

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

IOWA BRANCH

OF THE

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS,

1890-91.

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1891.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING IS HELD AT THE SAME TIME AND PLACE OF
THE MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

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Burlington,	MRS. VIRGINIA PEASLY.	Christ Church
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Clinton,	MRS. E. J. COOKE.	St. John's Church
Davenport,	MRS. C. E. ANDERSON.	The Cathedral
Des Moines,	MISS RACHEL COOK.	St. Paul's Church
Dubuque,	MRS. GEO. BURDEN.	St. John's Church
Emmetsburgh,	MRS. JANET I. CRAWFORD.	Trinity Church
Iowa City,	MRS. R. E. OGDEN.	Trinity Church
Independence,	MRS. A. L. POOR.	St. James' Church
Muscatine,	MISS PAGET.	Trinity Church
Ottumwa,	MRS. KATHARINE TAYLOR.	St. Mary's Church
Sioux City,	MRS. A. M. GREGORY.	St. Thomas' Church

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

LADIES AND FRIENDS:

Three years ago we held our primary meeting at this place, when we were addressed by Miss Emery, and our hearts were warmed to interest in the missionary work of the Church. Some of you who are here to-day will remember the good resolutions then formed, and may desire to know what progress we have made and just how much we have accomplished.

The report that year showed contributions in money and boxes, \$1,035.69 from nine parishes; the next year, \$1,313.68 from ten parishes; last year, \$1,084.80 from twelve parishes; this year, \$1,200.24 from ten parishes.

But few delegates were present, owing partly to the illness of the retiring Secretary and President, which prevented the branches receiving notice of their duty in this particular.

It is a matter of great importance that every parish should be represented. We need to meet each other for something more than listening to reports and electing officers, although the latter is of the greatest importance. We need to know each other personally; to hear of each other's methods of work; to learn of the various fields, especially our own Diocese, and to gain enthusiasm one from the other, and all thus to be drawn together by the bond of one common aim—the work for Christ.

I should like to tell you something of the discouragements and the privations of our missionaries, which I have learned through letters from their wives when corresponding with them about boxes. I think it would make you all *glad* to practice a considerable degree of self-denial to enable you to lessen theirs. One lady wrote me: "Indeed, I do not know how some of the missionaries' families would be clothed but for the kindness of the ladies in sending boxes." Then the kind feeling of sympathy which prompts the sending material aid is of real importance in sustaining the spirits of these self-denying servants of our Lord.

The most important work before us is our own Diocese, for although charity need not always stay at home it should begin

there, and it is really missionary ground, for the strength of our Church is principally in the larger towns, and these sometimes fail in furnishing aid to mission parishes. There should be a traveling missionary in each Deanery, but the North-western is the only one supplied; and this brings me to the important question before us of supplying the other Deaneries, and I pray God it may rest so deeply on your hearts that your prayers will be unceasing till the difficulty is overcome. The one before mentioned is partially supported by the generosity of a layman who will not permit his name to be known, and who furnished \$600 last year for the salary. Few ladies in our Diocese can do as much as that, but perhaps several uniting might, and possibly some lady might induce her husband to go and "do likewise."

I would also suggest that there be an Assistant Secretary appointed in each Deanery, whose duty shall be to visit the various missions therein, to organize branches, and instruct and encourage those already formed.

Compare our growth with that of the denominations about us, and if we love our Church and believe in it as the Church of Christ and His Apostles, we must search deeply for the cause. Can it be that our beloved Church is not adapted to the wants of men and of the masses? On the contrary, I believe in my inmost heart that its very adaptation to all our needs is one proof of its divine origin. Go to church when you will, in joy or sorrow, in the deepest anguish or the highest happiness, you find in her services the exact expression of thankfulness and communion with God in the height of bliss, or the greatest strength in the bitterest trial; while her Catechism furnishes rules of life drawn from inspiration, which, if faithfully followed, will carry us through life's greatest trials and temptations.

Where, then, is the fault? My sisters, it is in ourselves. Have we lived up to our baptismal vows, renewed by ourselves, to renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil, or have we kept the first and best of life, our time, our thoughts, and our means for ourselves, and given the residue to God? Do we devote *one-tenth* of our thoughts or our time to His work, or give one-tenth of our means? I fear not, and I also fear that herein is one secret of our failure.

I have in an official capacity corresponded with many parishes,

and at first the outlook was very discouraging. I offered to visit several and to send a returned missionary to others, which offer was accepted in very few instances. These are some of the replies: "We have no rector and are completely disorganized." "We are in no condition to do missionary work at present." "There is no missionary spirit here." "The Church is divided at present," etc. I ask again, where is the fault, and again I say, right in ourselves. We *cannot* have a true love for our divine Master when the missionary spirit is lacking, and we must purify our own hearts from selfishness and sin, and from too great a love of pleasure before we can really call ourselves God's children, or do His work, or save His Church from the blame of *our* shortcomings. "By their fruits ye shall know them" is the divine test, and what are the fruits we are yielding?

My friends, we shall never be a truly prosperous Diocese till we do so purify our hearts, and the love of Christ so permeates our being that we esteem it a *privilege* to deny ourselves in His cause, and this brings to each of us the question, What can I do? First of all we must *pray* for a kindly interest in every one of God's creatures, and for a *desire* to fulfill the Saviour's last command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and we shall be likely to begin at home with searching our own hearts to purify them, and to send forth a spirit of Christian love to those nearest us. Next, we must set aside some portion of our time to seek information about missions at home and abroad, and, having done this, we are to ask ourselves how much money can I give—a penny a week, or a penny a day, or ten times that amount? Or have I nothing to offer God for the blessing of living in a Christian land but the earnest devotion of my heart and my daily prayers for those poor women living in heathen lands, degraded almost to mere animals? Even this service, if heartfelt, is acceptable to God, and, if faithfully performed, will bear fruit.

I truly believe that if the *women* of our Church will rise to their responsibilities, we can do more the next five years than during the past fifteen, and that unless they do, *we* are responsible for what one clergyman writes me as a "decline of Church interest throughout the State."

We all know that the man who lives for himself alone is deprived of the highest enjoyments of life—the pleasure of doing good, the

love and respect of his fellow-creatures, without which life seems to me a barren waste. Just so with churches devoid of missionary spirit; the same selfishness slowly but surely stifles all true spirituality, without which the name, Christian, is but a mockery.

And now I must speak to you of the sad death of Miss Esther A. Spencer, which occurred March 25th. at her father's house in Delmar, Iowa. She had been a teacher in St. John's College, Shanghai, for seven years, had compiled several school books, and, being worn by her duties and by the climate, was home on a year's leave of absence, intending to return this summer. She visited our parish last fall and addressed our ladies, who were greatly interested in her account of her work and of the people. Her loss to the cause and to the Church is great, and I can only regret that she was so little known or appreciated in her own State, and I would that some faithful daughter of the Church here felt impelled to take up her work and carry it on.

MRS. E. C. ROCK,
President Woman's Auxiliary.

REPORT

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING,

MAY 13TH, 1891.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Iowa Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held in Lee Hall, Cathedral Close, Davenport, May 13th, 1891. There were thirty ladies present, eighteen being delegates from ten different parishes, the parishes represented being Burlington, Cedar Rapids, The Cathedral and Trinity, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Iowa City, Muscatine, Ottumwa.

The first meeting was held at 11 o'clock, which was opened with prayer by the Rev. E. C. Paget of Muscatine. The roll-call, reading of minutes, and reports for the year followed, after which we listened to a most excellent address by our President, in which she urged to greater work and interest in missions. The annual election of officers followed. Mrs. Rock of Cedar Rapids was reelected President, Mrs. Cooke of Clinton, Vice-President, and Mrs. Walker of Dubuque, Secretary-Treasurer. The meeting then adjourned till 2 P. M.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Irving McElroy, the General Missionary for the Northern Deanery, who then gave us a short address, taking as his subject the work done by one woman in the City of Washington, and whose example we might all follow with benefit to ourselves and our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ. Mrs. Rock then read several letters, after which Article VIII. was altered and a new article inserted, by which action it was necessary to elect a Treasurer. Miss Alice Kimball was forthwith elected Treasurer, Mrs. Walker remaining Secretary. A motion was made to have Article V. changed, making the annual election by ballot obligatory, but was not carried. Mrs. Burden of Dubuque moved a vote of thanks to the ladies of The Cathedral and Trinity Parish for their kindness

to the members of the Auxiliary during their stay in Davenport. She had also moved, in the morning, that a collection be taken up and given the Bishop for Diocesan Missions, as a memento of our meeting. The ladies responded liberally, \$16.75 was given, and Mrs. Burden was asked to hand it to the Bishop. Mr. McElroy informed the ladies at the beginning of his address, that the Convention had decided that the Auxiliary shall have an opportunity to give a report of their work at the missionary meeting usually held one evening during the Convention. Mrs. Anderson moved that the Rev. Mr. Walker be asked for a copy of his sermon, that the Auxiliary might have it printed. The Secretary was authorized to attend to the matter at once, and to send a copy to every parish in the Diocese.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

B. S. WALKER,
Diocesan Secretary-Treasurer.

MAY 14th, 1891.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

OF THE

Iowa Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

BOX REPORT.

BURLINGTON.		<i>Christ Church.</i>
1 Domestic Box.....	\$ 25 00	
	\$ 25 00	
CEDAR RAPIDS.		<i>Grace Church.</i>
1 Diocesan Box.....	\$ 72 00	
1 Domestic Box, Dakota.....	12 00	
1 Domestic Box, Virginia.....	9 53	
	\$ 93 53	
CLINTON.		<i>St. John's Church.</i>
1 Domestic Box, Kansas.....	\$ 89 89	
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DAVENPORT.		<i>The Cathedral.</i>
1 Domestic Box, South Dakota.....	\$ 65 00	
1 Domestic Box, South Dakota.....	81 60	
	\$146 60	
DUBUQUE.		<i>St. John's Church.</i>
1 Domestic Box, North Carolina	\$ 52 00	
1 Domestic Box, Minnesota.....	26 00	
1 Diocesan Box.....	6 00	
1 Diocesan Box.....	6 00	
1 Diocesan Box.....	65 00	
	\$155 00	
EMMETSBURG.		<i>Trinity.</i>
1 Domestic Box, Kansas.....	\$ 30 00	
	\$ 30 00	
INDEPENDENCE.		<i>St. James' Church.</i>
1 Domestic Box, South Dakota	\$ 12 00	
	\$ 12 00	
SIoux CITY.		<i>St. Thomas' Church.</i>
1 Diocesan Box.....	\$120 00	
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	\$682 02	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

B. S. WALKER, Treasurer, in Account with the Iowa Branch of the
Woman's Auxiliary:

1890.		DR.
May —	Cash on hand	\$19 63
	Received Grace Church Branch, Cedar Rapids.....	60 22
Sept. 1.	Interest.....	28
	*	\$80 13

	CR.
Expressage.....	\$ 95
Printing Reports	11 90
Postage and Stationery.....	3 68
Mrs. Pattie Buford's Work, Lawrenceville, Va.....	10 00
Chapel Furnishings in Mission Rooms, New York City	25 00
Diocesan Missions.....	25 00
Balance May 13th, 1891.....	3 60
	\$80 13

* Cedar Rapids sent \$27.25 too late to appear in this report.

MONEY CONTRIBUTIONS.

BURLINGTON.		<i>Christ Church.</i>
For the Indians	\$ 3 00	
International Med. Missionary Society	5 00	
Mission in North Dakota	6 50	
Eliza H. Cook Scholarship, Bishop Boone Memorial School, Wuchang, China	40 00	
	\$ 54 50	
CEDAR RAPIDS.		<i>Grace Church.</i>
Diocesan Missions	\$ 20 00	
Mrs. Buford's Work	10 00	
Colored Missions	5 00	
Baker City	1 00	
Expenses of Missionary	6 81	
Cash	27 25	
	\$ 70 06	
DAVENPORT.		<i>The Cathedral.</i>
Diocesan Missions	\$ 77 12	
Domestic Missions	36 66	
Foreign Missions	150 08	
	\$263 86	
DUBUQUE.		<i>St. John's Church.</i>
Diocesan Missions	\$ 31 30	
	\$ 31 30	
IOWA CITY.		<i>Trinity Church.</i>
Diocesan Missions	\$ 25 00	
	\$ 25 00	
MUSCATINE.		<i>Trinity Church.</i>
Diocesan Missions	\$ 50 00	
A Diocesan Missionary	10 00	
The General Fund for Foreign and Domestic Missions...	5 00	
A Parish in Michigan	1 00	
	\$ 66 00	
OTTUMWA.		<i>St. Mary's Church.</i>
Diocesan Missions	\$ 5 00	
	\$ 5 00	
SIoux CITY.		<i>St. Thomas' Church.</i>
A Parish in Michigan	\$ 2 50	
	\$ 2 50	
	\$518 22	

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be called the Iowa Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Association shall be the same as those of the General Auxiliary.

ARTICLE III.

All parochial missionary societies of women, and all baptized women of the Diocese desiring it, who contribute prayers or gifts to missions, shall be considered members of this Association.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers shall be an Honorary President, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

These officers shall be elected by the women in their annual meeting, during Convention of each year, and serve until their successors shall be elected.

ARTICLE VI.

The duty of the President shall be to call meetings and to preside over them.

ARTICLE VII.

The duties of the Secretary shall be to give notice of meetings and keep record of them; to correspond with parish secretaries and with the Secretary of the Auxiliary; to obtain yearly reports from the Parochial Branches, and incorporate them into an annual report for the Diocesan Branch.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse moneys of the Diocesan Branch; obtain reports yearly from the parish treasurers, and make up from them an annual report.

ARTICLE IX.

The officers, as a committee, shall use such efforts as lie in their power to increase missionary knowledge and zeal among the women of the Diocese, and encourage the formation of Parochial Branches.

ARTICLE X.

An annual meeting shall be held each year, at the time and place of the Diocesan Convention. Special meetings may be held during the year, upon the united call of three Parochial Branches, for the purpose of increasing interest.

ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE XII.

Two delegates or two alternates shall be sent from the Parochial Branches to attend each annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

The officers shall hold an executive meeting before each general meeting, and at one other time during the year, at the call of the President.

The regular order of business for the annual meetings shall be as follows:

1. Prayer.
2. Roll-call.
3. Minutes of Meetings.
4. Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Miscellaneous Business and Addresses.

By-laws may be amended at any meeting by vote of a majority of those present.

