

Fourth Annual Report



Woman's Auxiliary
To the Board of Missions
Diocese of Erie
1915

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**MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING,
Sharon, May 25th, 1915.**

The delegates of the Woman's Auxiliary took part in the opening service of the Convention and shared in the Bishop's address and Mr. Owen's cordial welcome, after which they were called to order by Mrs. Dick in the beautiful new Parish House. The meeting opened with the singing of hymn 249, followed by roll call, to which 59 delegates from 19 parishes responded.

The Minutes of May 27th, 1914 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report, showing an increase of \$359.69, was read and accepted with enthusiasm. The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. McKee's report for the Archdeaconry of Meadville was read and accepted. Mrs. Morrison's report for the Archdeaconry of Ridgeway with an eloquent tribute to the late Mrs. William H. Howard of Emporium was read and accepted.

In the absence of Mrs. Mackey, the United Offering report for the March Collection, 1914, September 1914 and March 1915, was read by Mrs. Israel, who urged upon the delegates the necessity of increasing our Triennial Offering, and suggested that we make \$3,500.00 our aim with the earnest hope that we may reach that sum. The report was accepted and Mrs. Dick heartily endorsed Mrs. Israel's suggestion.

In the absence of Miss Kelly, the Librarian of the Church Periodical Club, Mrs. Dick read her report and made a plea for the work. Mrs. Dick also read a letter from Mrs. Hogarth, Secretary for the Spirit of Missions, asking to have her successor appointed, and also a telegram from Miss Grace Lindley, expressing her regret that she could not be present to address the Auxiliary.

Noonday prayers were then read by Mrs. Israel.

Business being resumed, the report of the Educational Secretary was read and accepted.

Mrs. Israel spoke of Miss Louise Bostwick's resignation from the office of Secretary, and offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Aigner, that the President appoint a committee to draft resolutions of regret. Motion carried.

The Treasurer asked that the annual parish reports be sent to her **not later than April 15th**, and Mrs. Israel asked that all the diocesan officers should send copies of their reports to Mrs. Dick at that time.

Mrs. McKee read a letter from Miss Emory in regard to money for scholarships applying on parish apportionment, advising that in every case the Secretary of the parish branch write to the Missions House and inquire about the school it wished to aid, as only money given to those schools which receive aid from the Board of Missions can be credited on the apportionment.

The meeting now adjourned for luncheon, most hospitably served in the Parish House, where all the guests concurred in the Bishop's expression of thanks.

Mrs. Dick introduced the Rev. Arthur R. Gray, Educational Secretary of the Board of Missions who gave a most interesting talk on the aims and results of Mission Study Classes.

The Rev. Mr. Owen made a plea for the Sunday School Institute, to be held at Conneaut Lake, and added that as soon as the Auxiliary meeting adjourned, the delegates would be taken in automobiles to the Country Club for tea.

The President called for the report of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Oxley being unable to be present their places were filled by Mrs. Chickering of Oil City and Mrs. Aigner of Franklin. The Chairman, Mrs. Jones of Warren, brought in the report. The officers then serving were renominated, and Mrs. Guth of Erie was nominated for Secretary in the place of Miss Bostwick. On motion, the report was accepted and the Secretary instructed to cast one ballot for all nominees.

After a collection had been taken for the Expense Fund, it was moved by Mrs. Israel, seconded by Mrs. Reilly, that the Auxiliary tender a vote of thanks to the women of St. John's Church, Sharon, for their gracious hospitality. Motion carried.

On motion, adjourned.

ELIZABETH B. MULLINS,
Secretary, *pro tem.*

After the meeting adjourned it was discovered that the Diocese was entitled to three delegates to the Provincial Synod instead of five. By authority of the President the heads of the three branches, Mrs. Dick, Miss Chickering and Miss Fitch were appointed delegates, and Mrs. Guth, Mrs. Metcalf and Mrs. Mullins were named as alternates.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary:

Another year's work is closing with this our Fourth Annual Meeting. May God bless what we undertake in His Name next year.

Our Bishop once said: "The first privilege of the living when thus gathered together in a body is to remember their dead"—and it becomes my sad duty to remind you that since our last meeting we have lost two of our devoted members, whose tragic deaths we shall never forget—Mrs. William H. Howard and Mrs. Josiah Howard of Emporium. Mrs. William H. Howard had the honor of serving the Auxiliary as the first Organizing Secretary of the Archdeaconry of Ridgway, where she will be greatly missed, and kindly remembered.

We are one year behind the Convention in date of organization, but we are not so far behind in making progress in good works.

The Auxiliary is not the chief work of the Diocese of course, but we aim to be what our name indicates, an Auxiliary in this Diocese to the General Board of Missions, and as such we are an ever present help in furthering the work of the Diocese.

When we fully consider what spiritual and material help we could be, it remains a mystery why so many church women and clergymen still try to make us feel that we are a society apart from them—a society that is permitted to exist in certain parishes but not with their hearty approval and support.

Notwithstanding this prevalent attitude, the Woman's Auxiliary is growing steadily throughout the Church and in our own Diocese we have made strides undreamed of four years ago, but the zealots in the work will never rest content until every parish and mission has its own Branch, and it is for us who are privileged to attend the annual meetings and the meetings of the two Archdeaconries from which we receive inspiration and information, to see to it that all the women in our respective parishes are in some way made to know the Auxiliary and its worth. After years of experience, the machinery of the organization is now so arranged that instruction may, and is expected to begin with the infant, in the branch known as The Little Helpers, continuing through two Junior Branches up to the adult Woman's Branch. In this way all the members of each and every family in a parish can be educated in the work the Church is doing in the mission field.

I am very much gratified over the reports which we have heard read today by the different officers, for this last year has been disheartening because of the terrible conflict across the sea between Christian nations, the tragic and sickening results of which have aroused all our sympathy and compelled our personal aid; so in the face of this dis-

traction, it is gratifying to find that the Auxiliaries have not wavered in their allegiance and duty, but have carried on the regular work as usual.

The Auxiliary cannot live without expanding and now we are not only a diocesan branch, but are incorporated into a Provincial Branch as well, for the Third Missionary Department, at its primary synod in Pittsburgh—which I was privileged to attend last November—recognized the Auxiliary and consented to our holding meetings at the time and same place as the Department—now known as the Province of Washington—and immediately we are called to action, for the Auxiliary stands for service in the Church and the newly elected Province has resolved to double its missionary offerings, bringing the amount up to one million dollars. I ask that you take home with you literature upon this new business of ours, and also to inform yourselves, and others, further in regard to the Emergency Fund which appeals so generally to men and women alike.

In a short address, such as I am endeavoring to make this, there is not time to do more than mention some of the plans of the Church for carrying on the work of extension and **retention**, so again this year I urge upon you the necessity for—first subscribing for the Spirit of Missions, then for procuring leaflets from Church Missions House, New York, and becoming thoroughly well informed in all branches of missionary work, and I pray you in searching for **new** methods for serving the Lord, that you forget not your alliance with the old, the tried and the true methods known briefly as—pledges, box work, and the United Offering.

The death of Mrs. Howard necessitated the appointment of someone at once to fill her important position, and I am pleased to tell you that Mrs. Thomas A. Morrison of Smethport, took up the work cheerfully and has carried it on with ardor and efficiency.

Another office has been created, that of Correspondent for subscriptions to the Spirit of Missions, and Mrs. L. K. Hogarth, also of Smethport, has been looking after that special line of our work, but wishes to be relieved this coming year. It, therefore, becomes necessary to appoint a successor.

Miss Louise H. Bostwick of Franklin, who has been our Secretary for four years and whose term has now expired, declines, for good and sufficient reasons, to be a candidate for re-election. This is a matter of regret to us, for Miss Bostwick is in every way qualified to do secretarial work, and is devoted to the interests of the Auxiliary. To me personally she has been a real comfort and support, and I deeply regret that she is to sever her clerical connection with the Diocesan Branch.

In conclusion, I wish to try to make all women of the Diocese understand the great importance of the work we are undertaking and

the prominence it gives us in the work of the Church in the United States.

The General Convention and the General Board of Missions have recognized the Woman's Auxiliary as being one of the most important factors in the division of carrying on the great work of missions and this fact alone should be an incentive to all our women of the Diocese to help make our importance felt, as well as to further the work of Christ and His Church in all the world.

Respectfully submitted,

F. BELLE DICK,
President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

1914-1915.

I have to report the sending out of some 200 copies of the annual Diocesan Report, as usual—but less correspondence.

Twenty reports have been received—thirteen from the Meadville Archdeaconry and seven from Ridgway.

No report of branches in new parishes has been received, but Smethport reports a 2nd Division, with a larger membership than the first. Bradford has almost doubled its membership. The membership in the Ridgway Archdeaconry, which is fully reported, is 179. The membership reported from nine branches of the Meadville Archdeaconry is 292.

Of the eleven boxes sent in the Diocese, seven were arranged through the secretary. Nineteen boxes were sent outside the Diocese, six of these to addresses furnished by Miss Emery; 8 to Sewanee; 15 in all to mountain white missions.

Eight branches contributed to the apportionment this year with a slight advance in the amount.

The value of all boxes reported is \$1,181.62; the total of money gifts (not including the United Offering) is \$1,460.40.

I cannot close my last report without expressing the pleasure which my intercourse with the Diocesan officers, and correspondence with parish secretaries has given me; and thanking the President and Archdeaconry secretaries for their kindness, in assuming some of the Secretary's duties in order to relieve me.

L. H. BOSTWICK,
Secretary.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE
ERIE BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

May 27, 1914.

Receipts.

Cash on hand.....	\$ 44.23
Convention Offering—for expenses.....	31.85
“ “ to General Missions.....	27.84

Bradford—Ascension Church—

Foreign Insurance Fund.....	5.00
Expense Fund.....	5.00
Emma A. Howard Memorial Fund.....	5.00
	15.00

Emporium—Emmanuel Church—

Clergy Relief Fund.....	5.00
Foreign Insurance Fund.....	5.00
Expense Fund.....	2.50
General Missions.....	5.00
Emma A. Howard Memorial Fund.....	10.00
Jr. Aux. St. Hilda's Scholarship, Woo Chang, China.....	5.00
Jr. Aux. Porto Rico Missions.....	5.00
	37.50

Erie—St. Mark's Church—

Expense Fund.....	3.00
Little Helpers—to General Missions.....	1.56
	4.56

Erie—Cathedral of Saint Paul—

Bishop Spalding—Special Fund.....	100.00
Library Building Fund—White Bluff, Tenn..	1.00
Bishop John F. Spalding Scholarship Fund...	100.00
Foreign Insurance Fund.....	5.00
Expense Fund.....	10.00
Church Periodical Club.....	1.00
Junior Aux. to General Missions.....	1.00
“ “ to Domestic Missions.....	5.00
“ “ to United Offering.....	2.50
“ “ Sec. 3 St. Hilda's Scholarship....	5.00
“ “ Sec. 3 to General Missions.....	5.00
	235.00

Farrell—St. Paul's Sunday School—

Little Helpers to General Missions.....	2.00
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Fairview—St. Agnes Guild—		
Expense Fund.....	1.00	
Foreign War Children Christmas Fund.....	2.00	
		3.00
Foxburg—Church of Our Father—		
Little Helpers.....		3.10
Franklin—St. John's Church—		
General Missions—Apportionment.....	50.00	
Expense Fund.....	5.00	
Foreign Insurance Fund.....	5.00	
African Scholarship.....	4.05	
		64.05
Greenville—St. Clement's Church—		
Expense Fund.....	1.00	
Junior Aux. to General Missions.....	30.00	
" " Sec. III to General Missions....	30.00	
" " Sec. III to St. Hilda Scholarship	10.00	
Little Helpers.....	12.70	
		83.70
Grove City—Epiphany Missions—		
Expense Fund.....		1.00
Instanter—		
Little Helpers.....		2.00
Kane—		
Little Helpers.....		8.43
Meadville—Christ Church—		
Foreign Insurance Fund.....	5.00	
Diocesan Missions.....	25.00	
Expense Fund.....	6.80	
Junior Aux. Sec. III St. Hilda Scholarship...	5.00	
		41.80
New Castle—Trinity Church—		
Diocesan Missions.....	25.00	
Expense Fund.....	5.00	
Province of Washington Fund—Missions....	5.00	
Junior Aux. to General Missions.....	1.50	
" " St. Hilda Scholarship.....	5.00	
		41.50
North East—Church of the Holy Cross—		
Foreign Insurance Fund.....	1.00	
Expense Fund.....	1.00	
Missions—1915-16.....	13.00	
		15.00
North Girard—Grace Church—		
General Missions—Apportionment.....	44.22	
Expense Fund.....	10.00	
Foreign Insurance Fund.....	2.00	

North Girard—Continued.		
Foreign War Children Christmas Fund.....	2.00	
Elmwood Home for Boys.....	15.00	
Men's Inter. Church Federation.....	1.00	
		74.22
Oil City—Christ Church—		
Foreign Insurance Fund.....	5.00	
Expense Fund.....	5.00	
General Missions.....	100.00	
Junior Aux. to General Missions.....	5.00	
“ “ St. Hilda Scholarship.....	10.00	
“ “ to United Offering.....	2.00	
		127.00
Ridgway—Grace Church—		
Diocesan Missions.....	50.00	
Foreign Insurance Fund.....	5.00	
Expense Fund.....	4.00	
Emma A. Howard Memorial Fund.....	5.00	
Junior Aux. African Scholarship.....	5.00	
Little Helpers.....	11.00	
		80.00
Sharon—St. John's Church—		
General Missions—Apportionment.....	100.00	
Foreign Insurance Fund.....	5.00	
Expense Fund.....	5.00	
Junior Aux. to General Missions.....	30.00	
“ “ St. Hilda Scholarship.....	5.00	
Little Helpers.....	1.00	
		146.00
Smethport—St. Luke's Church—		
Mrs. Wade, Dougherty, Oklahoma.....	10.00	
Foreign Insurance Fund.....	5.00	
Expense Fund.....	5.00	
Emma A. Howard Memorial Fund.....	9.00	
Junior Aux. St. Hilda Scholarship.....	10.00	
		39.00
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Emma A. Howard Memorial Fund.....		1.00
Titusville—St. James' Church—		
Foreign Insurance Fund.....	5.00	
Expense Fund.....	5.00	
Little Helpers.....	4.08	
		14.08
Warren—Trinity Memorial Church—		
General Missions.....	20.00	
Foreign Insurance Fund.....	5.00	
Expense Fund.....	5.00	
		30.00

Archdeaconry of Meadville to Province of Washington Fund for Missions.....	25.00
Total receipts.....	<u>\$1,198.36</u>

Disbursements.

George Gordon King—	
General Missions.....	\$ 530.43
St. Hilda Scholarship.....	50.00
Bishop John Franklin Spalding Scholarship...	100.00
Foreign Insurance Fund.....	61.10
Turner W. Shacklett—	
Diocesan Missions.....	100.00
Rev. Alfred P. McClure (General Clergy Relief) ..	5.00
Adelaide Kelly (Church Periodical Club).....	1.00
Myra Chickering.....	5.00
Sarah A. Reed—to Bishop Spalding.....	100.00
Mrs. Woodworth, White Bluff, Tenn.....	1.00
Elmwood Home for Boys.....	15.00
Erie Daily Times—War Children's Xmas Fund...	4.00
Mrs. Wade, Dougherty, Oklahoma.....	10.00
Herman Eldredge—Y. M. C. A., Erie.....	1.00
Mrs. Mackey—United Offering.....	4.50

Expenses.

Mrs. Dick.....	1.80
C. A. Breakiron, printing Convention programs...	2.25
Rev. Martin Aigner, for Archdeacon Nichols' expenses to Convention.....	4.00
Evening News Printing Co., Annual Reports.....	43.75
Louise H. Bostwick, postage, etc.....	5.00
Archdeacon Nichols.....	10.00
Total disbursements.....	<u>\$1,055.83</u>
Cash on hand.....	142.53
	<u>\$1,198.36</u>

Respectfully submitted,

MARY R. METCALF,
Treasurer.

May 25th, 1915.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ORGANIZING SECRETARY OF THE ARCHDEACONRY OF MEADVILLE.

I held my fourth annual Archdeaconry meeting on Wednesday, November the fourth, in Trinity Church, New Castle, opening with a celebration of the Holy Communion, and address of welcome by our Rector, Rev. Dr. Perry.

Upon roll call the following parishes responded: St. Paul's, Erie; Church of Our Father, Foxburg; St. Clement's, Greenville; Christ Church, Meadville; St. John's Church, Sharon; Christ Church, Oil City; St. Andrew's, New Castle; Trinity Church, New Castle—in all fifty-one delegates.

Interesting reports of work done in the various branches were given, and of gains and more interest being shown in both Woman's and Junior Auxiliaries.

Mrs. Israel explained for the benefit of those who did not understand the work of the Periodical Club, and the Foreign Insurance Fund, and upon her suggestion an expression of grief and sympathy was sent to Mr. Wm. Howard upon the loss of his wife, one of our valued officers.

After luncheon Mrs. Israel gave us a most interesting and helpful talk of what the Auxiliary is, and why all church women should be affiliated with it, if they are sincere Christians, and following our Master's commands—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," for though we cannot go ourselves, we can make it easier for those who do, with our prayers, work, and gifts.

We were also given a fine talk by Miss Chickering on the work and steps of the Juniors. She met with the Junior Branch of Trinity Church also, and gave them new inspiration by her fine talk to them.

Miss Fitch, Secretary of the Babies' Branch gave an interesting account of the work and its object, and extended an invitation on behalf of her parish, St. Clement's, Greenville, to have our Fifth Archdeaconry meet with them next November, and it was accepted.

Mrs. Reilly, another of our officers, gave us an interesting account of the Convention held in Oil City last spring. So, altogether, I felt that the meeting was very satisfactory.

The collection for the day was \$10.88.

I note from yearly reports just passed through my hands this month, that some of the branches have done very good work indeed, and others are not up to the mark.

I had hoped to have a new branch to report, having been in correspondence with a church woman in the mission who was most en-

thusiastic, but said she received no encouragement from their curate on the subject, so I hope for better results another time.

Have given from our Archdeaconry Fund the sum of twenty-five dollars to the Province of Washington towards the million dollars pledged by the Synod at Pittsburgh last November.

Money still in hand to date \$17.86.

Number of leaflets given out during the year—100.

Number of letters written in the year—68.

Number of post cards—27.

Respectfully subitted,

JOHANNA G. McKEE,

Organizing Secretary,
Archdeaconry of Meadville.

PARISH REPORTS
MEADVILLE ARCHDEACONRY

Erie—St. Paul's—105 Members:

Diocesan Box Household linen.....	\$ 37.46
Boxes of second-hand clothing to Washington, D. C., and to Macon, Tenn., estimated value.....	77.37
Church Periodical Club.....	1.00
Toward Library Fund, White Bluff, Tenn.....	1.00
Postage, etc.....	3.65
Convention expenses.....	10.00
Bishop Spalding, Utah.....	100.00
St. Paul's School, Tokio, Japan.....	100.00
Foreign Insurance.....	5.00
United Offering.....	55.04
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	\$390.52

Erie—Trinity Memorial—16 Members:

St. Barnabas Home.....	\$ 12.00
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Erie—St. Mark's—22 Members:

Express on Box.....	.93
Expense Fund.....	3.00
Periodical Club.....	1.00
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	\$ 4.93

Fairview—Trinity— Members:

Associated Charities, Erie.....	\$ 10.00
Infants' Home.....	2.60
Volunteers of America.....	10.00
Elmwood Home.....	19.82
Foreign War Children.....	2.00
Diocesan Missions.....	3.00
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	\$ 47.42

Foxburg—Church of Our Father—51 Members:

Diocesan Box.....	\$ 17.00
Birch Cooley Mission.....	54.64
Mr. Claiborne, Sewanee, Tenn.....	55.00
Aged Clergy.....	10.00
Sarah Lindley Fox Scholarship.....	50.00
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	\$186.64

Franklin—St. John's—51 Members:

Diocesan Box.....	\$ 35.00
Box to School at Middleboro, Ky.....	20.00
Fund for building Chapel.....	1.00
Foreign Insurance.....	5.00
Pledge to Board of Missions.....	50.00
Expense Account.....	5.00
Expense connected with Archdeacon Claiborne's visits..	5.00
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	\$121.00

Greenville—St. Clement's—15 Members:

Barrel to Sewanee.....	\$ 10.00
General Missions.....	15.95
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	\$ 25.95

Mercer—St. Edmund's—8 Members:

Household linen, etc., in Diocese.....	\$ 7.00
Box to Almira Home.....	5.00
Carpet and Clothing to Middleboro, Ky.....	101.85
General Missions.....	17.00
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	\$130.85

Meadville—Christ Church—46 Members:

Diocesan Box.....	\$ 26.00
Box to Sewanee, Tenn.....	20.44
Foreign Insurance.....	10.00
Diocesan Missions.....	5.00
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	\$ 61.44

New Castle—Trinity—25 Members:

Three Diocesan Boxes.....	\$ 85.00
Expense Fund.....	5.00
Board of Missions, Province of Washington.....	5.00
Apportionment.....	25.00
Periodical Club.....	1.00
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	\$121.00

North East—Holy Cross— Members:

Box to Middleboro, Ky.....	\$ 11.78
Foreign Insurance.....	1.00
Expense Fund.....	1.00
Diocesan Missions.....	13.00
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	\$ 26.78

North Girard—Grace Church—15 Members:

Two Boxes to Elmwood Home.....	\$ 21.00
General Expenses.....	40.00
Assessment.....	1.00
Foreign Insurance.....	2.00
General Missions.....	44.22
General Expenses.....	10.00
Children's Christmas Fund.....	2.00
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	\$120.22

Oil City—Christ Church—54 Members:

Diocesan Box.....	\$ 35.00
Box to Bolivar, Tenn.....	30.00
General Missions.....	100.00
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	\$165.00

Sharon—St. John's—10 Members:

Box to Sewanee, Tenn.....	\$ 50.00
Foreign Insurance.....	5.00
General Missions.....	100.00
Expense Fund.....	5.00
Epiphany Mission, Grove City.....	16.00
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	\$176.00

Titusville—St. James Memorial—25 Members:

Clerical Suit to Sewanee, Tenn.....	\$ 22.00
Barrel Clothing, etc., to Stannardsville, Va.....	25.00
Foreign Insurance.....	5.00
Red Cross with Sale of Belgian Stamps.....	6.00
Convention Expenses.....	5.00
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	\$ 63.00

REPORT OF THE ORGANIZING SECRETARY OF THE
ARCHDEACONRY OF RIDGWAY.

"She is not dead, this friend, not dead
But in the path we mortals tread
Yet some few trifling steps ahead
And nearer to the end,
So that you too, once past this bend,
Shall meet again, as face to face, this friend
You fancy dead."

We truly appreciate these beautiful words today as we glance over this assemblage and think of her who was in our midst one year ago at Oil City—Mrs. Emma A. W. Howard. We miss her smile, the friendly grasp of her hand, her kindly words of encouragement. Swiftly she passed from among us, but her example, like the sweet fragrance of a flower, remains a living inspiration to us all and seems to urge us to "Do the duty that liest nearest us, for Duties are ours; events are God's."

Mrs. John Dick, on November 1st, appointed me to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Howard. Realizing to my utmost my inefficiency, I accepted the trust and since that time have endeavored faithfully to discharge the duties of the office entrusted to me.

On January 19th, the Third Annual Archdeaconry meeting convened in Warren, at Trinity Memorial Church. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 11:30, Rev. W. H. Jones, Celebrant; Rev. Paul Ernst of Kane assisting. After the singing of hymn No. 253, the last stanza of which reads—

"Fling out the banner! Wide and high,
Seaward and skyward, let it shine;
For skill, nor might, nor merit ours;
We conquer only in that sign."

the Rev. W. H. Jones welcomed the visiting members of the Woman's Auxiliary to Warren and in closing called Archdeacon Radcliffe to conduct the memorial service for Mrs. Wm. H. Howard and Mrs. Josiah Howard. At the conclusion of this impressive service Rev. W. H. Jones pronounced the benediction and we were dismissed to meet around the luncheon tables in the Parish dining room at 12:30.

The meeting convened for the business session at 2:30. The minutes of the previous meeting were read; roll call followed with reports from the Branches present, Bradford, Emporium, Ridgway, Smethport and Warren reporting. Mrs. Israel, our Honorary President, gave a most interesting address in which she gave the three

objects of the Woman's Auxiliary: "First, to learn; second, to pray; third, to give."

Archdeacon Radcliffe, Mrs. E. S. Lindsey, Rev. Wm. E. VanDyke, Rev. Paul Ernst gave short addresses.

A permanent memorial to consist of a \$50 scholarship to Mrs. Wm. H. Howard, our deceased Organizing Secretary, was proposed by Mrs. Israel. This scholarship to be reported on at this meeting in Sharon.

Mrs. L. K. Hogarth presented the needs and claims of the "Spirit of Missions." Dr. Jones of Trinity Memorial, Warren, addressed the meeting on the good to be obtained by the Mission Study classes.

Resolutions of thanks for the cordiality and hospitality of Dr. Jones and the women of Trinity Memorial Church were expressed and the meeting adjourned to meet in Smethport. The offerings during the day amounted to \$20.25 and were turned over to the Organizing Secretary.

Since the 1st of November I have written 156 letters on matters relating to the Woman's Auxiliary. I have mailed to every branch and to nearly every mission the pamphlet "A Call to Action," also the report of the Department Secretary of the Primary Synod of the Third Province. I have written to every Rector in the Archdeaconry of Ridgway having charge of a Parish or mission in which no branch of the Woman's Auxiliary exists, urging the formation of such a branch. In many instances I have received no answer. I have addressed these silent workers(?) a second time and with no better results. It is said that perseverance and tact are two of the most valuable qualities for success. Perseverance is mine, may God give me the tact.

I have also written to some one of the women connected with the Guilds or other societies of all the missions in this Archdeaconry. Some of these good women forget to acknowledge these letters. The Parish at Kane is about ready to organize a Branch and the mission at Instanter in charge of Rev. W. J. Willson is interested in such organization. I have also added the 2nd Division or Division B, to St. Luke's Auxiliary at Smethport.

In March I took up the work of raising the \$50 for the scholarship in memory of Mrs. Wm. H. Howard:

Emporium was the first to give.....	\$10.00
Tidioute.....	1.00
Smethport.....	9.00
Ridgway, for 1 year only.....	5.00
Bradford.....	5.00
Warren.....	10.00

Total amount.....\$40.00

I regret that with all my effort I have fallen short \$10.00 of the amount required. This matter I leave in the hands of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Archdeaconry of Ridgway. May your hearts be moved to give a little more liberally that some boy or girl may have the opportunity of an education, of learning how to live; and a worthy officer of this Archdeaconry, at the same time, may be held in loving memory.

"Go, break to the needy sweet charity's bread,

For giving is living," the angel said.

"And must I be giving again and again?"

My peevish and pitiless answer ran.

"Oh no!" said the angel, piercing me through,

Just give till the Master stops giving to you."

HELEN GARDNER MORRISON,
Organizing Secretary.

PARISH REPORTS OF RIDGWAY ARCHDEACONRY.

Bradford—Ascension—30 Members:

Memorial Scholarship.....	\$ 5.00
Foreign Insurance.....	5.00
General Expenses.....	5.00
United Offering.....	38.25
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	\$ 53.25

Emporium—Emanuel—20 Members:

Two Boxes to Cass Lake, Minn.....	\$ 40.00
Foreign Insurance.....	10.00
Clergy Relief.....	5.00
General Mission.....	5.00
Howard Memorial Scholarship.....	10.00
Expense Fund.....	2.50
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	\$ 72.50

Ridgway—Grace Church—38 Members:

Box to Larabee.....	\$ 8.00
Tablecloth and Sheets to Bolivar, Tenn.....	10.50
Piece Muslin to Sewanee, Tenn.....	3.75
Howard Memorial Scholarship.....	5.00
Foreign Insurance.....	5.00
United Offering.....	29.83
Diocesan Missions.....	62.50
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	\$124.58

Smethport—St. Luke's—22 Members:

Seven Diocesan Boxes.....	\$175.86
Parish Incidentals.....	2.62
Building Fund, St. Barnabas' Home.....	5.00
St. Andrew's School, Sewanee, Tenn.....	2.00
Scholarship Fund.....	9.00
Oneida Indian School.....	10.00
Foreign Insurance.....	5.00
Emergency Fund.....	10.00
General Missions.....	12.00
St. Paul's Larabee.....	2.20
United Offering.....	22.94
Diocesan Expenses.....	5.00

\$261.62

Second Division—32 Members:

Two Diocesan Boxes.....	\$ 40.00
Two Boxes to Sewanee, Tenn.....	51.40
Box to St. Barnabas' Home.....	50.00
To Mrs. Wade.....	10.00
St. Andrew's School, Sewanee, Tenn.....	5.00
St. Barnabas' Home.....	30.00
Scholarship at Sewanee, Tenn.....	50.00
United Offering.....	18.30
Diocesan Missions.....	17.50

\$272.20

Tidioute—Christ Church—12 Members:

Toward Box for Mountain Whites' School.....	\$.85
Scholarship Fund.....	1.00

\$1.85

Warren—Trinity—25 Members:

Diocesan Box.....	\$ 40.83
Boxes to Sewanee, Tenn.....	204.75
Howard Memorial Scholarship.....	10.00
Foreign Insurance.....	5.00
General Missions.....	20.00

\$280.58

UNITED OFFERING ERIE BRANCH WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.
Receipts for March Collection 1915.

Bradford.....	\$ 15.00
Brockwayville.....	1.00
Conneautville.....	
Corry.....	
Emporium.....	15.00
Erie—St. Paul's.....	5.04
Erie—Trinity.....	9.13
Erie—St. Mark's.....	9.00
Fairview.....	2.00
Foxburg.....	11.93
Franklin.....	69.92
Greenville.....	7.05
Kane.....	
Kinzua.....	
Meadville.....	19.00
Mercer.....	5.00
New Castle—Trinity.....	26.35
New Castle—St. Andrew's.....	
North Girard.....	11.35
North East.....	11.75
Oil City.....	48.48
Polk.....	2.00
Port Allegheny.....	
Punxsutawney.....	
Ridgway.....	15.87

St. Marys.....	5.00	
Sharon.....	21.75	
Smethport (Parish).....	11.94	
Smethport (Guild).....	11.51	
Sugar Hill.....		
Tidioute.....	1.69	
Titusville.....	26.00	
Waterford.....	4.00	
Warren.....	54.00	
Youngsville.....		
November 1, Interest.....	9.17	
May 1, Interest.....	19.88	
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Previously Reported:

March 1914 Collection.....	379.65	
September 1914 Collection.....	525.62	
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Total amount on deposit.....	\$1,355.08	

NOTE:—On the September 1914 report, Farrel was credited with \$6.50 which should have been credited to Sharon, making Sharon's contribution \$10.11 instead of \$3.61.

LAURETTA B. MACKEY,

Treasurer United Offering

Diocese of Erie.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY.

I have 17 classes to report this year. Of these 13 were Study Classes, 10 of which were studying the Social Aspects of Foreign Missions.

In the 4 Reading Classes, 3 were following that course and 2 were reading the "Spirit of Missions." I am very glad to note 4 classes of young people; 3 of Juniors and 1 a Sunday School Class of Boys. This is a step in the right direction, in fact just the direction in which Mr. Gray wants the Auxiliary's Educational Secretary to work next year. He writes: "We want you to make an effort to start Mission study in places that have never taken it up—the Men's Club, the Choir Clubs, the Boy Scouts, the Girls' Friendly, all should devote some of their sessions to a study of the Church's World Wide Work. If we would only get them started they would soon find out how well worth while it is."

I have received from the Missions House the Mission Study Report for 1914 and I am sure you will be glad and proud to know that our own Province III stands at the head, with 576 classes, 190 more than Province II, which comes next.

For next year the Board gives us a choice of the "Conquest of the Continent," "Japan," "China," "The Social Aspects of Missions," or, if we have studied all these, "The How and Why of Missions"—a new edition of which will be ready in September.

ELIZABETH B. MULLINS,
Educational Secretary.

REPORT OF CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

Number of Librarians—12.

Number of periodicals sent regularly—73.

Contributors of Current Periodicals—56.

Odd Magazines—162.

Christmas and Easter Cards—428.

Calendars—2.

Games—2.

Boxes, contents not noted—7.

Number of letters written by Correspondent from April 1914 to April 1915—69. Number of cards—40.

Leaflets sent—40.

Expended by Librarians—\$10.40.

Expended by Correspondent—\$2.75.

Received by Correspondent from Librarians for dues to be sent to the Central office—\$10.00

Total of all expenses—\$23.15.

ADELAIDE KELLY.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

May 1914 to May 1915.

The Junior Auxiliary has been growing during the past year, but much more slowly than I had hoped for. I am glad to report one new branch of Sect. 2 at New Castle.

At Meadville, a class is prepared to graduate from Sect. 3 into the Woman's Auxiliary, and in Oil City a Sect. 3 has been organized from the older girls of Sect. 2. This shows an advance in the system of sectional organization.

I think that the greatest advance may be noticed in the work that the Juniors are doing together in the Diocese. This year ten branches have contributed towards a scholarship, thus making it possible for the Juniors of the Diocese to support an entire scholarship at St. Hilda's School, Woonchang, China. Six branches have realized their responsibilities by giving regularly to General Missions. Several branches report study classes during Lent, and prayers for Missions. Some send magazines through the Church Periodical Club.

During the year I have visited and spoken to three Junior Auxiliaries. I gave a series of illustrated talks on Missions during Lent to the Juniors of Christ Church, Oil City. I have received 63 letters, and written 126.

At the present day no one seems willing to undertake any work unless they are assured that it will be money making. A well organized Junior Auxiliary I can assure you is a paying investment. In every such society a great deal of work is done for the parish, as well as for missions. At Greenville, for instance, this year the girls of the Junior Auxiliary gave \$50.00 towards the church debt, and also two three branch electric candles for either side of the altar as a memorial to Bishop Spalding. At Oil City, the Juniors gave money and household articles to the Children's Aid Home amounting to about \$70.00. At Ridgway, they sewed for the Hospital. At Meadville, they clothed a Polish woman's baby. And so throughout the Diocese wherever there is a Junior Auxiliary, much good work is being accomplished, which I cannot report here, as it is not strictly missionary work. All of the reports show parish activity.

What we need most in the Junior Auxiliary is enthusiastic directors, and the interest and help of the women of the Woman's Auxiliary. The women seem to lose sight of the fact that the Juniors are a part of the same great Missionary Organization that they are, and that they form a very important part of that Organization. These girls are the coming women of the church. If we wish them to grow up with the true spirit of missions, the seed must be planted early, and carefully cultivated. In every parish where there is a Woman's Auxiliary,

some woman should volunteer to do this work, and if no one will volunteer, then the Rector should be asked to appoint someone from the Woman's Auxiliary for the work. The present directors have worked faithfully and cheerfully, but from every parish comes the same word—a lack of support and interest on the part of the women.

Let us then unite in the development of the Junior work, and a successful, progressive and living Woman's Auxiliary will be assured in the Diocese of Erie.

MYRA S. CHICKERING,
Secretary and Treasurer
of the Junior Department.

PARISH REPORTS OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

May 1914 to May 1915.

Emporium—Emanuel Church:

Scholarship.....	\$ 5.00
Apportionment.....	5.00
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	\$10.00

Erie—St. Paul's Cathedral. Sect. 2:

Christmas Box to St. Mary's Mission, Belhaven, N. C....	\$10.00
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Erie—St. Paul's Cathedral. Sect. 3:

Christmas Box to St. Mary's Mission, Belhaven, N. C....	\$50.00
Box of second hand clothing, St. Mary's, Belhaven, N. C..	15.40
Domestic Missions.....	5.00
Scholarship.....	5.00
United Offering.....	2.50
General Missions.....	5.00
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	\$ 82.90

Franklin—St. John's:

Christmas Box, St. Anne's, Roper, N. C.....	\$ 7.00
Scholarship.....	4.05
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	\$11.05

Greenville—St. Clement's. Sect. 3:

Christmas Box to Porto Rico.....	\$ 5.00
St. Katherine's, Bolivar, Tenn.....	20.00
Scholarship.....	10.00
General Missions.....	60.00
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	\$95.00

Meadville—Christ Church. Sect. 2:

Sewing and meetings.

Meadville—Christ Church. Sect. 3:

Diocesan Missions.....	\$15.00
Christmas Box, St. Mary's, Belhaven, N. C.....	10.00
Scholarship.....	5.00
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	\$30.00

New Castle—Trinity Church.

Easter Box to Diocesan Clergyman.....	\$ 5.00
Christmas Box, St. Anne's, Roper, N. C.....	5.00
Christmas Box, Standardville, Va.....	3.00
Scholarship.....	5.00
General Missions.....	1.50
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	\$19.50

Oil City—Christ Church:

Box second hand clothing, Blackwell's Hollow Mission, Brown's Cove, Va.....	\$30.00
Christmas Box, Porto Rico.....	20.00
3 doz. napkins, St. Katherine's, Bolivar, Tenn.....	5.40
Scholarship.....	10.00
United Offering.....	2.00
General Missions.....	5.00
Woman's Auxiliary for Apportionment.....	5.00
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	\$77.40

Ridgway—Grace Church:

Rev. R. I. Johnson, Belhaven, N. C.....	\$10.00
Christmas Box, St. Mary's, Belhaven, N. C.....	50.00
St. Katherine's, Bolivar, Tenn, 1 doz. spoons.....	2.50
Scholarship.....	5.00
Belgians.....	5.00
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	\$72.50

Sharon—St. Johns:

Christmas Box, St. Anne's, Roper, N. C.....	\$15.00
Scholarship.....	5.00
General Missions.....	30.00
Epiphany Mission, Grove City.....	5.00
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	\$55.00

Smethport—St. Luke's:

Box of garments.....	\$23.00
Christmas Box, St. Mary's, Belhaven, N. C.....	8.00
Scholarship.....	10.00
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	\$41.00

Titusville—St. James' Memorial:

Christmas Box, St. Mary's, Belhaven, N. C. \$ 5.00

Warren—Trinity Memorial:

No report.

Youngsville— St. Saviour's:

No report.

Summary of Report.

General Missions.....	\$109.00
Diocesan Missions.....	30.00
Scholarship.....	64.05
Domestic Missions.....	15.00
United Offering.....	2.00
Belgians.....	5.00
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	\$225.05
Value of Boxes.....	289.30
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	\$514.35

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE LITTLE HELPERS.

May 1st, 1914 to May 1st, 1915.

During the year beginning May 1st, 1914 and ending May 1st, 1915, new branches of the Little Helpers have been started at the Mission of St. John Baptist at Instanter and the Mission at Straight, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Erie; Trinity Church, Fairview; Ascension Church, Bradford; Holy Cross Church, North East and Christ Church, Oil City, making seventeen Little Helpers Branches in the Diocese.

Since May 1st, 1914, the Secretary has received thirty-six dollars and thirty-six cents from the red mite boxes.

From St. Paul's, Erie.....	\$ 1.00
“ The Church of Our Father, Foxburg...	3.10
“ St. Paul's Mission, Farrell.....	2.00
“ St. James, Titusville.....	2.00
“ St. Clement's, Greenville.....	12.70
“ The Mission, St. John Baptist, Instanter	2.00
“ Grace Church, Ridgway.....	11.00
“ St. John's, Sharon.....	1.00
“ St. Mark's, Erie.....	1.56
“ St. James, Titusville.....	2.08
“ St. John's, Kane.....	8.43
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Total.....	\$46.87

The Little Helpers, or Section One of the Junior Auxiliary, consists of all baptized children in a parish under eight years of age. Each child is given a red mite box and the Little Helpers Literature on being enrolled, and each week he drops a penny in the box, repeating the

Little Helpers' prayer. These pennies, which count on the apportionment of the parish that gives them, are collected once a year by the parish leader and sent to the diocesan leader. She sends them to the Diocesan Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary, who sends them to the Church Missions House, New York, where they are used for "General Missions". When we say "General Missions" we mean that some of the money sends medical supplies to the little sick children up in Alaska, some supports The Little Helpers' cot in St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh, North Carolina, and a dollar from each diocese helps send a font to some Mission. Some of the gifts help not only schools and kindergartens in Japan and China, but Fishtown Station in Africa, Porto Alegre, Brazil and the Josephine Hooker School in Mexico City. Then St. Mary's Home, Hawaii and the Orphanage in Manila, and schools, hospitals and churches among the southern mountains and the Indians can do their work better because of the Little Helpers' pennies.

The Little Helpers work in the diocese has grown from two branches in 1912 to seventeen branches in 1915. The pennies too have grown from thirteen dollars and ninety-five cents in 1913 to forty-six dollars and eighty-seven cents this year. May I not urge each parish to enroll its young children as Little Helpers in this beautiful work of the Master, so that our missionary vision may be broadened and that we may do more with our gifts each year:

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE FRANCES FITCH.

Greenville, Pa., May 7th, 1915.

DIRECTIONS.

To Parish Treasurers:

All money should be sent direct to Mrs. George Metcalf, Treasurer, 214 W. 9th Street, Erie. State plainly the object of the gift. The Treasurer wishes to close her books on April 30th, so be prompt.

To United Offering Treasurers:

Collections should be made semi-annually, in order to secure interest on the first payment. Send promptly to Mrs. C. W. Mackey, Franklin.

To Parish Secretaries:

Consult the Diocesan Secretary before choosing work. Miss Emery sets aside certain boxes for each Diocese and these should be accepted first. A choice of letters will be provided; and when one is selected, write at once to the Secretary, notifying her of box chosen and return all other letters.

Write to the missionary, whose letter has been accepted, giving time when box may be expected. Write again when box is sent. If sent by freight, enclose bill of lading, and pay charges whenever possible. If charges cannot be paid by the sender, forward money order to cover charges or hauling.

Please notify the Secretary when box is sent and give its value.

Notify the Diocesan Secretary if the Parish Secretary is changed.

At Time of Annual Meeting:

Notify the hospitality committee, giving number and names of delegates as soon as they are elected. Be sure to send word if delegates cannot attend meeting.

SECRETARIES OF PARISH BRANCHES.

Bradford	Mrs. A. D. Burns, 17 Moorhouse Place
Erie—St. Paul's	Mrs. Addison Leech, 462 W. 6th St.
Erie—St. Mark's	Mrs. F. E. Flanders, 218 W. 21st St.
Erie—Trinity Memorial	Mrs. J. A. Drain, 728 W. 9th St.
Emporium	Mrs. M. L. Tate
Fairview	Mrs. R. E. Weisfogel
Foxburg	Mrs. Anna M. Matteson
Franklin	Miss Anna Bell
Greenville	Mrs. Bion Leech, 50 Eagle St.
Meadville	Mrs. Edgar H. Sackett
Mercer	Mrs. F. B. Filson
New Castle	Mrs. H. W. McKee
North East	Mrs. J. M. Benedict
North Girard	Miss Adelaide Kelly
Oil City	Miss Carrie S. Case
Ridgway	Mrs. G. C. Darling
Sharon	Mrs. Wm. Carnes
Smethport	Mrs. W. F. Specht
Smethport—2nd Division	Mrs. J. C. Backus
Titusville	Mrs. M. N. Allen
Tidioute	Miss Elizabeth Yates
Warren	Mrs. T. S. Sheldon

Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Hall	North Girard
Mrs. W. H. Jones	Warren
Mrs. Oxley	Bradford



