

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

IOWA BRANCH

OF THE

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS,

1891-92.

DES MOINES, IOWA:
CHESHIRE BROS., PRINTERS,
1892.

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

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

LADIES AND FRIENDS:

Again in God's good Providence are we assembled to hear what our united efforts have accomplished during the past year, to counsel together for the advancement of our work in the future, and to thank God for lives spared, and renewed opportunities for labor and usefulness.

During the prevailing sickness of the past winter some of us have been brought near to the grave, and while lying thus disabled from worldly cares have had time for reflection and for a retrospect of our lives. When our beloved Secretary was stricken down and we were deprived of her services the affliction seemed grievous, but now that our prayers have been answered and she has been restored to give us strength by her presence and her counsel we are full of gratitude to the Giver of All.

Since our last annual meeting here, I have visited six parishes, all feeble except Des Moines, where my heart was cheered by the noble work and general interest of the ladies and their Rector. I thus became convinced of the importance of systematic visiting and of securing a lady manager in each Deanery, who would visit every mission and parish therein and attend all meetings of Convocation. During and after our last annual meeting I tried earnestly to accomplish this, but in only one instance could I get a favorable response.

I now call upon you individually to aid me in finding a lady in each Deanery who will consecrate a portion of her time and means to this duty. Perhaps like Moses, and others in later times, you may say, "Who am I?" to undertake this; "slow of speech and of a slow tongue?" Verily the answer is to you also, "Who hath made man's mouth? Have not I the Lord? Now, therefore, go, and I will be with thee to teach thee what thou shalt say." If the heart is truly enlisted the lips will furnish utterance, and

surely we need not fear the criticism of our Christian sisters, for our object is not literary effort, but to gain knowledge of the work and enthusiasm, and to bring our hearts in touch one with another in its pursuit. Really, the indifference and even opposition to the cause of missions is great and your officers are quite unable to accomplish any valuable work without the desired aid.

The missions in *this Diocese* have weighed upon my mind for years, and I hope we are united in the wish to concentrate our principal efforts to their advancement, though to refrain entirely from outside work would be the most supreme selfishness, which God never blesses. An earnest missionary spirit is not only an outgrowth of spiritual life but one of the means to its development, and consequently, to growth in parish life, as we witness in the case of Des Moines, which has not only contributed far more than usual during the year just ended, but has also paid off a large church indebtedness.

I must now bring to your attention the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, to be held in Baltimore next October in conjunction with the Triennial Convention, and the fact that this Iowa branch should be represented, and that at this election of officers a delegate must be appointed.

Miss Emery has requested, and the various branches have resolved upon a *united* offering for the "Enrollment Fund," to be made up of contributions in excess of our regular offerings, and I hope that one lady in each parish will take this in hand and secure something large or small from every communicant and send it to the Treasurer, who will hold it in readiness for the meeting.

In conclusion, I must say for our encouragement that our Auxiliary work is becoming more systematic, and that the interest is increasing, although it has been uphill work and will continue so, but if we are convinced this is God's service, and we are fulfilling Christ's last command, we must feel that it is not our business to be discouraged, but simply to perform our duty faithfully, leaving results with Him whose servants we are.

REPORT
OF THE
FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING,
MAY 18TH, 1892.

The fifth annual meeting of the Iowa branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at Davenport, Wednesday, May 18, 1892, with a large attendance of delegates and visiting ladies.

Morning session was held at 10 o'clock, which was opened with prayer by Rev. J. J. Wilkins of Des Moines. The roll-call, reading of minutes and reports for the year followed. Our President then gave a most interesting address, reviewing the work for the year, and amidst all discouragement, finding cause for thankfulness inasmuch as our Society had increased in numbers and the contributions and work done had been greater than any previous year. She made an earnest appeal for the "Enrollment Fund," stating its objects, and urgently requested the ladies to unite with the women of the church in a general offering to be presented at the triennial meeting at Baltimore in October. There was a hearty response, the collection taken being devoted to that purpose. The annual election of officers followed. Mrs. Perry was elected honorary President and delegate to the triennial convention; Mrs. Rock, of Cedar Rapids, was re-elected President; Mrs. Wm. R. Bowman, of Waverly, Vice-President; Mrs. C. H. Gaylord, of Des Moines, Secretary; Miss Alice Kimball, of Davenport, Treasurer. The ladies sincerely regret the resignation of our beloved Secretary, Mrs. Walker, on account of ill health, and hope she may soon be fully restored.

For more thoroughly extending the work of the auxiliary, our President has suggested that a woman be appointed in each of the six Deanries of the Diocese. The following were chosen: N. E. Deanery, Mrs. Henry, of Dubuque; E. Deanery, Mrs. John

D. Mateer, Cedar Rapids; S. E. Deanery, Mrs. Dr. Stone, Burlington; N. W. Deanery, Mrs. Gregory, Sioux City; S. W. Deanery, Mrs. Babcock, Council Bluffs; C. Deanery, Miss Rachel Cook, Des Moines.

The meeting then adjourned till 2 P. M.

The afternoon meeting was opened by Rev. Dr. Hoyt with prayer and a short address on Diocesan Missions, in which he told the ladies that by their efforts the Church had been enabled to supply another Missionary Parish with a Rector. Dr. Hoyt's address was followed by an informal meeting in which ways and means for more efficient work were discussed. The ladies were enthusiastic and earnest. The meeting closed with the feeling that the time had been well spent and a determination to make this year the best in our Auxiliary work. A vote of thanks to the ladies of the Cathedral and Trinity Parish for their generous hospitality was unanimously carried. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

MRS. JOHN D. MATEER,

Secretary pro tem.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

OF THE

Iowa Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

BOX REPORT.

CEDAR RAPIDS—*Grace Church.*

1 Diocesan Box	\$ 30 00
1 Box to Student	19 75
1 Box to Rose Bud Mission	9 75
	————\$ 59 50

CLINTON—*S. John's.*

1 Domestic Box to Winfield, Kansas	\$ 20 04
1 Domestic Box, Williamsburg, Kansas	31 05
	————\$ 51 09

DUBUQUE—*S. John's.*

3 Domestic Boxes	\$ 89 00
	————\$ 89 00

DAVENPORT—*Cathedral.*

2 Domestic Boxes, White Earth Mission	\$130 59
1 Domestic Box, Pine Ridge, Dakota	34 20
	————\$164 79

DAVENPORT—*Trinity.*

1 Barrel to Sewance	\$ 35 00
Alatr Linen	2 50
	————\$ 37 50

DES MOINES—*S. Paul's.*

Amount Contributed—Boxes	\$125 65
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INDEPENDENCE—*S. James's.*

1 Domestic Box, White Earth Mission	\$ 18 00
	————\$ 18 00

MUSCATINE—*Trinity.*

1 Diocesan Box	\$ 27 76
1 Diocesan Box. from All Saints' Mission	9 00
	————\$ 36 70

MAQUOKETA—*S. Mark's.*

1 Domestic Box	\$ 6 15
	—————\$ 6 15

OSKALOOSA—*S. James's.*

1 Domestic Box, Cottage Hospital	\$ 5 00
	—————\$ 5 00

WAVERLY—*S. Andrew's.*

1 Domestic Box, Nebraska	\$ 10 00
	—————\$ 10 00

Grand Total	\$631 20
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MONEY CONTRIBUTIONS BY WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, 1891-'92.

CEDAR RAPIDS—*Grace Church.*

Rosebud Mission	\$ 24 03
Diocesan Mission	28 00
Enrollment Fund	25 00
Donated Expenses	15 68
Expended for General Work	3 15
Sent Treasurer	9 00
	————\$104 86

DAVENPORT—*Cathedral.*

Diocesan Missions	\$ 54 48
Domestic Missions	55 98
Foreign Missions	11 32
	————\$121 78

DES MOINES—*S. Paul's*

Mrs. Buford's Hospital	\$ 5 00
East India Missionary	1 50
Diocesan Missions	190 00
Theological Student	47 00
General Board	40 30
	————\$283 80

BURLINGTON—*Christ Church.*

General Missions	\$12 00
	————\$ 12 00

EMMETSBURG—*Trinity.*

Diocesan Missions	\$ 8 65
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DUBUQUE—*S. John's.*

General Missions	\$ 9 40
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IOWA CITY.

General Missions	\$ 20 00
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SIoux CITY.

General Missions	5 00
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INDEPENDENCE—*S. James's.*

General Missions	14 65
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MUSCATINE—*Trinity.*

Diocesan Missions	46 00
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WAVERLY—*S. Andrew's.*

Bishop Graves, Nebraska	15 00
Grand Total	————\$641 14

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

Iowa Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

ALICE KIMBALL, Treasurer, in Account with the Iowa Branch
of the Woman's Auxiliary :

RECEIPTS.

1891.	DR.
May 13—To balance on hand	\$ 30.85
June 8—To Burlington	12.00
July 29—To Independence	14.65
Jan., '92—To Sioux City	5.00
May, '92—To Des Moines	283.80
May, '92—To Cedar Rapids	104.86
May, '92—To Waverly	15.00
May, '92—To Emmetsburg	8.65
May, '92—To Muscatine	46.00
May, '92—To Davenport Cathedral	121.78
May, '92—To Iowa City	20.00
May, '92—To Dubuque	9.40
May, '92—To gifts at Convention	2.00
May, '92—To offerings at annual meeting	5.60
	—————\$679.59.

DISBURSEMENTS.

1891.	CR.
July —By 1,000 copies Mr. Walker's sermon	\$ 14.00
July —By 500 copies Annual Report	15.00
July —By postage on Annual Reports	2.00
May, '92—By expenses in visiting Parishes	15.68
May, '92—By expenses of general work	3.15
May, '92—By Diocesan Missions	335.48
May, '92—By Domestic Missions	147.01
May, '92—By Foreign Missions	22.82
May, '92—By General Board of Missions	64.45
May, '92—By balance on hand	60.00
	—————\$679.59.

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 Dioc-

san 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 meeting 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.

