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of the
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to the
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President's Report.

June 5, 1900.

With many pleasurable and cordial emotions does your President hail this annual coming-together of the devout churchwomen of the Diocese—a time of spiritual refreshment and social growth—of happy exchange of thought and comparison of method, the fruition of which manifests itself in fresh parochial life. To those of you who have come to-day because it was your pleasure and desire, we give a hearty greeting.

Before we enter upon a resume of our year's work, your President feels that she voices your truest sentiment when she pays tribute to some of our churchwomen who within the past year have closed the book of life and have received their happy promotion: Mrs. Viele, of Evansville; Mrs. Cady, of Indianapolis; Mrs. Donldason, of Terre Haute, and other pioneer churchwomen of Indiana. Women such as these gave us by their sacrifice and exertion, the church privileges we now have and we owe it to the memory of their long and good lives to carry on the work, for which they struggled, valiantly and triumphantly until we achieve a satisfactory measure of success.

WORK OF PAST YEAR.

The first year with our new Bishop is nearly at an end, and there is much to encourage us in a review thereof. The few things which have been attempted by the Auxiliary have been modestly successful. The most important of these has been the employment of the Archdeacon. Our Auxiliary branches, numbering about fourteen, paid the salary of a missionary at the Bishop's request from January 1 to July 1. I need not dwell here on the great success of that experiment, as you will have an opportunity to hear this from the Rev. Mr. Cook himself.

Another undertaking of your Board which last Convention was still a comparative experiment is the publication of our Diocesan paper, *The Church Chronicle*. Despite some predictions of

failure The Chronicle has survived its first year, and entered upon its second entirely free of debt. Particularly do we wish you of the Auxiliary of the Diocese to think of The Chronicle as your paper. We have, indeed, in many cases received the most loyal and the most loving support from our Auxiliaries, and very grateful this has been to us in some of our dark hours when our treasury—a veritable widow's cruse of oil—has been very low. Were I to tell you of some of our little economics and maneuvers, you might, perhaps, think them puerile, and yet these same careful deliberations have alone permitted the publication of the paper. Were I to tell you that on publishing day two of your Board go down and address a thousand Chronicles because we can not afford to hire a mailing machine; were I to tell you that the members of your Board trudge around delivering Chronicles to all who may live in their respective neighborhoods, for the purpose of saving postage, then I should be telling you Chronicle secrets, but I am doing it because we want you to know the inner workings of your own Board; because we want you to feel when you open your Chronicle that it does not grow, but is made, a little at a time, by the careful work of a few women who do this for love of you and of the Church. And it may not be unbecoming to add that The Chronicle is unique among publications. No Auxiliary, save your own, has attempted the publication of a Diocesan paper. The Chronicle is essentially a Diocesan news-sheet. It exists solely as a purveyor of Diocesan news. So numerous are the mere Church happenings in the Diocese that much interesting miscellany is crowded out of our columns. This explanation is made because some questions have been asked us about the publication of general miscellany, which would, indeed, make the paper more interesting, but are beyond its scope. We hope, in the course of another year, with your continued interest and support not only to maintain a paper which shall give you the message of the Bishop, the news of the Diocese, and be a link between the various Auxiliaries, but will also earn something toward the support of the Archdeacon.

During the year your President and various members of the Board attended meetings at Lafayette, Muncie and Richmond. At Lafayette, President and Treasurer attended the convocation in October, one afternoon of which was given up to an interesting meeting of the Auxiliary. At the semi-annual at Richmond a good audience greeted us and a most inspiring meeting was held.

The Epiphany meeting of the Indianapolis Auxiliary at St. David's Church was a marked success. This meeting should be made an event by every Auxiliary. The Indianapolis branches are especially to be commended for the interest shown in packing and sending missionary boxes. This is one part of our work which should be cultivated. It breeds a spirit of interest in the work which the mere giving of money does not. It must be remembered that in the South the Church has various supply stores where good second-hand clothing is sold to the colored people. These stores are largely supplied from the Northern Auxiliaries, and each society should send one good box each year.

The Blue Mite Boxes resting on your mantelpieces and desks should now be getting heavy.

Next year—the autumn of 1901—is the tri-ennial for which those boxes came into existence. Even with the loss of the northern Diocese, we must surpass our own record.

And now we turn from what we have done to what we hope to do. All of our energies this fall must be set toward growth. How to achieve this is a great—a bewildering problem. We can not coerce women to take up this work.

Sometimes it seems as a last resort that we shall be driven to the giving of prizes to get women in. Perhaps judiciously bestowed plates, busts and loving-cups might result in substantial addition to our membership, but it might be deemed unconstitutional. We would remind our churchwomen that a prompt interest in newcomers is often the means of enlarging our membership. The new woman in any town may not push herself into society—the Church alone is open to her, and if she seeks it, she, in turn, should be sought by it and extended that gracious hospitality which is a part of Christianity. Invite all new women into the Auxiliary, endeavor to have interesting programs, which may best be done by care in selecting officers. It is fatal to the growth of a society to have a President who is forced into office and who is so busy about other things that she has neither time nor care for her Auxiliary. Last of all is commended that noon-day prayer for missions which is said every day at the Church Mission House in New York. The Auxiliary woman is such at all times: in her hours of devotion may she learn to weave among her petitions for those she loves a prayer for the growth of our beloved Church, so that with work and prayer united the Auxiliary of Indiana may do a blessed and permanent work, not only among heathen and strangers, but in the re-conversion of our churchwomen to the highest interests of life.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary
of the
Woman's Auxiliary

June 1, 1899 to June 1, 1900.

Women's Auxiliary.	No Members.	Money in Diocese.	Money Out Diocese.	No. Boxes.	Value.	Total.
Cannelton, St. Luke's.....	14	\$5 00	\$5 32	..	..	\$10 32
Columbus, St. Paul's.....	15	5 00	.....	..	5 00	
Connersville, Trinity.....	9	9 00	.....	1	\$15 00	24 00
Evansville, St. Paul's.....	48	85 00	10 00	1	65 00	160 00
Indianapolis, Christ Church.....	48	50 00	50 00	2	90 05	190 05
Indianapolis, St. Paul's.....	35	75 00	.....	1	50 00	125 00
Indianapoouis, Grace Cathedral..	22	35 00	.....	1	15 00	50 00
Indianapolis, Holy Innocents' ..	10	10 00	.....	1	6 00	16 00
Lafayette, St. John's.....	..	30 00	10 00	2	25 00	65 00
Madison, Christ Church	7	.....	3 60	..	..	3 60
Muncie, Grace Church.....	24	42 00	.....	1	25 00	67 00
New Albany, St. Paul's.....	12	10 00	.....	1	10 00	20 00
Richmond, St. Paul's	18	27 09	.....	1	30 00	57 09
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's.....	..	100 00	50 00	1	55 00	205 00
Terre Haute, St. Luke's.....	12	25 00	.....	1	10 00	35 00
Total	274	\$508 09	\$128 92	14	\$396 05	\$1,033 06

Woman's Parish Work.

June 1, 1899 to June 1, 1900.

Name of Parish.	Name of Society.	No. of Mbrs.	Money Raised.
Bloomington, Trinity	Trinity Guild	8	
Columbus, St. Paul's	St. Paul's Guild	6	\$133 13
Connersville, Trinity	Trinity Guild	8	41 50
Evansville, St. Paul's	The Parish Guild		397 04
Evansville, St. Paul's	The Rector's Aid Society	20	289 55
Evansville, St. Paul's	The Altar Guild	16	303 80
Indianapolis, Christ Church	Christ Church Guild	30	219 10
Indianapolis, Christ Church	Christ Church Altar Guild	12	83 56
Indianapolis, Christ Church	Daughters of the King	23	23 00
Indianapolis, Grace Cathedral	The Cathedral Guild	24	115 62
Indianapolis, Grace Cathedral	Daughters of the King	12	40 50
Indianapolis, Grace Cathedral	The Altar Guild	3	20 32
Indianapolis, Holy Innocents	The Ladies' Aid Society	25	294 10
Indianapolis, St. David's	St. David's Guild	10	240 00
Jeffersonville, St. Paul's	St. Agnes' Guild	19	203 50
Lafayette, St. John's	St. John's Guild		150 00
Lawrenceburg, Trinity	The Ladies' Guild	14	81 00
Madison, Christ Church	The Ladies' Guild	15	827 00
Madison, Christ Church	The Industrial Sewing School	90	
Madison, Christ Church	The Altar Guild	3	
Mount Vernon, St. John's	St. John's Altar Guild	9	105 91
Muncie, Grace Church	The Ladies' Guild	12	390 78

WOMAN'S PARISH WORK—CONTINUED

Name of Parish.	Name of Society.	No. of Mbrs.	Money Raised.
Muncie, Grace Church.....	The Young Ladies' Guild.....	14	\$250 37
Muncie, Grace Church.....	The Ladies' Afternoon Social.....	.....	65 01
New Albany, St. Paul's.....	The Woman's Guild.....	35	321 98
New Albany, St. Paul's	St. Catherine's Guild.....	4	42 80
New Castle, St. James' Mission	The Woman's Guild.....	.....	.....
Richmond, St. Paul's	St. Paul's Guild.....	25	406 95
Richmond, St. Paul's.....	The Altar Guild.....	12	23 48
Shelbyville, Christ Church.....	Christ Church Guild.....	7	199 83
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's.....	The Church Aid Society.....	.....	225 00
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's.....	The Sisterhood.....	14	19 32
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's.....	St. Stephen's Altar Society.....	10	51 12
Terre Haute, St. Luke's.....	St. Luke's Guild.....	12	90 00
Worthington, St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's Guild.....	8	.....
		500	\$5,655 72

SUMMARY.

Number of Workers	774
Cash from Auxiliary Branches.....	\$ 637 01
Cash from Parish Guilds	5,655 27
Total Cash.....	\$6,292 28
Value of Boxes	396 05
Total Cash and Boxes.....	\$6,688 33

The figures just submitted show that of the sixteen Auxiliary branches in the Diocese fifteen have reported. Holy Innocents', Evansville, being the only one making no report. It is probable that this branch has nothing to add to our figures, as it was announced during the winter to be not dead, but "inactive." From these fifteen branches, therefore, \$637.01 in money was turned into the treasury of the Church, an average of a fraction over \$2.32 for each member of the Auxiliary. If to this cash sum be added the value of the boxes, the average is brought up to a trifle more than \$3.73 per capita, which is a fairly creditable average.

Could the Auxiliary of Indiana include in the active membership, as it does in its nominal membership, every baptized woman in the Diocese, what things could it not accomplish? That the great woman's missionary society of the Church numbers among its members but 274 of the communicants of the Diocese of Indiana is a serious reflection upon either our intelligence or our Chr'stianity. When you consider that of this 274 only a small proportion are really active, interested workers, the others having merely a nominal connection with the Auxiliary, the achievements of this little band become the more creditable and the disgrace of the great body of churchwomen the deeper.

I would recommend to your collective and individual attention, both now and when you reach home, the problem of the apathy of churchwomen to missionary work.

For those of us who are at work there are two plain duties. First, to work with greater zeal and greater sweetness, not merely because the work needs our most strenuous efforts, but in order that by our interest, energy and largeness of mind, missionary work may be made attractive to women now absorbed in parish affairs. Second, to pray that God will enlighten the minds of us all more and more "with the light of the everlasting gospel, graft in our hearts the love of the truth and increase in us true

religion," till every woman in Indiana at least shall feel her true responsibility to the Woman's Auxiliary.

Thirty-five Guilds have reported. That there are many others which should be heard from is evident when we consider that two of the strongest and most active Guilds in two of the most important parishes in the Diocese have made no report and that eleven of the missions and smaller parishes have followed their example. The superiority of the officers of the Guilds of these parishes to the desire to, as we say, "get credit" for their work, would be quite admirable if it did not so conflict with the practical interests of others. So far as your Secretary is concerned, she could wish that they might curb their modesty and cultivate a desire to see themselves in print. By an entirely one-sided correspondence it seems difficult to inculcate this or any other spirit.

Your Secretary has written 114 letters, 42 postals and has sent out 58 packages of reports, an average, since her communications are almost solely with the Auxiliary, of 9½ messages to each branch.

Small though the figures of our work be, they show at least no falling off, and much as we may wish that they bear witness to more marked growth, for our encouragement in facing the future, we may recall the assurance of the poet that

"Not on the vulgar mass
Called 'work' must sentence pass,
Things done, that took the eye and had the price,"

but that

"All instincts immature
All purposes unsure,"

go to swell the amount.

These, along with the mite accomplished, we humbly offer to Him who puts into our minds all good desires, trusting that He will overrule all our efforts so that they may bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of His holy name.

Respectfully submitted, CAROLINE H. HOWLAND.

June 5. 1900.

Report of the Secretary
of the
Junior Auxiliary.

June 1, 1899 to June 1, 1900.

Branches.	No. Members.	Money in Diocese.	Money out Diocese.	No. Boxes.	Value.	Total
Evansville, St. Paul's.....	22	\$28 00	\$1 50	2	\$8 00	\$29 50
Indianapolis, Christ.....	17	13 00	.....	2	.....	21 00
Indianapolis, Grace Cathedral..	7	9 65	2 00	.....	.....	11 65
Indianapolis, Holy Innocents....	15	3 00	.....	1	6 30	9 30
Indianapolis, St. Paul's.....	22	50 00	.....	1	35 00	85 00
Indianapolis, Trinity	45	.....	.....	Just Organized	.....	.....
Indp'l. St. David's study class.	.....	.....	.....	1	8 00	8 00
Madison, Christ	40	.....	15 75	1	15 00	30 75
Muncie, Grace.....	100	30 00	83 54	1	10 00	123 54
Richmond, St. Paul's.....	.....	5 00	3 47	.....	.....	8 47
Terre Haute, St. Luke's.....	60	.....	.....	1	10 00	10 00
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's.	20	.....	.....	1	34 65	34 65
Totals	348	\$138 65	\$106 26	9	\$126 95	\$371 86

SUMMARY.

Total Number of Workers reported	345
Total cash.....	\$244 91
Value of Boxes.....	\$126 95
Total Cash and Boxes	\$371 86

The foregoing report shows the same number of branches that we had last year. One Junior Auxiliary Sunday School reported last June (St. George's Mission, Indianapolis) had to be abandoned this year because the Rev. Mr. Graham could not visit it regularly. There was one new branch added during the year, at Trinity Mission, Indianapolis. It was organized under the most encouraging circumstances and shows every indication of vigorous life.

Though the work has not extended as it did last year, I think that there is no indication that it is dead or dying. The Diocese was gone over so thoroughly last year that nearly every parish that seemed at all ready for Junior work had taken it up, and this year there was less to work upon. By another year there will be more changes in the working forces of the different parishes, and we hope that many more will find room for the Junior Auxiliary.

Your Secretary has written 85 letters and cards during the year. There were 200 in last year's report. This great decrease does not mean a corresponding decrease in energy. Last year she wrote to the whole State, and, in arranging the Epiphany meeting, sent letters to every parish in the State. This year the Epiphany meeting was announced through The Chronicle.

The number of boxes sent and their value is less than last year, partly owing to the fact that a box valued at \$50 that was really sent the year before last, but not reported, was included in last year's report. In cash there is an increase of \$16.19. There is a total increase of \$16.19. Some of the branches attempted to send Easter boxes last year and found with the other Easter activities of the parish that it was too hard work, so made no attempt to do so this year. Probably it is better for the small branches to concentrate their energies and funds on one good box in the year; where there is a large membership the work can be divided. There is a box reported sent by a society in St. David's parish, Indianapolis. This is not a Junior Auxiliary; it was or-

ganized as a travel class, but prepared and sent through your Secretary a very nice missionary box.

The popularity of the Missionary Sunday School is increasing and we see already in this Diocese that the Sunday School that has had a missionary lesson once a month one year is ready to work for missions the next year. One of the readiest responses received to the appeal for Christmas boxes was from a Sunday School that was made a Missionary Sunday School the middle of last year. There are other Schools that have adopted the monthly Missionary Sunday which we will hope to include in our Junior report next year. The Missionary Sunday School is certainly the best sort of a Junior—the missionary lesson reaches the children of all ages, each class has the opportunity to prepare the lesson, and each class may be a working branch either all or part of the year.

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany was generally observed as Children's Sunday. It is hoped that this will become the rule throughout the Diocese. In Indianapolis there was a union service at Christ Church. The Church was almost full of children, and it was a most hearty and inspiring service, which they will probably never forget.

The offering was \$5, and was sent to the General Board. It has been suggested that we have some special field to which this offering may be given, and the idea seems a good one. None of the offerings would be very large alone, perhaps, but together would be quite a sum, and it is thought that the children would feel a pride in having some personal, vital interest in a special field. The Woman's Auxiliary supports the Archdeacon, and has done more efficient and enthusiastic work since it took his support upon itself. Perhaps when Bishop Francis is ready for another Archdeacon the Juniors will be strong enough and rich enough to support him—their willingness is not to be questioned. They gave \$138.65 to Diocesan Missions this year. At any rate, this Epiphany offering would have nothing to do with the Juniors' work. It is the one general offering that the children make and it seems to belong together.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. STEVENSON.

June 5, 1900.

Report of the Correspondent
of the
Church Periodical Club.

There are now eight Librarians of the Church Periodical Club in the Diocese, the parishes represented being Grace Cathedral, St. Paul's and Christ Church, Indianapolis; Christ Church, Madison; St. Stephen's, Terre Haute; Grace Church, Muncie; St. Paul's, Jeffersonville, and St. Paul's, Evansville. The Librarians for the two parishes last named have just been appointed and will not enter upon their work until autumn.

Owing to the resignation of the former Correspondent and the delay in appointing the present one, the number of contributors has been greatly decreased. But in the last five months the number has increased from barely twenty-five to seventy-five. St. Paul's, Indianapolis, which has the largest number of contributors, sends out each month eighteen periodicals.

There are several parishes in the Diocese where there should be branches of the Church Periodical Club. The Rectors of all these have been asked to suggest Librarians, but as yet none of them is sufficiently interested in the work to do so.

We who live among books hardly realize what it must be for men and women to do without them, and for children to grow up without one of the greatest delights of the childish heart—a picture-book—seems hard indeed. Could the people of Indiana see how much good is done by the few periodicals sent from this Diocese, many more would feel it a privilege, not a duty only, to increase the work of the Church Periodical Club.

Respectfully submitted, KATHLEEN F. FERGUSON.
June 5, 1900.

