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## President's Address, 1901.

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We are met together this afternoon for the practical consideration of the work of the past year and the promulgation of plans for the future, and your President believes that in no way can she better edify this assembly than in narrating the year's accomplishments and pointing out what is strong and what is weak in our methods. Taking it in its entirety, it has been a year of wholesome growth, not so much in numbers as in harmony of spirit, unanimity of purpose and true Churchliness. The labors of your Board have, in great degree, been rendered encouraging and even enthusiastic by the fealty of our Auxiliaries in this Diocese, by the co-operation of the officers, the support of the members and the general tone of responsiveness to our suggestions, which has made us realize more than ever the gradual dissolution of the selfish bonds of parochialism and the welding together of the interests of Churchwomen for the general good of the Diocese. We must not overlook the clergy in our acknowledgments. There is not a branch of our society which has not the deep appreciation and sympathy of its Rector, and in the name of the Auxiliary, as also of the Church Chronicle, we tender them at this time sincerest thanks.

Perhaps it may be well to give a *resume* of the especial affairs which engaged our attention since we last met. In October, your President, in company with some New Albany Churchwomen, attended the Missionary Council in Louisville, receiving from that splendid assemblage of Bishops and Priests of the Church and from the representative body of Churchwomen a stimulus not yet expended. At that delightful Auxiliary meeting, presided over by Mrs. Dudley, wife of the Bishop of Kentucky, and conducted by Miss Emery and Mrs. Twing, Indiana did not indeed make a great showing among those strong Church centers whose Auxiliaries pay in thousands of dollars annually as systematic offerings, yet it was our good fortune to interest the assembly in your two enterprises, the support of the Archdeacon and the publication of

the Chronicle. Particularly were we questioned about our paper; how it was managed, how paid for, how received by the people, and when your President sat down it was with a feeling of exultation that Indiana Churchwomen henceforth would be known for something somewhat out of the ordinary.

Following this Council, the Indianapolis Auxiliaries had the pleasure and profit of inspiring visits from Miss Emery and from Bishop Partridge, of Kyoto. Of course we all read about missions, but I am sure Japan will ever be to us a more real thing since we heard the exquisitely simple word pictures of Bishop Partridge's work in that flowery land. It was a source of pleasure to remember that Indiana had contributed to the building of the church at Sendai, Japan, although it is not in Bishop Partridge's diocese. The Indianapolis Auxiliary showed its appreciation of Bishop Partridge's visit by the gift of a fine and beautifully wrought set of vestments.

The Epiphany meetings came next in the year's annals. These were more general than in the year past, but some of our Auxiliaries allowed this season to pass without recognition. We expect every president to make the Epiphany meeting a special event of whatever nature her Rector shall advise, and especially should it be a rule to send the Epiphany offering to a foreign field. I have spoken of the Church at Sendai—many of us never knew of Sendai, nor cared for Sendai, until by request of Miss Emery we sent our Epiphany offerings there, and it seems a fitting and beautiful thing that each Epiphany-tide the united Auxiliaries of the Diocese should make their offerings for the same object. An earnest appeal has now been made for a new hospital at Shanghai, and your President would suggest that our offerings at next Epiphany be made for this great need. The following of this rule would make Epiphany a season full of meaning to us; it would prevent us growing selfish and insure us making one corporate foreign offering annually, besides having the great advantage of interesting us in a new field each year.

The Semi-Annual at Muncie in February was, thus far, the most satisfactory in point of numbers we have had. Every arrangement which could contribute to a day of consecrated happiness had been made. The afternoon session was replete with interest. The offering of the evening, \$20, was sent as Indiana's first gift to the new hospital at Shanghai.

In March your President visited New Albany on the occasion of the second anniversary of the founding of the Auxiliary. The New Albany branch was found to be in splendid trim, having a

systematic and enthusiastic Rector and a fine corps of officers. This branch has shown especial desire to adopt all the suggestions of the Diocesan Board, using the Spirit of Missions, and arranging excellent programs. In fact, one of the good things to be recorded of the past year is the growing use of the Spirit of Missions, and I am sure if every program committee knew how much and how well it helps out and fits itself to our work, they would never be without it.

By invitation of the Rector, Jeffersonville, which has been long without an Auxiliary, was visited, and we are glad to welcome to-day to our circle the new branch of St. Paul's, Jeffersonville. Not a little, weak, sickly Auxiliary made up of a few women who have been coerced by their Rector and their consciences, but a splendid, strong one of a dozen members. As Minerva sprang full grown from the head of Jove, so did this Auxiliary come into life full grown. I don't know who will represent Jove unless Mr. Chapman—at any rate, it was his head that the idea sprang from. This Minerva-likeness may also be applied to the branch of St. David's Church, Indianapolis, which organized last October with a good membership, and which has not only redeemed but exceeded its pledges to the Board.

Of the money raised and boxes sent, I will not now speak, as you will hear it later and receive it in the printed report, which we hope will be kept for study and reference by the officers of each branch. Early in the fiscal year, your Board sustained a great loss in the resignation of Miss Howland, whose name has been inseparably connected with the Auxiliary for some years. Miss Howland's resignation was based upon sincere reasons, and her successor, Mrs. Hawley, was elected. Miss Howland has given so much careful, painstaking, loving work to the Auxiliary of this Diocese, that we count her one of the potent forces in achieving whatever measure of success we can boast.

The special work which you have done this year has been to give \$500 to the Bishop for the support of an Archdeacon. Those of you who read the Chronicle know that the Archdeacon's work is already bearing fruit. All of the branches, save two, redeemed the pledges made last Convention, and some of them exceeded them, as follows: Christ Church, Indianapolis, pledged \$50 and gave \$100. St. David's pledged \$12; St. Paul's \$75, and gave \$85; Cathedral, \$35; Holy Innocents', \$10; St. Paul's Evansville, \$65; St. Stephen's, Terre Haute, \$100; Muncie, \$50; Richmond, \$25; Columbus, \$10; Connersville, \$10; St. Luke's, Terre Haute, \$10; Worthington, \$10; Madison, \$10; New Albany, \$15. This year

the Bishop asks us for \$850—therefore the necessity for larger pledges is obvious.

The other especial work of the Auxiliary has been the continuance of the Church Chronicle, now entering upon the third year of its existence, self-supporting, owing no man anything, and yet not without some solicitude for the future. We ask, as we do on every occasion, that you remember that the Chronicle is your paper! It chronicles your work; it is your mouthpiece, and we ask you individually to have its welfare constantly at heart. To support it yourself and to bring it to the notice of other Church-women; and, most of all, to read it, to know your Diocese, to know your Bishop and to know the Church of which you are a part.

And now, having given a full account of what you have been doing—holding, as it were, a mirror up to you—permit me to speak of some things in which we might do better, but which can only be settled by individual concurrence, as they lie without the scope of fixed rule.

Recently in listening to the reading of the Constitution of a local branch, I was surprised to find a clause providing for the withdrawal of any woman who cannot or will not pay her dues. This is entirely too club-like and not at all the Auxiliary spirit. The Auxiliary is like the Labyrinth at Crete, only much worse—you may get in, but you can't get out. Non-payment of dues won't let you out; sickness or non-attendance will not annul your membership, for you can still read about missions and thus fulfill a part of your duty. And you will have to be most indigent indeed not to be able to meet the financial requirements of the Auxiliary, for they are regulated by your means and by your conscience. Therefore, if you cease your offerings—I don't like the word dues in connection with the Auxiliary—if you stop your attendance; if you cease your interest, are recreant, you have betrayed your trust, but you are still an Auxiliary woman. As well might you try to withdraw from motherhood; as well try to withdraw from the responsibility of citizenship; yea, as well try to erase from your brow the Cross of Baptism, as to withdraw from the Auxiliary. Therefore, we ask all Auxiliaries who have inadvertently inserted such a club-like clause to repudiate it as soon as possible. The Auxiliary is not a club. Club methods, club usage, cannot fully obtain in it. We had at Muncie a most interesting comparison between the club and the Auxiliary, which resulted in the conclusion that each may learn of the other; but the Auxiliary is not a thing of cults, mottoes, or colors; it is higher

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and finer and simpler than any club conceived in the mind of man, for its fundament rests upon a divine command.

But while it is absolutely impossible to cease to be a member of the Auxiliary, we have evidence that women, although not escaping in the least the moral responsibility, do withdraw. The personnel of the societies changes. New members come in, but sometimes old ones are not retained. Would it not be possible to make the joining of it a little formal, a little more impressive? Few women will repudiate their own signature. Why might not each branch have a book containing its constitution, and at a certain point in the order of business let the President request those desirous of joining to sign their names to the constitution? This would give a definiteness to the act of joining which it now lacks. There is nothing so easy to join and so easy to slip out of as the Auxiliary, for no promise, save a tacit one, is given.

There is incumbent upon every Auxiliary woman a duty hitherto left quiescent, if not neglected, in this Diocese—the duty of pushing our society, making other women acquainted with its aims, and soliciting their aid as members. Individual effort is the only method by which we can grow, and during the coming year let us as individuals use aggressive methods to increase our comparatively small membership.

We have now worked two years under the guidance of our Bishop, and it is a pleasure to thus proclaim what many of us say privately: that much of our healthy growth and condition comes from the realization that we are working for a Bishop who is deeply appreciative; who, while asking our co-operation, is yet so thoughtful in his demands, so wise and careful in his use of our small gifts as to constantly breed encouragement among us and make us long most ardently for the time when we may assist him tenfold in his diocesan work. Let me not close this annual message without calling your minds away briefly from practical considerations to the higher, finer side of Auxiliary work. Our specified duty is officially described as threefold: to learn of, to work for and to pray for missions. But upon this simple platform how much may rest! What splendid latitude is given us for the glorious exercise of these privileges to work, to read, to pray. The Auxiliary woman must interpret in its broadest sense this triple prerogative of hers! She is not simply a creature of systematic dues, of reluctantly prepared Auxiliary papers and of perfunctory devotions. She is a higher and finer thing than this. She is the shrine and conservator of the Church's honor. To her is given the same sacred trust that was given to Phoebe and

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Dorcas and Priscilla, who are commended in Holy Writ as "helpers in Christ Jesus." Then as helpers our work is as broad as the word itself. Not ours to cavil, or to demur, or to strain a point in meeting the exigencies of Church economics, but to fill gaps whenever and whatever and wherever they may be, and to remember that our lives should at all times reflect our Beloved Mother Church and that at all times we are Auxiliary women—helpers of the great central machine of the Church.

Finally, your President would remind you that daily at the noon hour thousands of consecrated women in every nation of the globe are joining in earnest prayer for the extension of Christ's Kingdom on Earth.

SARAH D. PRATT.

Statistical Report  
of the  
Woman's Auxiliary

June 1, 1900, to June 1, 1901.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.	Members.	Money in Diocese.	Money out of Diocese.	Boxes.	Value.	Total.
Cannelton, St. Luke's.....	23	\$ 19 74	.....	.....	.....	\$19 74
Columbus, St. Paul's.....	13	10 00	\$ 1 75	.....	\$106 00	117 75
Connersville, Trinity.....	7	18 69	.....	1	10 60	28 69
Evansville, St. Paul's.....	44	106 64	17 65	1	107 35	231 64
Evansville, Holy Innocents.....	8	10 96	.....	.....	.....	10 96
Indianapolis, Christ Church.....	43	103 25	48 15	2	166 14	317 54
Indianapolis, Grace Cathedral.....	29	49 00	.....	1	73 05	122 05
Indianapolis, Holy Innocents.....	13	10 00	5 50	2	8 41	23 91
Indianapolis, St. David's.....	15	12 00	11 20	.....	.....	23 20
Indianapolis, St. Paul's.....	26	85 00	74 80	.....	.....	159 80
Jeffersonville, St. Paul's.....	20	(just or- ganized)	.....	1	50 00	95 00
Lafayette, St. John's.....	21	45 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Madison, Christ Church.....	7	10 00	.....	.....	.....	112 40
Muncie, Grace Church.....	20	57 90	14 50	2	40 00	37 72
New Albany, St. Paul's.....	20	22 72	.....	1	15 00	28 21
Richmond, St. Paul's.....	15	25 00	3 21	.....	.....	243 00
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's.....	60	100 00	52 00	2	91 00	12 00
Terre Haute, St. Luke's.....	10	12 00	.....	.....	.....	5 70
Worthington, St. Matthew's.....	10	5 70	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>\$703 60</b>	<b>\$228 76</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$666 95</b>	<b>\$1,599 31</b>

## Woman's Parish Work.

June 1, 1900, to June 1, 1901.

Name of Parish.	Name of Society.	No. of Mbrs.	Money Raised.
Anderson, Trinity	Trinity Guild	20	\$225 00
Anderson, Trinity	Altar Guild	10	25 00
Aurora, St. Mark's	Young Ladies' Guild	8	19 90
Covington,	Mission Guild	26	13 00
Columbus, St. Paul's	St. Paul's Guild	10	77 65
Connersville, Trinity	Trinity Guild	8	36 95
Crawfordsville, St. John's	Guild of St. John's Church	15	173 79
Evansville, St. Paul's	The Parish Guild	all	180 00
Evansville, St. Paul's	The Rector's Aid Society	11	35 56
Evansville, St. Paul's	The Altar Guild	17	145 00
Evansville, Holy Innocents	The Ladies' Guild	110	585 26
Evansville, Holy Innocents	The Altar Guild	8	15 00
Greensburg, Trinity	Trinity Guild	19	126 18
Greencastle, St. John's	St. John's Guild	8	35 00
Indianapolis, Christ Church	Christ Church Guild	32	223 04
Indianapolis, Christ Church	Daughters of the King	22	39 93
Indianapolis, Christ Church	Christ Church Altar Guild	10	40 25
Indianapolis, Grace Cathedral	The Cathedral Guild	14	235 75
Indianapolis, Grace Cathedral	The Altar Guild	2	15 93
Indianapolis, Grace Cathedral	Daughters of the King	13	136 15
Indianapolis, Holy Innocents	The Ladies' Aid Society	17	113 14
Indianapolis, St. David's	St. David's Guild	14	230 48

Name of Parish.	Name of Society.	No. of Mbrs.	Money Raised.
Indianapolis, St. David's.	St. Agnes' Guild	13	49 37
Indianapolis, St. Paul's	The Altar Guild	23	168 61
Indianapolis, St. Paul's	St. Paul's Guild	61	975 74
Jeffersonville, St Paul's	St. Agnes' Guild	19	126 31
Jeffersonville, St. Paul's	The Ladies' Guild	27	53 50
Lafayette, St. John's	Second Chapter of Guild	12	147 35
Lawrenceburg, Trinity	The Ladies' Guild	12	372 62
Madison, Christ Church	The Ladies' Guild	40	206 00
Muncie, Grace Church	The Young Ladies' Guild	20	25 49
Muncie, Grace Church	The Ladies' Guild	12	284 93
Muncie, Grace Church	The Ladies' Afternoon Social		13 44
New Albany, St. Paul's	The Woman's Guild	30	511 03
New Albany, St. Paul's	St. Mary's Guild	16	50 00
New Harmony, St. Stephen's	St. Stephen's Guild	100	425 90
Richmond, St. Paul's	St. Paul's Guild	20	241 67
Richmond, St. Paul's	The Altar Guild	16	8 50
Shelbyville, Christ Church	Christ Church Guild	6	2,200 00
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's	The Church Aid Society	17	162 00
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's	The Sisterhood	15	15 21
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's	St. Stephen's Guild	23	180 00
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's	St. Barnabas' Guild, (just organized)	23	
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's	Gleaners' Circle King Daughters	20	80 00
Terre Haute, St. Luke's	St. Luke's Guild	18	60 00
Veedersburg	Mission Guild, (just organized)	10	
	Totals.	947	\$9,085 63

## Corresponding Secretary's Report.

To-day is presented the seventeenth Annual Report of the Indiana Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. Figures seem dull things, yet it does us all good, once a year, to stand up and be counted, and to have the balance drawn of our money contributions to the Church's life. The following is the summary of our year's work:

Number of workers .....	1,341
Cash from parish branches.....	\$932 36
Cash from parish guilds.....	9,085 63
Total cash .....	\$10,017 99
Value of boxes.....	666 95
Total cash and boxes.....	\$10,684 94

All the parish branches of the Auxiliary have reported, including two new ones, which have been formed during the year—one at St. David's, Indianapolis, and the other at St. Paul's, Jeffersonville—making nineteen parish branches now organized in the Diocese. St. David's alone adds to our figures, as St. Paul's was not organized until March, but is most promising for the future. It will continue its meetings through the summer, giving to the United Offering whatever money may be raised during that time.

Holy Innocents', Evansville, sends an excellent report, having been re-organized after a period of inactivity.

Forty-five guilds have reported, and four new ones are added to our list. St. Barnabas' Guild, a junior society in St. Stephen's parish, Terre Haute; the Sisters of Bethany in St. Paul's parish, Indianapolis, and two others, one at Covington and the other at Veedersburg, both being mission stations to which the Archdeacon ministers. The reports show growth all along the line. More workers are enrolled, and in almost every instance the amounts raised exceed those of last year, Christ Church Guild, of Shelbyville, making the splendid showing of twenty-two hundred dollars raised by work and solicitation. There is also a much more intelligent grasp of the Church's idea of work, and letters show a deepening interest. It seems to me that one of the great factors in this growth is the bond of union established between us by the little paper—which should be so dear to us all—the Church Chron-

icle. It certainly stimulates and sustains our interest by its monthly publication of what is being done, thus constantly calling us to great and more effective work for the Master.

It is a matter of regret that several of the older Guilds have not reported, but in the main the blanks sent out have received prompt and careful attention, and we can but wonder what would have been the result if every one had responded in proportion to those reported. Let us hope that at our meeting next year there may not be an absent one. Your Secretary has written 115 letters, 50 postal cards, and has sent out 125 reports. These reports are sent to the different diocesan branches, and are doubtless scanned and our work watched with the same interest as are those which are sent in exchange.

I wish to speak of one very discouraging feature of our work in this Diocese. It is in regard to city missionary work, such as sending boxes to local institutions and helping needy families. This work, indeed, has its place, and is not only creditable in every way, but is a work in which we as Churchwomen should more largely engage; but it is not Auxiliary work and cannot, according to our constitution, be so accredited. Is it not our plain duty to first attend to the work for which we stand pledged, and then do all we can outside?

You probably know that we receive our letters for missionary boxes from Miss Emery. They are selected with great care, sent to your Secretary, who in turn places them with care in every case, being voluntarily accepted by the parish branch, and it is really disheartening to hear, just at the close of the season, that the box designed for a missionary, who had been long expecting it, has been distributed at home, to some worthy object no doubt, but was not the missionary worthy, and was he not, in fact, the higher obligation, as it had been accepted for that purpose? It is not my intention to find fault, but there seems to be a misapprehension about this matter, and therefore I wish to emphasize the fact that this, the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, is an organization solely and entirely for missionary work—the parish guild for parish work—and to beg most earnestly that the work of the Auxiliary may be kept separate from that of the guild, for in that way only will its scope be understood and its true function be performed.

The United Offering next engages our attention, this being the year when we place upon God's altar the contents of our mite chests. Over one hundred of these little boxes have been distributed among us, and I trust that the women of the Diocese of In-

diana may be worthily represented in this next United Offering, to be made in San Francisco, October 3d, 1901.

I would also recommend a wider reading of the Spirit of Missions by the women of the Church, for missionary information begets missionary enthusiasm, and enthusiasm so inspired leads to missionary work, which, unquestionably, constitutes the true vocation of every faithful follower of Christ.

I cannot close my report without dwelling for a moment on the spiritual side of our work, which is too often neglected. In a number of the diocesan branches there is a profound sense of this obligation, and every coming together, at the opening of the season, is marked by a celebration of the Holy Communion, frequently with the Bishop of the Diocese as celebrant. One officer in writing to me, says, I feel that a deeper personal consecration is needed, and in all the papers I prepare or read I make this prominent over all else. I also find that many of the branches observe "the four days" for intercessions for missions—St. Andrew's Day, the Feast of the Annunciation, the Epiphany and the Transfiguration. I do not wish to urge a multiplication of special services, but Holy Communion to consecrate our work, Quiet Days to bring us to ourselves and to our God, sermons on our peculiar duty, and days of intercession, are our right and privilege, and should not be disregarded.

The Auxiliary is reaching her ideal in proportion as is her own life a rule; as in her teachings she realizes the inclusiveness of the missionary idea, and helps to fit the Church's ordinary means of grace to the needs of man.

Therefore, let us faithfully keep our pledges—first, to pray for missions; second, to study missions; third, to give to missions, remembering that

"Duty and to-day are ours;  
Results and futurity belong to God."

Respectfully submitted,

A MORETTA N. HAWLEY,  
*Secretary.*

Report of the Correspondent  
of  
**The Church Periodical Club**  
Diocese of Indiana.

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There are fifty-one persons in the Diocese who contribute magazines regularly, the largest number being at Christ Church, Indianapolis. By these contributors ninety-four magazines and periodicals are sent out. During the past year, besides these, there have been sent out 102 books, 199 Christmas and Easter cards and 510 odd numbers of magazines and Sunday School papers. There are now but six librarians in the Diocese, but they are doing splendid work.

K. F. FERGUSON,  
*Diocesan Correspondent.*

Report of the Secretary  
of the  
Junior Auxiliary

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Your Secretary has written, in the past year, 66 letters and cards, besides sending out a number of parcels. The report shows an increase of two branches during the year, but a decrease both in membership and in offerings. It looks discouraging, but when the incompleteness of the report is considered it is not so bad. Four societies have failed to report the number of members. The Cathedral branch, which has done much better than ever it did before, has preferred to apply this year's earnings to next year's bills, and will pledge it for that purpose. The New Albany branch has just organized and had not yet voted its money when the report was sent. I am sorry to notice that the Madison branch, which has always heretofore made a good report, has applied all this year's offerings to the parish pledge. Of course this question continually presents itself, but generally in parishes where Auxiliary work is new; not where it is thoroughly understood that the Auxiliaries work for missions through their own Executive Board, and not to raise money pledged by the parish representatives in the diocesan convention. If there is a pledge to be made, let the children's representatives make it in the proper place, and that is in the Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary, and not the Diocesan Convention, where they are not represented and have no voice. The Richmond Sunday School branch, I regret to say, is in a comatose condition. Let us pray that it may be revived before another year.

It is hard to see why a Sunday School that has a monthly missionary lesson is not allowed or encouraged to give the offering of that day to missions; especially in parishes where the young people do nothing in any other way. Where there is a young people's society that gives \$25.00 or \$50.00 a year to missions, it can be understood, if not approved. But there are missionary Sunday Schools in this Diocese, in parishes where there is no missionary

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work done by the young people at all, that give either nothing to missions, or what they do give goes to the parish pledge.

The chief work of parish branches at this meeting has been the preparation of boxes of Christmas presents for mission schools. There have been six sent by parish branches and three by Sunday Schools. I have every reason to believe that they were carefully and lovingly prepared, and from the letters of acknowledgment received am sure that they have done much good and given a great deal of pleasure to children who might otherwise know little of childish Christmas joys. The branch in Christ Church, Indianapolis, has for some years sent a Thanksgiving box to a mission store in the South.

All things considered, the Junior Auxiliary has a bright prospect before it. In the branches that have brought the report down there has been a sad lack of directresses. It seems impossible that this should be a necessary evil. Surely among our young women who are leaving school and settling down at home there are always some who are ready and capable of being used in this work, which is one of quite as much pleasure as labor. The lack has not been in the children—they are as eager for the work as ever. One particularly encouraging fact is that some of the first branches formed are still the best and most reliable, although the members have grown from young and even little girls to young women.

There has been in several places most commendable work done on the programmes. I have attempted to learn something of what is done in this line, and think I can say with truth that the general character of the programmes is good. Probably it is not necessary to say that this is almost the most important part of the Junior Auxiliary work, if we look upon the Junior as the training school for the Woman's Auxiliary. I would like to urge upon the directresses the serious consideration of their programmes. A few detached facts about this or that field once a week or month is not the systematic instruction we are asked to give. And we must remember that it is the programmes as much as the work that will attract or repel the children; and it will be one thing or the other—attractive or repellent.

A great difficulty that is peculiar to all juvenile work is the growth and development of the members. The Junior Auxiliary is now old enough in this Diocese for this to have become a real problem in several places. Some societies of young girls a few years ago are now filled with young women, capable and anxious to advance in their Church work as they have in their schools.

Their wishes and aspirations should be considered, else they will be lost, for a time at least, to our working forces. Certainly each branch has its own difficulties and must work out its own salvation. But let us not forget that the little girls who are now obscure members of the Junior Auxiliary will, in a few years, be the leaders. In St. Paul's Church, Indianapolis, the little girls who went into the Juior Auxiliary a few years ago at 14 and 16 years of age, have this year led and managed all the junior missionary work of the parish, and a great deal of the activities of the young people in all lines. I cannot help thinking that this is owing to their training in the Junior Auxiliary. And I am sure the same can be said in many parishes. We can scarcely measure the work by the financial report of the Junior Auxiliary, but by its influence on the young people's energies in all lines.

We offer it all to Him who is above, praying that He may direct our methods and purify our motives.

Respectfully submitted,

June 4, 1901.

M. B. STEVENSON.







