

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

IOWA BRANCH

OF THE

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS,

December, 1894.

DES MOINES, IOWA :
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REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY IN IOWA.

I have been requested by our president to give the Auxiliary a report of my efforts in the interests of the Woman's Auxiliary during the past year, and also to offer any suggestions which may have presented themselves to me relative to our general work throughout the diocese.

As a special work, I had appointed to me, by the president, the attempt to work up an interest in the northern part of the state. This I have tried to do, both by visiting and correspondence.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, it was not my privilege to do any visiting until the latter part of the year. Quite recently, however, I have visited four or five parishes where the Auxiliary had never been started, and in every instance was able to accomplish the organization of a Branch, even though I had been given little or no encouragement to hope that such a result would be the effect of my visit. Some of the Guilds I met thought they had all the work they could possibly do, to attend to their own parish affairs, without going outside its borders, but after an informal discussion upon the subject, and the showing up of the object and desires of the Auxiliary, they at once decided that if nothing else could be done, they could, at least, subscribe for the Spirit of Missions, meet together at stated times to study the subject of missions, and possibly prepare a mission box. I have found that the "Auxiliary" is rather a vague idea in the parishes where it has not been established, and indeed, in some places where there are working Branches, the *greatness* of the Auxiliary work in the United States and foreign countries is not fully realized. I find that comparatively few guilds know that "The Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions" is an organization authorized by the General Board of Missions itself, taking into its compass sixty dioceses and seventeen missionary jurisdictions in the United States alone, and extending its branches even to foreign countries; nor does it seem to be generally under-

stood that our own diocesan Branch was organized under the direction of our Bishop, and could have no existence were it not under his supervision. It is rather looked upon as a kind of society gotten up in the interest of its officers, and of no special importance for the consideration of the church at large. I am of course speaking of what seems to be the general idea of those who have given the matter no attention. I am led to believe, from my observations in this direction, that one reason why the Auxiliary does not grow more rapidly is, that it is *not understood*. Is not this our own fault? It certainly is *our duty* as members of this organization, to attend to it that *this* defect in our work is remedied.

It cannot be done, it is true, without personal effort on our own part. Each member of this Auxiliary should feel it binding upon herself to do something to extend the work, even though it be little, remembering that no effort is too small to be of great use.

In every parish where I have had the pleasure of visiting, I have been met by a good representation of the members of the Ladies' Guild, and have been hospitably received and given the encouragement, before leaving, that an earnest attempt would be made to do good work during the coming year, in one direction or another. Two or three parishes intend to devote the *Lenten* season to Auxiliary work entirely, dropping all parochial work during that time, and using the six weeks for the study of the subject of missions, at the same time keeping the fingers busy upon material for the furnishing of a missionary box, and keeping a mite chest in view of all members to collect the pennies at each meeting for the "United Offering."

Other Guilds expect to have special meetings all through the year. At these meetings papers will be read upon missions and collections taken up, to be devoted to missions. Each parish must, of course, decide for itself, its best plan of work, only let the idea of missions be kept before the members.

Wherever I have been able to meet and talk directly and informally with the ladies of the different Guilds, I have met with co-operation. I have placed over sixty mite chests for the United Offering during the last six weeks. But my efforts to arouse an interest by correspondence have not been very successful. I have

written over twenty-five letters to various parishes and missions, and in only one instance (that of Spirit Lake) have I received the assurance that there would soon be a Branch organized there. In most instances I think my letters were probably consigned to the waste basket, as they certainly elicited no answer whatever.

For that reason I urge once more that *personal visiting* must be done, rather than correspondence, in order to obtain good results.

But in order to do this visiting it is quite necessary to have both the *means* and the *opportunity*. Of the former I need not speak, for abundant means was provided at our last meeting to cover all wants in that direction. Of the latter I feel that I must say a word. In no instance have I met with such discouragement as from the clergy of the diocese, one clergyman even refusing to call the ladies of his parish together that I might meet them, (upon the plea that they were already overworked with parochial duties) thus withholding from me the *opportunity* of presenting the matter *to them*. At the same time I held a letter from a member of the Guild favoring the work of missions and expressing regret that I could not be allowed to visit the parish for that object, and I know that a number of valuable boxes were sent out by that parish a year ago.

It is really in the hearts of the women of the diocese to do mission work, and nothing makes a parish or a diocese so narrow as to look not beyond its own limits, but to devote all its efforts to itself, forgetting or ignoring the fact that there are duties outside, toward others in the church as needy as they.

If we are to receive discouragement to our efforts from the clergy of the church, and especially from those who receive a large proportion of their salary from the Board of Missions, how shall we succeed? It would seem to me that it would be a matter of the greatest importance to a missionary to do all in his power to help increase the income of the Missionary Board, rather than to frown upon any one of the organizations for its support. The Womans' Auxiliary to the Board of Missions in Iowa could be made a very important factor in the missionary work of the diocese, were it given the encouragement it should have. But if there are parishes or missions where we are not to be allowed to

speaking to the ladies in the interest of the Auxiliary, then the work must of necessity lag. Instead of fourteen or fifteen parishes and missions in the diocese doing the entire work of the Auxiliary, we *should* number in our ranks *every* parish and mission. It is the *authorized channel* for woman's mission work in the diocese. Some Branches could, of course, do more, others less, every one according to its ability, but each and all would have an interest in a common work, and that work brings a blessing with it. Cannot the clergy lay the matter of Auxiliary work before their Ladies' Guilds, and so pave the way for the establishing of Branches whenever the representative of the Auxiliary calls upon them to join in the work.

And, ladies of the Auxiliary, once more let me urge, that in the year that is before us, we try faithfully to do more visiting in the interests of our organization, and attempt to spread missionary zeal among the women of our diocese, and I feel that we shall receive the divine blessing.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

The Iowa Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions met in the Guild Room of St. Paul's Church, Des Moines, Iowa, on the morning of December 5th, at 9 o'clock. The President, Vice President and Secretary with eleven delegates were present. Prayers were said by the President followed by roll call and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Secretary gave her own report, also that of the Treasurer, who was unavoidably detained from this meeting.

Notice having been given at the Annual Meeting at Cedar Rapids, May 10, 1893, of a desired change in Article Five of the Constitution, action was now taken upon it. Article Five now reads: These officers shall be elected by ballot by the women in their Annual Meeting during Convention of each year, and serve until their successors shall be elected.

The election of officers was next in order, resulting in the election of

Honorary President, Mrs. Wm. Stevens Perry, Cathedral Close, Davenport.

President, Mrs. E. C. Rock, 165 Ave. A, Cedar Rapids.

Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. R. Bowman, Waverly.

Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Gaylord, 1418 West Locust Street, Des Moines.

Treasurer, Mrs. A. C. Stilson, 843 Fourth Street, Des Moines.

Visitors for the several Deaneries were appointed by the President:

Waverly Convocation—Mrs. Wm. R. Bowman, Waverly.

Cedar Rapids Convocation—Miss Hemmingser, Lyons.

Muscatine Convocation ———

Sioux City Convocation—Miss Weare.

Council Bluffs Convocation ———

Des Moines Convocation—Mrs. A. C. Stilson, 843 Fourth Street.

The new business was the election of delegates to the Triennial Meeting to be held in Minneapolis, October, 1895. Mrs. W. D. Benton of Dubuque and Mrs. J. Howard Bowman of Waverly were elected.

The President gave no formal address, but in a quiet talk urged the women of the Auxiliary to greater self-denial in the work, repeating her frequent request that the Spirit of Missions and other similar publications might be more generally read, and missionary intelligence more thoroughly disseminated.

The "United Offering" for October, 1895, was presented for consideration, and the establishment of Junior Branches were recommended, some of which are already doing good work. Her remarks ended with a few words of earnest counsel, followed by an address by the Vice President, which is given in full elsewhere.

The meeting now adjourned to attend the business session of the Convention to meet again after lunch.

At 2 o'clock the meeting was called to order. Letters from missionaries were read and plans discussed. The Secretary was instructed to have a detailed report of these meetings printed, order five hundred copies and draw upon the Treasurer for pay-

ment of the same. Also to be allowed whatever she deemed necessary to carry on the correspondence, circulate leaflets for the good of this organization.

A vote of thanks was extended to the ladies of St. Paul's Parish for their generous hospitality in entertaining the visiting guests.

The meeting now adjourned to meet in convention December, 1895, at the Cathedral in Davenport.

MRS. C. H. GAYLORD,
Secretary of Iowa Branch.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

OF THE

Iowa Branch of Woman's Auxiliary.

December 1, 1893 to December 1, 1894.

MONEY OFFERINGS.

BURLINGTON—*Christ Church.*

Johnson Fund	\$ 10.00	
St. John's School, Logan Notch.....	10.00	
		\$20.00

BRISTOW—*Advent Church.*

Johnson Fund	\$ 1.00	
Diocesan Missions.....	5.00	
Domestic Missions	1.50	
Printing	50	
		\$8.00

CEDAR RAPIDS—*Grace Church.*

Johnson Fund	\$ 20.00	
Domestic Missions, Columbia, S. C.....	5.00	
Printing	3.00	
Diocesan Missions	47.68	
Treasurer for General Purposes.....	10.00	
		\$85.68

DAVENPORT—*Cathedral.*

Diocesan Missions	\$ 7.00	
Johnson Fund	10.50	
		\$17.50

DAVENPORT—*Trinity Church.*

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 15.00	
Johnson Fund	12.00	
Domestic Missions, Sister Flora.....	2.00	
Printing	2.00	
		\$31.00

DES MOINES—*St. Paul's Church.*

Diocesan Missions, Dr. Hoyt.....	\$300.00	
Johnson Fund	55.50	
Diocesan Missions, Mr. Webb.....	50.00	
Special within the Diocese	130.00	
Printing	5.00	
		\$540.50

DUBUQUE.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 39.40	
Johnson Fund	5.00	
Printing	2.00	
		\$46.40

INDEPENDENCE.—*St. James.*

Johnson Fund	\$ 7.00	
Printing	2.00	
		\$9.00

LYONS—*Grace Church.*

Diocesan Missions	\$ 20.00	
Johnson Fund.....	10.00	
Domestic Missions	4.00	
		\$34.00

MUSCATINE—*Trinity Church.*

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 25.00	
Printing	2.50	
		\$27.50

SIOUX CITY—*St. Thomas' Church.*

Rev. E. W. Gaynor, St. Paul's, Sioux City	\$ 27.00	
Mrs. A. T. Twing	10.00	
		\$37.00

WAVERLEY—*St. Andrews'.*

Johnson Fund.....	\$ 5.00	
Printing	1.00	
		\$6.00

Total	\$ 862.58
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JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

MONEY OFFERINGS.

CONCIL BLUFFS— <i>St. Paul's.</i>		
Printing	\$ 0.50	
		\$0.50
DAVENPORT— <i>Trinity Church.</i>		
Johnson Fund	\$ 5.00	
		\$5.00
INDEPENDENCE— <i>St. James.</i>		
Johnson Fund	\$ 1.00	
Diocesan Missions	2.00	
		\$3.00
WAVERLY— <i>St. Andrews.</i>		
Johnson Fund	\$ 7.00	
Diocesan Missions, Rev. H. C. Johns.	6.25	
		\$13.25
Total Junior	\$ 21.75	
Total Woman's	862.58	
Total Money Offering	\$ 884.33	
(MRS. C. H.) MARY J. GAYLORD, <i>Diocesan Secretary.</i>		

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Contributions in Boxes—December 1, 1893 to December 1, 1894.

BURLINGTON— <i>Christ Church.</i>		
Fancy articles, Chamberlain, S. D	\$ 20.00	
		\$20.00
CEDAR RAPIDS— <i>Grace Church.</i>		
To Rev. F. G. Parkinson, What Cheer	\$ 16.50	
To Colored Missions, Columbia, S. C.	10.00	
		\$26.50
COUNCIL BLUFFS.		
To Rev. W. J. Williams, Dec. '93.	\$ 55.95	
		\$55.95
DAVENPORT— <i>Cathedral.</i>		
Rev. Mr. Saul, Indian	\$ 10.80	
Express on above	1.25	
		\$12.05

DAVENPORT—*Trinity.*

Sister Flora, Lewanee, Tennessee.....	\$ 5.00	
— <i>St. Mary's.</i>		
Sister Flora, Lewanee, Tennessee.....	20.00	
Rev. H. C. Johnson, Nashua, Iowa	2.00	
Sister Flora, package	10.00	
		\$37.00

DUBUQUE—*St. Johns.*

Rev. H. C. Johnson, Nashua	\$ 30.00	
		\$30.00

DES MOINES—*St. Paul's Church.*

To Rev. Mr. Webb, Anamosa.....	\$ 50.00	
		\$50.00

INDEPENDENCE—*St. James.*

Rosebud Agency.....	\$ 20.50	
Auburn, Ind	3.00	
		\$23.50

LYONS—*Grace Church.*

Rev. W. H. H. Jones, Anamosa	\$ 50.50	
St. Elizabeth's School, Campbell, S. D.....	5.35	
Finley Hospital, Dubuque, Iowa	4.00	
Cottage Hospital, Des Moines, Iowa	6.27	
St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids.....	7.90	
Rev. T. F. Bowen, Estherville, Iowa.....	25.23	
		\$99.25

MUSCATINE.

Rev. T. G. Parkinson, What Cheer	\$ 59.10	
		\$59.10

SIoux CITY—*St. Thomas.*

Rev. Geo. A. Whitney, Maquoketa	\$ 35.00	
		\$35.00

WAVERLY—*St. Andrews.*

Work for General Missionary	\$ 7.40	
Cottage Hospital.....	2.43	
Mr. Drew, Shell Rock Diocesan Mission.....	9.84	
		\$19.67
Total Woman's.....		\$ 468.02

JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

Box Offering.

INDEPENDENCE.—*St. James Church.*

Rosebud Agency.....	\$ 12.00	
		\$12.00

WAVERLY.—*St. Andrew's Church.*

Rev. H. C. Johnson, Nashua.....	\$ 5.00	
St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids.....	10.40	
General Work	14.50	
	————	\$29.90
Total Boxes, Junior.....		\$ 41.90

DES MOINES.—*St. Paul's—Daughters of the King.*

Refitting and Refurnishing room at Cottage Hospital.....	\$130.00	
	————	\$130.00
Total Money Offering, Woman's.....	\$862.58	
Total Money Offering, Junior.....	21.75	
	————	\$884.33
Total Box Offering, Woman's	\$468.02	
Total Box Offering, Junior.....	41.90	
Total Offering, Daughters of the King.....	130.00	
	————	\$639.92
Total Money and Boxes.....		\$ 1,524.25

MARY J. GAYLORD, *Diocesan Secretary.*

SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER.

January 23, 1894.	DR.	
Postage Stamps	\$.59	
Draft from Dubuque	2.00	
Trinity Davenport	2.00	
Muscatine.....	2.50	
Independence	2.00	
Waverly	1.00	
Cedar Rapids	3.00	
Bristow50	
Council Bluffs50	
Des Moines	5.00	
Miss Kimball	3.00	
	————	\$22.09
March 19.	CR.	
Cheshire Bros., Printing	\$14.50	
Return Postage to Miss Emery50	
Special delivery.....	.10	
Ledger05	
Reports	1.63	
Stationery, Postage, Letters, Leaflets, &c	3.96	
Packages	1.12	
On hand23	
	————	\$22.09

MARY J. GAYLORD, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

December 1, 1893.	DR.
Balance on hand	\$.59
Burlington	20.00
Bristow	8.00
Cedar Rapids	85.68
Davenport—Cathedral	17.50
Davenport—Trinity	31.00
Des Moines—St. Paul's	540.50
Dubuque	46.40
Independence	9.00
Lyons	34.00
Muscatine	27.50
Sioux City—St. Thomas	37.00
Waverly	6.00
	<hr/> \$863.17

JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

Council Bluffs	\$.50
Davenport—Trinity	5.00
Independence	3.00
Waverly	13.25
	<hr/> 21.75
Total, Woman's and Junior	\$884.92

Alice Kimball, Treasurer.

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 baptised 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 ballot 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 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 Meeting.
4. Report of Secretary and Treasurer.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Miscellaneous Business and Addresses.

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

