent our scholarship to Wuhu as usual, and also sent specials to St. Agnes, Anking, and to the Children's Ward in St. Luke's, Tokyo. Specials were also given in the domestic work, and \$98.10 to Diocesan Missions.

Including our scholarships and specials, \$462.31 was raised for Missions by the branches, which, added to that raised for Diocesan Missions, makes the total money raised \$560.41.

Two Christmas boxes were sent—one to Ketchikan, Alaska, and the other to Haw Creek Diocese of Asheville; total valuation, \$181.11.

We have over \$104 in the United Offering.

I have visited the branches, and feel we have cause for encouragement in the earnestness and enthusiasm on the part of the workers.

EMMA W. ABBOTT,  
*President.*

## JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

OFFICERS—MAY, 1916, TO MAY, 1917.

President, Miss Emma W. Abbott, 509 I Street, N. E.;  
1st vice-president, Miss Ida Young, 1312 Rhode Island Avenue, N. W.; 2d vice-president, Miss Agnes Wachsmuth, 3010 13th Street, N. W.; 3d vice-president, Miss Lucie Hollerith, 28th Street, N. W.; secretary, Miss Irene Noble, The Lenox, 1523 L Street, N. W.; treasurer, Miss Anna McGowan, 1420 16th St., N. W.; educational secretary, Miss Margaret Parker, 1832 Ontario Place, N. W.; Miss Mary Wilkins, 1523 28th Street, N. W.

### Treasurer's Report, Junior Auxiliary.

To Bishop Harding for Southern Maryland.....	\$38.10
St. Luke's, Tokyo.....	1.00
Expenses (speakers, postage, express, etc).....	35.55
Scholarship, St. Paul's, Beaufort.....	15.00
Miss Hopwood, St. Agnes, Anking.....	18.00
Children's Ward, St. Luke's, Tokyo.....	8.00
Pocosan Mission, Ivy Depot, Va.....	5.00
Rev. J. S. Smith, Edina, Liberia, for a teacher.....	30.00
School in Blue Ridge, Archdeacon Neve.....	5.00
Bishop Rowe, Indian work.....	2.00
Girls' School, Winslow, Arkansas.....	5.00
Bishop Howden, New Mexico.....	5.00
Wuhu Scholarship.....	24.26
	\$212.41
Sent direct, Diocesan Missions.....	67.00
Specials, sent direct.....	281.00
	\$560.41
Two boxes of Christmas gifts, value.....	181.11
	\$741.52
Total.....	

Woman's Auxiliary Report of the Second Synod in the  
Province of Washington, Held in Richmond, Va.,  
November 15-18, 1916.

On Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. the members of the Synod, with the Woman's Auxiliary, held the opening service at St. James Church, Rev. Freeland Peter being the rector. After the morning prayer and sermon, with the Communion service, the Synod adjourned to the Parish Hall, and the Woman's Auxiliary to Holy Trinity, a few squares distant, to hold their meetings.

Miss Davis, the secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Province of Washington, in the absence of Miss Stuart, who was ill, called the meeting to order and presided with great dignity and precision.

Messages of greeting were sent Miss Stuart from the Auxiliary, and she in turn sent greetings to all her dear friends, who missed her greatly.

Twenty-eight delegates answered to the roll call.

Miss Davis read a most beautiful word of welcome to us all, and when she assigned the different committees, all were ready to do their best to further the cause of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Province of Washington.

I had the pleasure of being on the Nominating Committee with Mrs. Israel, the wife of the Bishop of Erie. She was truly a lovely, consecrated woman, and I have recently learned of her death; truly the Woman's Auxiliary and the Church have lost one of their greatest workers, and may God in His wisdom raise up another to take her place in the Auxiliary!

The Auxiliary saw fit to elect those whom Mrs. Israel and her committee had selected, and these are the following names who will guide the work in the Province of Washington: President, Mrs. Adams, of Harrisburg, Pa.; vice-president, Miss Davis, of Leesburg, Va.; secretary-treasurer, Miss Carroll, of Philadelphia; three directors—Mrs. Cox, from Bethlehem, Pa., for one year; Mrs. John Van Renssalaer, from Washington, for two years; Mrs. Sioussat, from Baltimore, Md., for three years. These directors are to act as an advisory board for the Auxiliary in the Province.

The constitution was revised and many changes made. Mrs. Adams showed great executive ability in drawing up the constitution.

It was voted at the Synod to recognize the Auxiliary and Girls' Friendly and have their reports read at all meetings of the Synod.

As the general convention will be held in St. Louis this fall, there will be no meeting of the Synod until 1917, and this will be held in Philadelphia.

Many conferences were held and several Bible classes, which were most helpful to us all. One paper which was read by Miss Wilben, on the "Financial Methods of the Woman's Auxiliary," was especially fine. She is the bursar of the National Cathedral School for Girls and has done a wonderful work there in teaching the girls business methods.

We were earnestly asked to attend the Summer Conferences at Silver Bay, Cambridge, Mass., and Blue Ridge, as much enlightenment of thought and inspiration came from these meetings, and it was suggested that each Diocesan Auxiliary pay the expenses of one of their members to these summer conferences, to bring back the good news to their diocese and create greater interest in the work, the cost to be about fifty dollars.

Miss Gertrude Ely presented the advisability of Section B for the young girls of the Church.

The Synod reported that the field secretary—Rev. Dr. Braatenahl—had resigned and Rev. William C. Hicks, of Cumberland, Md., had been elected in his place.

The new office of secretary to colleges and schools had been filled by Rev. Dr. Frederick Gardner, and he will give lectures on religious education to students throughout the Province of Washington, a much needed and noble work.

The hospitality of the good Church people of Richmond was unbounded, and we can never thank them enough for their great kindness to us all, for they met us with open hearts and homes.

The main object of these synodical meetings is to bring together the best in each Diocese, to confer together for the welfare of the province, and in selecting our delegates great care should be given to send our strongest Church women.

I thank you very much for the honor you conferred upon me as your delegate, and feel that to be in the midst of such women of zeal and power some inspiration has come to me, and I wish for all our Auxiliary women greater power to further the Master's work in our Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

AGNES H. SHANDS,  
*Epiphany Auxiliary.*

Report of Delegate to Synod Woman's Auxiliary, Province of Washington, November 15-18, 1915,  
Richmond, Va.

We left Washington for Richmond, Va., on the 12:01 train on Monday, November 15.

On the train we met bishops and clerical and lay delegates to the Synod and many delegates to the Woman's Auxiliary, so that from the time of leaving we caught the spirit of enthusiasm which pervaded and characterized all the meetings of the Provincial Synod.

Monday night we were bidden to a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart Bryan. This was originally intended to be given at Mr. Bryan's residence, Laburnam, but owing to a death in the family the place was changed to the Westmoreland Club. At this reception, which was complete in every way, we met all of the delegates to the Synod and Woman's Auxiliary and the officers of the parish branches in Richmond—the ladies who were to be our official hostesses during the next few days, and to whom we can not give sufficient thanks for their untiring and successful efforts in our behalf for a comfortable and delightful stay.

The Synod opened with the service held in St. James Church, a simple but most impressive celebration, with the Bishop of Maryland as celebrant, and Bishop Rhinelander of Pennsylvania as preacher.

Bishop Rhinelander's theme was "God's Will"—making our will subservient to God's will, so that God's will may prevail, and that now was the time for Christians to corner religion so that we could give it out to a needy world—to invest in religion as a financier invests in stocks; to have religion pervade our thoughts and actions as finance controls the thoughts of many business men. It also dealt with God's will for parent and child and our duty toward the uplift of mankind to a vision of God through us. It was a very stirring sermon.

Assisting the Bishop of Maryland in the celebration were the Bishop of Washington, the Bishop of Bethlehem, the Bishop of Harrisburg, the Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia, the Bishop of Erie and several clergymen.

At the close of this service, which lasted about an hour and three-quarters, we of the Woman's Auxiliary went immediately to Holy Trinity Parish House, where we began our business sessions. Among the business transacted at this session was the appointment of a nominating committee, with Mrs. Israel

of Erie as chairman, and one of our delegates, Mrs. Shands, as one of its members. After the midday prayers for missions, read by the Rev. Charles J. Faulkner, we went to luncheon at the Masonic Temple. A most bountiful and delicious luncheon was served us and, as we were seated at small tables, holding seven or eight persons, we had a delightful hour talking to old friends and making new ones among those gathered together from all parts of the province.

After luncheon we went to St. James to attend the meeting of the Synod. Bishop Brown of Virginia made the report for the Standing Committee on Missions. He reported not only the raising of the Million-Dollar Fund which the province undertook to raise, but that we had actually raised \$1,175,680.83.

The General Apportionment for 1913-1914 was \$296,501, while for 1914-1915 it was \$417,259.63—an increase of approximately \$110,000; \$462,211 was the amount raised this year for General Missions, and \$713,469.83 the amount for Diocesan Missions, making the total \$1,175,680.83; therefore more than the one-million-dollar fund for which we were striving.

As to the Woman's Auxiliary in the province there are 633 branches, 346 junior branches, 194 Little Helpers, 401 study classes, educational advance being prominent in the reports of work.

In some places study classes for men have been formed, and in other places men have joined study classes held evenings, and as a consequence of this interest two men have volunteered for the foreign field, one as a clergyman and one as a doctor.

The resignation of Canon Bratenahl as secretary of the province, to take effect December 31, 1915, came as a great surprise to most of the members of the Synod, and many expressions of regret were heard.

Bishop Brown made an especial appeal that the business of our Lord be conducted in the same way that we conduct our own business affairs.

At the conference of the United Offering, the use of the United Offering mystery play, "The Call of the Little Blue Box," was suggested; also a play called "Her Silver Cake." (The Juniors of Epiphany, Washington, gave this effective little play in May.) It was suggested that educational secretaries be in touch with and keep one copy of these plays on hand, which they may permit use of for reference by those wishing a play.

There is also a lecture by Miss Emery, with stereopticon

or microscope or reflector-scope slides at the Church Mission House, which can be bought and used for United Offering education. Each diocese might well own a set of these cards for microscope. The cost is \$3.50, and many people, especially young men of fifteen to eighteen years old, have microscopes or reflector-scopes and will gladly loan and operate them for you, and thus you interest them.

One diocese sends post cards quarterly to all branches giving amount at present and amount at same date three years previous, so that each parish branch can keep in touch with the progress of the United Offering both for the diocese and for their own branch. Another diocese used "Agitators," and we were all deeply concerned to know what "Agitators" might be until we were told that each agitator was to visit certain parishes to try to stir up interest in the United Offering.

On the subject of summer conferences the dioceses were urged to provide the expenses of sending one delegate either to Silver Bay or Blue Ridge or Cambridge. The delegate to be pledged to speak at any branch making a detailed report and explaining the ideals of the summer conference and to further spread what she had learned there by joining normal classes or otherwise.

One diocese uses the money, or a certain portion of it from the study classes, to send one delegate or two delegates to Silver Bay or some other conference, with the understanding that they will train leaders for other study classes.

No diocese can afford to lose the opportunity of sending a woman to Cambridge, Silver Bay or Blue Ridge.

The summer conference at Mount St. Alban, Diocese of Washington, was brought to the attention of the Synod by Miss Davis, of Virginia, and Mrs. Griffith Johnson, of Washington.

"The Prayer Life of the Woman's Auxiliary" was the subject of the next conference.

Mrs. Fletcher of Southern Virginia spoke of the prayer circle they have in the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

Sunday—"The Workers at the Church Mission House."

Monday—"Alaska."

Tuesday—"Japan."

Wednesday—"China," etc, with special intercession for some person working in those fields, praying by name for the missionary selected. The person may be only a name at first, but as they pray they begin to feel they know the person

prayed for, and after thorough correspondence know them very well.

Another diocese uses the "Sanctuary of Missions" as a Litany of Intercession.

Mrs. Moskre, of Pennsylvania, suggested prayer for missions in any form we might select from the time we enter church until the service begins. She tried to impress upon the delegates the great spiritual possibilities for the Woman's Auxiliary.

The prayer circles at Silver Bay were then described—five or six women, meeting together, start with the Lord's Prayer, and then each woman prays in turn as the Spirit moves her.

The suggestion was made that Good Friday be made a day of continual intercession for Missions: "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun." On that particular day Christ reigns from the cross, thereby drawing all men unto Himself.

Another thought brought out was, If we believe we shall have the answer, we shall have it. If we do not believe, we shall not have the answer.

A further suggestion was, we must pray about our plans before we make them. Ask God to help us to make our plans instead of making our plans and then asking God to help us to carry out our plans, not His.

At the business session a set of by-laws, with a constitution, were adopted. These were not very different from the provisional constitution adopted last year.

The elective body is composed of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, three directors, and in addition to these three delegates from each diocese in the province.

The officers elected were:

Mrs. Marcelline Adams, of Pittsburgh, president.

Miss Louise Davis, of Virginia, vice-president.

Miss Caryl, of Pennsylvania, secretary-treasurer.

Directors—(for one year)—Mrs. Cox, of Bethlehem, (for two years) Mrs. Van Renssalaer, of Washington, (for three years) Mrs. Sioussat, of Maryland.

Mrs. Johnson, of Washington, presented a memorial from the Diocese of Washington urging the appointment of a field secretary. The memorial was favorably received and referred to the Executive Committee of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

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