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President's Address.

Right Reverend Father and Women of the Auxiliary—To-day we reach our nineteenth milestone, and it shall be our pleasure to note the events of this ceaseless journey of ours. Whether we have to congratulate or to criticise ourselves—whether we have lost or gained or have stood still (which is really retrogression)—these things we are, as a whole, unable to determine; but if we meet to-day only to touch hands, take heart and go on stimulated for another year, then our coming together shall not have been in vain.

This nineteenth annual meeting of the Churchwomen of Indiana finds the Auxiliary, that great official society for Church extension, numbering nineteen branches in this Diocese. In the report of June, 1899, the last year in which the State was an undivided Diocese, we find the entire number of Auxiliaries but twenty. The first year of the division of the State our own Diocese numbered fifteen branches; the second year the number reached eighteen, and has remained such for two years. A few days since we were gratified by the knowledge that a flourishing new Auxiliary had been formed at St. Paul's, Terre Haute, and our number is now nineteen. It is encouraging, however, to note that several places are ripe for Auxiliaries, and that not only parishes but missions are desiring to have the Auxiliary established. That wish which every earnest Auxiliary woman must have, namely, to see the Auxiliary follow the Church, bids fair to be realized. In fact, the Church and the Auxiliary are beginning to be reciprocal: the Auxiliary helping to plant the Church, the Church, in its turn, forming new branches of the Auxiliary. It had been hoped that two new branches in Indianapolis might be reported at this meeting; yet the gain which has not told in numbers, we may claim in an equally satisfactory way: the society has become better organized, better drilled, more homogeneous, accepting its prescribed duties without demur, and while acting more and more as one body, yet each individual branch is learning better how to take care of itself. Like a highly finished machine, it is running without friction, and because it is running without friction it is running without noise, and because it so noiseless there is not so much to be noted concerning it.

Let us consider together the main points in evidence since last we met. At the opening of the autumn, the need for new members was the thing which most impressed the officers of the Auxiliary, both parochial and diocesan. A concerted effort was therefore planned to bring the Auxiliary into the notice of Churchwomen. And in this desire for new members not only was the woman's value to the Auxiliary considered, but the Auxiliary's value to the woman. Time does not serve to enter into the many reasons which, in your President's observation and belief, unite to make the Auxiliary the very best society to which a Churchwoman can belong. In an era when one constantly comes in contact with women representing all forms of federated work, it may be said unhesitatingly that the Auxiliary leads them all; it gives the woman far more than she gives to it. Instead of playing upon her personal ambition, it opens the avenues of the womanly and sympathetic within her; it teaches her democracy, tolerance, faith and hope. The Auxiliary is a beautifier (not cosmetically speaking—alas! were this the case we would not have to be seeking new members, but they seeking us)—but a beautifier of character, a beautifier of life. Having these thoughts very deeply in mind, and remembering that many hundreds of Churchwomen in the Diocese knew little of the Auxiliary, an invitation was prepared, setting forth very briefly the simple duties of the Auxiliary. This invitation was to be signed by the local and diocesan presidents. These printed circular invitations were forwarded to every president in the Diocese, she in turn sending them out at her discretion. Very few returns, however, were made from these invitations. However, if even one woman has been aroused to an interest in this work the effort was well worth while.

Another wish of the Diocesan Board was to select a permanent date for the corporate communion of the Auxiliary throughout the Diocese. St. Matthew's Day, September 21, being the anniversary of Bishop Francis' consecration, was selected. The day, it was thought, would be a peculiarly auspicious one, coming at the beginning of the working year, and thus beautifully blending our newly consecrated efforts with the recurring new year of our Bishop. It happened, however, that St. Matthew's Day fell upon Sunday, and the Bishop deemed it inadvisable to initiate this plan upon that day. It is intended, however, to make this day the formal beginning of Auxiliary work, and henceforth to regard it as that day of the year when the entire Auxiliary of the Diocese shall be one in spirit. Each President is urged to consider this an important matter to be engrafted upon Auxiliary life and to remain there year after year—that as the Bishop and his Auxil-

iary grow old together, they may draw strength and grace from this day of devotion.

The Epiphany season was this year more generally and carefully observed than ever before. The paper on Twelfth-Night customs was printed in pamphlet form and mailed to every Auxiliary. In Indianapolis, as usual, the five branches united in a meeting and were beautifully entertained at St. Paul's Church. The mode of observance generally adopted was a festival one with Epiphany accessories in the way of cakes and candies, guests being invited and a deviation made from the ordinary Auxiliary meeting. Early in the year an appeal had been received from Miss Emery, notifying us that the Auxiliary in general was to be asked for \$35,000 extra this year. The uses to which this money would be put were all carefully specified, and all Auxiliaries were urged to strenuous effort, having the privilege of applying their extra offerings on any of these specified objects. It was decided to ask the Auxiliary of the Diocese to make its Epiphany offering towards this extra amount. The offering amounted to \$52, not so much as last year, when \$80 was given to Bishop Francis for missionary use, but enough to show the interest of our Auxiliary. Nearly every branch was represented in this offering. By the suggestion of the St. Paul's, Evansville, branch, the offering was specified for Alaska. So far as known, apart from the Epiphany offering, but one Auxiliary has made an offering toward this extra \$35,000 asked. Grace Pro-Cathedral voted \$25 for a scholarship at Cape Palmas. Although this will not—in the next general report sent out by Miss Emery—make a great showing for us, yet it carries out our wish to be in everything. We want to make it a matter of pride to respond to every appeal made to the general Auxiliary. Because we have 19 branches and New York has 243, is no reason why we should not be represented by at least 19-243. Heretofore we have done it, and we will continue to do it; it increases our interest, keeps us from getting narrow and dispels the idea which some of us may have, that there is not much outside of Hoosierdom. When we read recently in the Spirit of Missions, that through the Twing Memorial, fifty additional Chinese girls could be educated in the fine Church school at St. Mary's, Shanghai, not an Auxiliary woman who had given to that memorial, but felt a thrill of gratification that she had been a participant therein.

The Semi-Annual at Columbus followed the Epiphany meetings. This meeting falling in January or February, is a mandatory meeting provided for in our original constitution and conscientiously adhered to despite wind, weather and plague. It is a

thing hard in anticipation, delightful in reality. Hard in anticipation because there are many uncertainties about its program and attendance, but certainly after the day at Columbus, there will be no need in the future of borrowing trouble about its success. A large party of Indianapolis people snapped their fingers in the face of house keeping cares that day, and went off for a day of prime pleasure. It may be written of that meeting, as was written the legend above Peter Ibbetson's dream-door, "Parva sed apta"—small but complete. Much of interest was discussed on that occasion the hours allotted being almost too few.

The little symposium on "How to Promote Interest in the Auxiliary," gave rise to much comment, and has since been used in a number of our societies. The chief value of the Semi-Annual lies in its leavening and re-creative powers. A day spent as is this day, where a few earnest women are gathered to consider the highest and best in woman's education, must leave its mark. The service of the Holy Communion, the hour of social pleasure, with the meeting of new and old friends, the afternoon of serious, yet not solemn consideration—these combine to enrich all who come within their influence. Its result has usually been the quickening of the Auxiliary of the parish in which the meeting was held. With a single exception, we can see distinct results from these semi-annual meetings. In this connection we believe that the Semi-Annual program might be well utilized in another way, and it would be the great pleasure of the Diocesan Board to aid in this scheme. As the towns of the Diocese are so scattered that attendance at the January Semi-Annual is necessarily limited, it would be found advantageous for the Auxiliaries of adjoining towns to hold joint meetings, such as is frequently done by Jeffersonville and New Albany. The program, if desired, could be a reproduction of the Semi-Annual program, and the result would be fine in every way. We believe if this plan were tried for a year, that the Auxiliary would rapidly increase in strength.

Your Diocesan Board has met with but one change during the year. Mrs. Alice Selman Moore, who did the work of the Junior Auxiliary under such adverse personal circumstances, resigned, and was succeeded by Mrs. J. F. Francis. The last official act of Mrs. Moore was to order Alaska Missionary literature from the Church Parish Home and forward it to the various parishes, with the request that they have an Alaska Sunday in their Sunday Schools. This, with a few exceptions, was not observed. It was thought by the Board that an occasional Missionary Sunday might prove helpful to the Junior Auxiliary, an incentive in the work being greatly needed. We are awakening to the fact that it is to

the Juniors we must look for future Auxiliary work in this Diocese, and we urge every branch to lend its assistance toward founding and nourishing a Junior branch.

By the new Canon of the Diocese of Indianapolis, the three former deaneries of Evansville, Indianapolis and New Albany have ceased to exist, consequently the three Churchwomen who served us as Vice Presidents of these deaneries, like Othello, found their "occupation gone." We owe them thanks for obliging service for many years and know that we can ever depend upon them for loyal and unswerving support.

Owing to this meeting occurring a month earlier than usual, all of the pledges to the Archdeacon's salary have not been met, but never have our Auxiliaries failed in this matter nor will they do so now. Rev. W. F. Cook, towards whose maintenance, the Auxiliary contributed for several years, resigned recently, and his place will be filled by Archdeacon Walton, whom you will have the pleasure of hearing to-day.

The publication of the Church Chronicle has been a large part of the work of your Board during the past year. It has been loyally maintained by Churchwomen and has served in promoting unity of interest in Church organization.

Having rehearsed the active work of the year, let us consider some other phases of Auxiliary life. It is George Eliot who speaks of the "unmapped part" of our natures. Disdaining this in the heyday of youth, when one thinks she knows every part of her own nature, even to the "bad lands," wisdom discerns its truth later; we surprise ourselves by the part of us that is not down in our character chart, and so with Auxiliary work. Some parts of it may not be regulated by fixed law; we must use tact, judgment and above all charity. A question submitted recently, was whether women who paid their dues, yet who never attend the Auxiliary nor come to Church, should be dropped from the list of members. In a previous address, it was said that a woman may as well attempt to erase the cross of baptism from her brow, as to cease to be a member of the Auxiliary. She is not a member by virtue of our tolerance but by virtue of that holy symbol, and presumptuous indeed would be that person who shall undertake to say that she is no longer a member of the Auxiliary. Many of our members are non-attending, and though this is unfortunate, yet the fact that they give regularly and cheerfully, at least shows their sympathy. We would gladly accept all the women of the Diocese on this conditions, aluing their co-operation and hoping that in time, their individual interest might increase to the extent of coming in person to the Auxiliary.

A question sometimes asked is, "What may the Auxiliary do in the way of carrying out its personal wishes?" No society which is part of an organized body may carry out its individual wishes without interfering with and jeopardizing the plans of the whole. The Auxiliary of the entire country takes its orders from Miss Emery at New York. It is she who knows what is needed, where it is needed and when. Indeed, she is almost omniscient it seems—her knowledge ranges from the waist-measure of the humblest missionary's wife, to the number of rummage boxes sent South during the year. When she assigns to the Diocese of Indianapolis certain work to be done, it is because she thinks that this Diocese can do it. How childish then, would it be were we to decline the work dictated by a knowledge of these needs, and aimlessly and ignorantly substitute our own wishes in the matter. But having performed the work assigned, it is perfectly legitimate and creditable in any Auxiliary to do any other good work which may present itself through Auxiliary channels. For we must bear in mind that while Auxiliary work is Missionary work, all Missionary work is not Auxiliary work, and while we may be tempted to do all sorts of philanthropic work, we cannot do it as an Auxiliary if we would receive credit for it in Auxiliary reports, but must confine our efforts, as has been said, to the specific Auxiliary channels.

This same question is often puzzling to the Auxiliary Board. Letters of pathetic nature are constantly received; a Church has been burned, a hospital is mortgaged, a weak little congregation is worshipping in an old barn and will we send 50 cents or \$1 to them? It is most trying—it is most touching; these people are like the people who come to your door in winter. They would starve to death while waiting for the organized charities to act—so these helpless Churches cannot wait to be attended to by the busy and impecunious Board of Missions, and they send out their appeals hap-hazard. But we must turn a deaf ear to them because our work is planned for us, and does not include these incidental appeals. From the small contingent fund which we have we dare not appropriate anything toward these appeals. But were that fund larger, these appeals would be honored cheerfully. How beautiful would be the thought that we might prove helpers in a thousand emergencies. These littles which help so much! Would that we were able to provide for them and not so often have to send off a heart-ache in a letter of refusal.

For four years the Auxiliary has been working steadily toward the achievement of certain ends. One of our dear ambitions is to dream of somebody—in some future state of Diocesan prosperi-

ty—saying “the Auxiliary of Indianapolis has always done this, or that; it has become a tradition.” Nothing is so improving to the individual, the family or the society, as the adopting of fine traditions, or the making of traditions—if one may use such a phrase. The society woman who is not swayed by every wind of fashion, but preserves the traditions of her mother and imparts to her entertaining an elegance, not obtained by the rabid seeker after new effects. How we all admire and respect her! because a tradition necessarily involves something before and something worthy.

Therefore, our Auxiliary must engraft upon itself, while it is yet young, all of the feasible customs possible. It has already something to be proud of. The Auxiliary of Indianapolis, by Miss Emery's own avowal, during Miss Upfold's administration, was the pioneer in making definite literary Missionary programs and to this we have adhered tenaciously. Our Epiphany meetings will in time become traditional and there are a few other things which we wish might be a fixed part of the yearly work of this society. In our gifts we work for our own Diocese, for our own parishes; through boxes we help schools, hospitals, supply stores, etc.; we donate to foreign missions and we diffuse our small means cheerfully; through these gifts in return, we receive breadth of interest an increasing charity and a growing consciousness of the brotherhood of man. There are two objects however, to which we would like to have the Auxiliary make each year through its Board, a definite offering, however small. One is the fund for the relief of the aged Clergy, the other is the Mission for the Deaf and Dumb. Were we to remember these, our Auxiliary would be represented in the whole field of Mission work.

Another plan which many of us hope to see realized, is that of supporting an “O. O. M.”—Our Own Missionary—selected from Indiana, sent to a field selected by us, and there supported by the Auxiliary. A number of Auxiliaries in the various States are now doing this, and particular attention is being given to securing proper persons to become missionaries. While for years we have worked for their support, yet in a vague, indefinite way, we have felt that they grew, or came from some place, we did not know nor did we really care. The thought of providing from our own population, a real, live Missionary, never occurred to us. But lately it has been borne in upon us by reiterated appeals from all of the mission fields, that missionaries are just human beings like ourselves—only on an improved plan—and that this particular part of the globe is as conducive to their production as any other.

Many of our sister societies are entering very earnestly upon this phase of work. The Milwaukee Branch and several others,

are making it the special object of their quiet days, offering intercessory prayers for the consecration of some persons in their midst who shall elect to go. The fact that Mrs. Francis is a member of the General Committee on Missionary Workers, should stimulate a real interest in this, and if in turn, some one of our own Auxiliary shall find this work appeals to her, to such a degree that she may be willing to adopt it as her life work, we believe the Auxiliary of the Diocese would take pride in maintaining her as an "O. O. M."

One very real advance in the past year, is noted in the increasing use of the Spirit of Missions in our Auxiliary programs. Many societies depend solely upon it, others incorporate readings from it into every program. This is the acknowledged cream of missionary literature, and may well be a text-book for all of us. Here we get clearly and concisely just what it is our business to know. We are glad to note that the preparation of papers is not so essential a part of our work as formerly. Undoubtedly the bugbear of having to prepare a paper has kept many women out of the society.

A few of our branches continue their meetings during the summer. When practicable, this is to be desired. It prevents a flagging of interest, also that loss of time and energy expended in getting the society together in the Autumn. Twelve afternoons each year, seem few enough to give to it.

The Auxiliary in Indiana, need not be discouraged; its quality is fine, its work dependable and it is not fluctuating. It is quite the thing to deplore Indiana Churchmanship, and to say that the "Church was not planted well." Circumstances frequently disclose the fact that the Church was planted better than we think. There is a little town in the State, where the Church was planted in the mid-century by Bishop Kemper and Bishop Upfold. It had a tenacious grip on the hearts of those Churchmen, for as the years rolled on but nine Church families remain—but the nine families have just completed a beautiful new Church. For months at a time, they have no regular priest, they have seen their congregation dwindle and decrease, but the Churchmanship was at any rate, not of the kind that dies or changes, it has lived on stubbornly. I believe this is indicative of a better condition than we are accustomed to attribute to Indiana. The survival and growth of the Auxiliary speaks well for our Churchmanship. The Auxiliary compares well with others of its age and size.

Although your President's address must necessarily be devoted to our own affairs, yet she would not have our own Auxiliary held so near your eyes that you fail to see the greater light. The glory

of our Auxiliary is that we are a part of a greater—that we are in step and abreast of the fighting forces of the world. We are not a little detached squad to be routed by adverse forces, but we are a coherent, intrinsic part of that splendid militant body which is using its weapons in a thousand ways—in a thousand places. There is not a habitable region where to-day this great society of ours is unrepresented, and as the pebble in the stream sets the water ever widening, so the seemingly little that we are doing has its outlying concentric circles of influence ever widening. And this should be our inspiration: look into the Church papers, into the Annual reports sent out by the various Auxiliaries, and you will learn what a great pervasive body you are a part of. You will see the Auxiliary prominent in all things; originating new projects, promoting old ones; on the alert, watchful, its finger on the pulse of affairs and its quickening touch everywhere. Think not for a minute, of the Auxiliary as a weakling, to which, in a sort of apologetic or perfunctory way, you are giving your allegiance; but think of it as a consecration of the purest and best of womankind, allied to do—what in this world of many needs—seems most in accord with the specific command of our Savior. Think of it, armed with the panoply of self-denial, not setting our own pace, but keeping step with that of the victorious army of which we form a part, moving on to new worlds conquered for God, old worlds re-made for Him, and a thousand times repaid in the happy consciousness that we have “kept the Faith.”

SARAH S. PRATT.

May 12, 1903.

Report of Babies' Branch.

Branches are reported at Christ Church, St. Paul's and Grace Pro-Cathedral, Indianapolis, Connersville, Madison, Lafayette, Jeffersonville and New Albany.

Receipts of the year, \$14.92; expenditures, \$14.92. This report was prepared at Epiphany.

JANE ADAIR WRIGHT.

New Albany, Ind.

Vice President Babies Branch.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary
of the
Woman's Auxiliary,

May 1, 1902, to May 1, 1903.

BRANCHES.	Members.	Money in Diocese.	Money out of Diocese.	Boxes.	Value.	Total.
Columbus, St. Paul's.....	16	\$64 91	\$6 55	.....	.....	\$71 46
Connersville, Trinity.....	13	5 00	21 95	1	\$69 96	96 91
Evansville, Holy Innocents.....	8	13 68	.....	.....	.....	13 68
Evansville, St. Paul's.....	50	100 00	62 00	Sc.	50 00	212 00
Indianapolis, Christ Church.....	44	102 00	27 21	2	96 00	225 21
Indianapolis, Grace Pro-Cathed'l.	30	50 00	.....	Sc.	25 00	75 00
Indianapolis, St. David's.....	18	33 40	7 60	.....	.....	41 00
Indianapolis, Holy Innocents.....	12	10 00	1 25	1	7 50	18 75
Indianapolis, St. Paul's.....	42	87 00	35 00	1	25 00	147 00
Jeffersonville, St. Paul's.....	32	25 00	19 05	.....	.....	44 05
Lafayette, St. John's.....	20	24 88	5 00	1	20 00	49 88
Madison, Christ Church.....	15	15 35	20 16	.....	.....	35 51
Muncie, Grace Church.....	26	60 35	27 37	.....	.....	87 72
New Albany, St. Paul's.....	25	22 00	19 40	1	15 00	56 40
Richmond, St. Paul's.....	11	31 65	5 75	.....	.....	37 40
Terre Haute, St. Paul's.....	12	22 00	.....	.....	.....	22 00
Terre Haute, St. Luke's.....	12	38 14	.....	.....	.....	38 14
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's.....	40	100 00	33 56	2	75 00	208 56
Worthington, St. Matthew's.....	11	8 75	14 50	.....	.....	23 25
Total.....	442	\$814 11	\$306 35	11	\$383 46	\$1,503 92
Special.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$100 00
(Sc. Scholarships.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1,603 92

Woman's Parish Work

From May 1, 1902, to May 1, 1903.

Name of Parish.	Name of Society.	No. of Members	Money Raised.
Alexandria, St. Paul's.....	St. Paul's Guild	12	\$52 00
Anderson Trinity.....	The Altar Guild	12	50 00
Anderson, Trinity	The Woman's Guild	29	134 48
Aurora, St. Mark's.....	Young Ladies' Guild	9	31 00
Connersville Trinity.....	Trinity Guild	14	315 88
Crawfordsville, St. John's	St. John's Guild	8	231 35
Evansville, Holy innocents.....	Woman's Guild	20	313 31
Evansville, St. Paul's	St. Paul's Guild	50	300 00
Indianapolis, Christ Church	Daughters of the King	22	33 20
Indianapolis, Christ Church	Christ Church Guild	23	135 25
Indianapolis, Christ Church	The Altar Guild	13	135 22
Indianapolis, Grace Pro. Cathedral.....	Pro. Cathedral Guild.....	14	333 89
Indianapolis, St. David's	St. David's Guild	8	52 70
Indianapolis, St. David's	Girls' Friendly Society	9	128 09
Indianapolis, Holy Innocents.....	St. Margaret's Chancel Guild	11	85 78
Indianapolis, Holy Innocents.....	The Woman's Guild.....	20	77 87
Indianapolis, Holy Innocents.....	Young Girls' Guild.....	8	Just org.
Indianapolis, St. Paul's	Altar Guild.....	22	344 46
Indianapolis, St. Paul's	The Rector's Cabinet	105	504 78
Indianapolis, St. Philip's	Woman's Guild.....	28	395 60
Jeffersonville, St. Paul's.....	St. Paul's Guild	24	24 55
Jeffersonville, St. Paul's.....	St. Agnes' Guild.....	22	139 68
Lafayette, St. John's.....	First Chapter, St. John's Guild.....	15	168 90

Lafayette, St. John's.....	Second Chapter, St. John's Guild.....	14	46 50
Lafayette, St. John's.....	Daughters of the King.....	24	43 65
Lawrenceburg, Trinity.....	Trinity Guild.....	10	124 11
Madison, Christ Church.....	Ladies Guild and Young People's Society.....	30	179 96
Mount Vernon, St. John's.....	St. John's Guild.....	14	63 00
Muncie, Grace.....	St. Monica's Guild.....	7	111 15
New Albany, St. Paul's.....	Woman's Guild.....	25	326 63
New Harmony, St. Stephen's.....	Ladies' Auxiliary.....	15	87 20
Princeton, Good Shepherd.....	Mission Guild.....	10	175 21
Richmond, St. Paul's.....	St. Paul's Guild.....	36	1,334 89
Shelbyville, Christ Church.....	Christ Church Guild.....	9	277 33
Sullivan, Mission Station.....	Mission Guild.....	2	1 75
Terre Haute, St. Luke's.....	The Woman's Guild.....	12	92 84
Terre Haute, St. Luke's.....	St. Luke's Altar Guild.....	7	24 31
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's.....	Altar Guild.....	12	56 00
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's.....	Helping Hand Circle King's Daughters.....	22	22 50
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's.....	The Sisterhood.....	15	11 76
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's.....	St. Stephen's Guild.....	30	184 66
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's.....	Church Aid Society.....	16	350 00
Terre Haute, St. Paul's.....	St. Paul's Guild.....	12	111 75
Veedersburg, Mission Station.....	Mission Guild.....	6	4 42
Vincennes, St. James'.....	Choir Guild.....	10	10 40
Vincennes, St. James'.....	Daughters of the King.....	18	97 85
Vincennes, St. James'.....	St. James' Guild.....	11	308 50
Washington, St. John's.....	St. John's Guild.....	7	37 00
Washington, St. Matthew's.....	St. Matthew's Guild.....	14	119 76
	Totals.....	885	\$8,091 12

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Report of Corresponding Secretary.

The summary of the nineteenth annual report of the Indianapolis Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions is as follows:

Number of workers.....	1,327
Cash from Auxiliary Branches.....	\$1,220.46
Cash from parish guilds	8,091.12
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Total cash	\$9,311.58
Value of boxes.....	308.46
Two scholarships	75.00
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Total cash, boxes and scholarships..... \$9,695.04

The parish branches of the Auxiliary, numbering nineteen, have all reported. Forty-nine guilds have been heard from. One new Auxiliary Branch has been organized at St. Paul's Mission, Terre Haute. Four guilds have been formed—the Young Girl's Guild, Holy Innocents', Indianapolis; the Woman's Guild, St. Paul's Mission, Terre Haute; the Mission Guild, Sullivan; the Woman's Guild, St. Philip's Colored Mission, Indianapolis.

Your Secretary has written 150 letters, 50 postals, and sent out 200 annual reports, and a large number of leaflets.

Our report naturally falls short of last year, for it embraces only eleven months, on account of the change in the date of the annual meeting, but there seems to be nothing to discourage us, for the average of work is excellent. Neither have we done any special work as of last year. But the calls did not come, and therefore we have not declined any privilege nor neglected any duty, but have met all our prescribed responsibilities. And so we close our review with thankfulness for the past, and fresh hope for the future. There is need for untiring effort, and can we not all seek to interest the indifferent women of our Church to join us in our work, so that by increasing our membership, we may extend our influence in the great missionary field and achieve larger results.

Respectfully submitted,

AMORETTA N. HAWLEY.

Report of Junior Auxiliary.

I. BRANCHES.

There are at present ten regular working branches of the Junior Department of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese, three of them having been started this year.

There are also ten branches of the Sunday School Auxiliary that have aided the Juniors in their work—either sending boxes or helping to raise the money for the dog for Bishop Rowe. This does not include the Sunday Schools that give for the Lenten Offering, as that is not reported through the Junior treasury.

II. CHRISTMAS BOXES.

The Junior Auxiliary of the Diocese was asked last year to send 350 gifts to the schools under the care of the Rev. Mr. Cleveland, at Pine Ridge Indian Agency, South Dakota, and fifty gifts to St. Augustine's school for colored children, at Raleigh, North Carolina. Owing to a change in the Junior management, to illness, to some letters that went astray, and to several other such happenings as come to us once in a while, and which seem to be unavoidable, appeals for boxes were not sent out till late, in fact, the different branches had little time to prepare, and one or two never received the appeals at all. This made us afraid that the Juniors might not do so well as usual, but in spite of the drawbacks, the response was so hearty and general that the gifts for the Indians were more than the number asked for, and those for the colored children did not fall far short of it. I think the boxes were good ones; I hear of loving care that tied up the little gifts with the tissue and red ribbon that carries its own message at Christmas time, and I am sure all was appreciated by the faithful missionaries at Pine Ridge and St. Augustine's and by the children under their care.

III. THE DOG FOR ALASKA.

Besides this, at Council time last year the Bishop asked us to get a dog for Bishop Rowe. Only a little while before he had met that heroic missionary, who travels hundreds of miles every year over the snow covered mountains of Alaska, and floats hundreds more in small boats down the mighty Yukon and the other rivers of the jurisdiction. In speaking of his work, Bishop Rowe had

mentioned that he could travel overland faster if only he had another dog to help draw his sledge, for now the party—the Bishop always walks ahead of the train—is delayed because the dogs can not keep up, and Bishop Francis told him he believed the Diocese of Indianapolis would give him one.

The dog, costing \$100, has now been paid for by the Sunday Schools and individuals.

IV. OTHER WORK.

Besides these two objects which were set for us at the beginning of the year, the Junior Auxiliary has done good work in other directions. The branch of St. Paul's, Evansville, has sent \$25 to Rev. Mr. McGarvey for his work at Purcell, Indian Territory, and has given \$15 for Diocesan Missions. Christ Church, Indianapolis, Branch made a set of altar linen for use in the jurisdiction of Bishop Brooke, and provided a Christmas treat for the children of St. George's Mission. The branch of St. Paul's, Indianapolis, gave \$25 for the Archdeacon's salary. The new branch of St. John's, Lafayette, sent two boxes to the hospital at Oneida Mission, Wisconsin—some of the articles being made by the children themselves—and also gave \$5 for Mr. Merrill's work at the same place. The branch of Trinity, Connersville, helped in paying the Rector's stipend by giving \$20, gave \$6.50 for general Missions, \$2 to a hospital in Springfield, Ohio, and \$1.25 to the Bishop's Guild. And I suppose every branch has been the distributing agency for many acts of kindness, many gentle words to others, because the Junior's rule is to pray for others everywhere, to learn to be interested in them, to deny self to give to others for the Master's sake.

V. NEW WORK.

First as to Christmas boxes. We have been asked to send gifts to Crow Creek Indian Reservation, where Rev. Mr. Burt, is in charge. There are on this reservation 1,000 Sioux Indians, one hundred and forty of them are at a government boarding school, and for these the gifts are asked—nice gifts for seventy boys and seventy girls, with a candy bag for each; and we are also asked for 300 smaller gifts so that the parents and friends of these children may have some little remembrance too. The Juniors in this Diocese have been given the whole responsibility for the Christmas at Crow Creek. Isn't there something inspiring about that thought? I hope every branch will want to have a hand in it. You will notice the number of gifts for the school children is much smaller than what we sent this year—only about half as many—

but the idea is to have them nicer. Let us see how much nicer we can make them, and have this a red litter year in Indianapolis, and at Crow Creek, too. I have already sent a list of acceptable presents to each branch of the Junior Auxiliary. If you have not already done so, let me know what your branch will do without delay. It only remains to quote a few notes on Christmas boxes from a leaflet Miss Emery sent me.

"Don't put into your box a single torn, soiled or broken article. Don't send anything that you would scorn to give to your school-mate, or friend, or to receive yourself on Christmas day. Don't fill your box with old papers and books. Don't let there be any part of your box you can recall with shame. Don't be late in sending it. Don't leave a penny for your missionary to pay on it."

So much for boxes. And now for the other part of our work—our systematic offering. I hope every branch is to make a systematic offering.

Our offering this year for various objects was \$165.

It is safe to suppose that we can do as well in the future.

I am going to suggest that as an Auxiliary we give \$50 to some work in the foreign field—to the Mission in South Africa where Miss Higgins is going, or for a scholarship in St. Margaret's School in Tokyo, Japan.

And then as an Auxiliary let us give \$75 to the Archdeacon's salary. For these two objects let us all work together as we did for the dog this year.

Then can not each branch do some special work alone? Choose some mission, or school, or clergyman, and let that be your own individual work. Ask the president of the Woman's Auxiliary in the parish to which you belong to give you the list of "designated offerings" sent out from the Board of Missions, and from that choose the special part of the work you want to the object of your study too. There was one branch that did so help this year—you will be sure to put your money in the right place if you do this. Then, having chosen, make this special work this year, they were working for a certain part of the great vineyard and they kept writing to me for information about it, they wanted to learn all they could, and one feels the good that came to them, the broadening of their interest, the deepening of their love—for how can we love people if we don't know about them—was as much a help to the workers themselves as was the garments they made and the money they sent to the far away place for which the care was taken. So working, so learning, so loving may we all take part in the Church's great work on earth—the hastening of the kingdom of the Master.

At a meeting like this, made up for the most part by members of the Woman's Auxiliary, one feels encouraged to mention one part of the work where, perhaps, you can help us more than we can help ourselves—I mean the forming of new branches, and more urgent still, the reviving of some old ones that report now as “not regularly organized.” Upon inquiry it seems that the great difficulty in both these cases is to find a leader who will gather the children and help them to learn to love and labor for the work of the Auxiliary. Can not the older organization of which we are the Junior Department give us this help? Will not the parochial branch presidents take this interest and spare one of their own workers to start this new work? One feels wherever there is a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, this would be possible. Surely it would be the casting of your bread on the waters of the future, for so surely as the little child you train will grow some day into a woman after your own heart, so will the Junior in whose young heart you have planted the seed of loving care for others grow into an Auxiliary member, to stand beside you to help to carry on the work in the labor and heat of the day.

Respectfully submitted,

KATE STEVENS FRANCIS.
Vice President Junior Auxiliary.

Christmas Boxes.

PINE RIDGE.

Trinity, Anderson, 25 gifts.....	\$3.00
Trinity, Indianapolis, 65 gifts	5.00
Trinity, Connersville, 30 gifts	20.00
Pro-Cathedral, 100 gifts	10.00
St. Paul's, New Albany, 30 gifts	
St. Stephen's, Terre Haute, 115 gifts	8.20

ST. AUGUSTINE'S.

Holy Innocents', Indianapolis, 25 gifts	7.50
St. Paul's, Indianapolis, 15 gifts	3.00

ST. GEORGE'S.

Christ Church, Indianapolis	10.00
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FOR BISHOP BROOKE.

Christ Church, Indianapolis, Altar linen	5.00
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FOR HOSPITAL AT ONEIDA.

St. John's, Lafayette.....	5.00
St. John's, Lafayette	8.00
Total	\$84.70

DOG FOR BISHOP ROWE.

Mrs. Bassett, Columbus	1.00
Mrs. Beach, Lafayette .....	.25
New Albany, Sunday School	5.25
Lafayette, St. John's Sunday School	5.00
Connersville, Trinity, J. A.	5.00
Linton, Good Shepherd Sunday School	1.90
Terre Haute, St. Luke's Sunday School	2.00
..... St. Paul's Sunday School	2.20
Anderson, Trinity, J. A.	2.00
Evansville, Holy Innocents Sunday School	1.50
Indianapolis, Christ Church, J. A.	10.00
Terre Haute, St. Stephen's Sunday School	10.00
Madison, Christ Church Sunday School	1.00
Miss Cravens, Madison	15.00
Miss King, Indianapolis	1.00
Indianapolis, St. Paul's J. A.	5.00
Indianapolis, Trinity, J. A.	1.00
Indianapolis, Holy Innocents', J. A.	2.00
Richmond, St. Paul's Sunday School	2.00
Pro-Cathedral Sunday School	3.00
Mrs. Ransford, Indianapolis	1.00
Mrs. Merrill, Connersville	1.00
Miss Fleming, Indianapolis .....	.35
Miss Dixon, Muncie .....	.25
St. Luke's Terre Haute, Woman's Guild .....	.50
Shaffner Phelps, Lafayette .....	.25
Stuart Maxwell .....	.25
Muncie, Grace Church Sunday School	1.09
Indianapolis, St. George's Sunday School	2.00
Mrs. Sargent, Indianapolis	5.90
Mrs. Knickerbacker, Indianapolis	1.00
Mrs. Francis, Indianapolis	2.21
Auxiliary Board	9.00
Total	\$100.00

For Oneida Mission, Wisconsin from St. John's Lafayette..	\$5.00
For Rector's Stipend from Trinity, Connersville.....	20.00
For General Missions from Trinity, Connersville	66.50
For Childrens' Hospital, S. O. from Trinity, Connersville..	2.00
For Bishop's Guild from Trinity, Connersville.....	1.25
For Mr. McGarvey's work, Purcell, I. T., from St. Paul's Evansville	25.00
For Diocesan Missions from St. Paul's, Evansville	15.00
For Archdeacon's Salary from St. Paul's, Indianapolis	25.00
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Given for dog for Bishop Rowe.....	100.00
Total value of boxes so far as their value has been reported	84.70
Value of boxes and money gifts for year.....	260.05

The United Offering.

Since the last triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in San Francisco, there have been placed by the treasurer, 551 United Offering boxes in 19 parishes in our Diocese. Reports, however, do not show all these boxes to have been distributed to individuals, and it is feared the number in actual use is less. In some parishes Secretaries have failed to record the names of persons receiving boxes and so many may be lost sight of. I would urge that a careful list of names be kept, that all boxes may be accounted for at the end of the triennial period, which is now half past. The first annual opening has brought a return of \$149.09, which has been deposited in the Marion Trust Co., and is bringing 3 per cent. All but two parishes responded.

Respectfully submitted,

May, 1903.

S. F. GRANNISS.

Church Periodical Club.

The Church Periodical Club in the Diocese of Indianapolis has now librarians in the following parishes: Grace Pro-Cathedral, Indianapolis; St. Paul's Indianapolis; St. Stephen's, Terre Haute; Grace Church, Madison; Grace Church, Muncie, and St. Paul's, Jeffersonville. Periodicals are sent, weekly or monthly, to various missions in Western States and to some of the smaller parishes and missions in our own Diocese.

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