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Prayer for the Woman's Auxiliary.

Used by the Canadian Branch.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who in the days of Thy flesh didst accept the services of faithful women, who ministered unto Thee; Be pleased we humbly ask to bless our efforts to aid and encourage Missionaries. Put into our hearts the thing we should do and say to promote Thy glory.

Grant that we may never be discouraged under difficulties but go forward in faith and hope, looking unto Thee.

Have pity upon those who know Thee not, upon those who are far from the Church of their fathers in a strange land; visit them with Thy salvation, and grant that all may be speedily brought to acknowledge Thee as their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Hear us and grant us this our prayer, for Thy name's sake. *Amen.*

For Moon=tide, Daily.

"And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me."

BLESSED SAVIOUR, who at this hour didst hang upon the Cross, stretching forth Thy loving arms; Grant that all mankind may look unto Thee and be saved; through Thy mercies and merits, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray Thee to bless us and all members of the Junior Auxiliary, with wisdom, zeal and constancy, in our work for Thee; Prosper the Missions of Thy Holy Church; and strengthen with Thy Holy Spirit all who are engaged in Missionary work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



REPORT
OF THE
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SARA ALBERT WOODS PERRY,
WIFE OF
THE BISHOP OF IOWA.



ENTERED INTO REST
IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
OCTOBER THE TWENTY-SEVENTH,
EIGHTEEN HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN.



HONORARY PRESIDENT
OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF IOWA.

MEMORIAL ADDRESS

DELIVERED BY THE VEN. ARCHDEACON HOYT,

BEFORE THE

IOWA BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, AT THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION
IN DES MOINES, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8, 1897.

"The house when it was in building was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither."—I. Kings, vi.: 7.

We are gathered within these walls at this hour because of a sorrow that has come to us and turned us to the God of all comfort. We have humbled ourselves here in confession and lifted up our hearts in prayer and praise, because we know that the Lord is in His Holy Temple.

We are gathered here, too, to reflect upon the great mysteries of God's providences, and to instruct ourselves and comfort ourselves and strengthen our faith and quicken our love by meditating how God is silently and carefully preparing these stones from the quarries of earth for their places in the walls of the Heavenly Temple.

This verse, a part of which I have read, from the first book of Kings, tells of the building of the first temple of Jerusalem, and of the mysterious silence in which it was erected. This grand temple of Jerusalem to the ancient Jew was most sacred and dear. If he loved God, the temple was the scene of his sweetest joys; if he loved Him not, still he loved His temple; it was the subject of his earliest impressions; he saw in it a memorial of the past history and honors of his nation; he looked on it as a magnificent display of his country's wealth; it was his glory, and so he associated the recollection of it with everything he deemed excellent and great.

The inspired men who wrote the Scriptures partook of this feeling. Would they exalt the believer in Jesus to his highest honor? "Know ye not," says one, "that ye are the temple of God?" Would they describe the Church in her brightest glory? She is represented as an Holy Temple dedicated to her redeeming Lord.

But more sacred to us than was this glorious temple to the ancient Jew is the New Jerusalem, with its new and living temple, resting on its everlasting foundation in the heavens. There its walls have long been rising; there "the whole building, fitly framed together, groweth; there, in the end, will all its grandeur be displayed." It is builded of materials which heaven itself could not supply. They came to it from a far country, and in that far country they were "made ready." God has been forming them; by His Spirit shaping them; here, in the earthly quarry, preparing them that they may be "without spot or blemish, or any such thing," "all glorious within," all splendid without. *Here* are they wrought on, changed and sanctified, for no sound of hammer or any tool shall be heard *there*. There are no means of grace beyond the skies.

And so we here to-day are earnestly praying that God will "grant us grace so to follow the good example of His blessed Saints in all virtuous and Godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which He has prepared."

Christian women, you are assembled this morning in memory of the late honorary President of your Auxiliary Society, the loved and much lamented Mrs. Perry.

The occasion itself forbids any attempted eulogy.

No message could be more freighted with surprise and grief than that which announced the death of Mrs. Perry. Her nearest friends only knew that the long and anxious care for her husband, our dear Bishop, during his protracted and serious illness, had tested to the utmost her strength and health. A God-like love, as fresh and ardent as when first given more than thirty-five years ago, kept a constant and solicitous vigil; the tender affection of heart spared not the overtaxed nerves; and, at last, though seeming to others the image of robust health, she sank rapidly, and on the 27th day of October, carrying all her love and tenderness and devotion with her, she entered into life eternal.

It is a rare thing to find in any one a character so rich at once in gentleness and strength; a mind and heart so simple and kind and yet so thoroughly equipped and vigorous.

I may not speak of her home-life; nor of her place and influence in society; I need not speak of her many rare accomplishments. As a worker with the ladies of the Home Guild or the Auxiliary, she was

ever most efficient and helpful. To her more perhaps than to any other one was due the establishment of Saint Luke's Hospital, and she was instant in season and out of season in laboring for its prosperity. Indeed, in all the Associations familiar to our Church where woman finds and fills a befitting and noble sphere of Christian labor, where the eye of a God of love bends its benign look upon her deeds, and the benison of a God of mercy rewards her toil, there Mrs. Perry found a place, led to it by the generous impulses of a sympathetic heart. She sought no place of prominence, but I know that she honored and esteemed all those who are engaged in works of charity and benevolence and mercy.

It is not idle to refer to these things, though I know that she would not have wished to be singled out for words of eulogy. She was one of the many who do not, perhaps, themselves realize how pregnant with good to the world are the many simple and homely deeds of kindness and helpfulness they have performed with no knowledge or thought of their importance or power. They have been building without sound of hammer, and in their simple and unostentatious way shaping stones for the Heavenly Temple.

Poets who burn incense of praise to the bustling and prominent, may, indeed, offer no perfume to such an one; painters who catch the glowing radiance of beauty may sketch no likeness of such an one; the world that seeks for pomp or for sensation may have no plaudit for her; but oh! the Holy Spirit cares for such an one and adorns her with ornaments of richest grace.

Oh! what power has God bestowed upon Woman! The works of a Dorcas at Joppa, of a Phoebe at Cenchrea, of a Lydia at Thyatira, of a beloved Persis at Rome, in the Apostles' times, and of hundreds like them in modern times, have illustrated what woman can do, and show the almost supernatural strength which is lodged in her soul when once she feels the stimulus that develops it into healthy exercise.

All these Saints, living and dead, prove to us the power of woman's work, the depth and glow of *Christian* love, for Christ in them is their hope of glory! Christian love, which is Christ manifest, is the pledge of a glory that shall be, a glory that is hidden now but shall be manifest hereafter. The faith, the love, the truth, the purity, which is in

God's saints, which Christ by His Spirit has wrought in them, but which are all more or less concealed from the eyes of others—yea, from their own also by the covering of the flesh—the earthen vessel in which this treasure is contained shall one day burst through the covering ; that which was before inward shall in that day of manifestation become also outward and visible. “ Then shalt thou shine forth.” Yea, many of you, God's hidden ones, whom He is in silence “ making ready,” shall then shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of your Father, living epistles to be read of all. No marble may mark the spot where your ashes rest, but the Church of the living God has built for you, as for those dear ones gone before, a monument in the memorial festival of Saints ; and the prayers and praises which are offered on it are your wreath, your blossoms of immortelles.

This service were lost time to us if it lead us not, contemplating the accomplishment of others, to consider the God-given powers so graciously bestowed upon even the weakest of His creatures. And our Memorial were meaningless if it fail to make us reiterate the thanksgiving of grateful hearts and yield anew unto the ever-living God most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all His saints, who have been choice vessels of His grace and lights to the world in their several generations.

And how humble and earnest should be the cry of our hearts that God will give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness in the Faith and obedience of His holy will.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

FROM DIOCESAN OFFICERS TO THE
BISHOP OF IOWA.



WHEREAS, God in His wise providence has been pleased to take unto Himself our co-worker, Mrs. William Stevens Perry, the honorary president of the Woman's Auxiliary of this Diocese.

Be it resolved, That we, the remaining officers of the Iowa Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, bow with reverent submission to God's will, and render Him grateful thanks for the good example of our beloved president, who, having finished her course in faith, now rests from her labors.

Be it resolved, That we extend to our revered Bishop our profound sympathy in the hour of his supreme bereavement, and assure him of our earnest supplication that the "God of all comfort" will sustain him with strength from on high and give him that peace which comes alone from our Holy Faith.

(Signed.)

EMMA W. BOWMAN, President.

HARRIET E. HENNINGSSEN, Vice-Pres.

SUSANNA H. WEARE, 2nd Vice-Pres.

HELEN DUNLAP DAVIS, Sec. and Treas.

November 5, 1897.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.



LADIES AND FRIENDS OF THE AUXILIARY :

Since we last met some seven months ago little active work has been done by us as a whole, the weeks having brought to us the heat of summer, during which time so many of our branches discontinue their sessions. But now, as winter months come on, the meetings for work and study will be resumed with renewed activity and greater zeal than in the past.

Time has brought to us, individually, many changes; and, as a Diocesan branch, God in His wisdom has seen fit to afflict us with the loss of our beloved honorary president. I am sure I voice the sentiment of us all when I say that although we bow to His will as just, yet we mourn her who has gone from our midst, and we do most earnestly commend to God's all-tender love and care the life and health of our dear Bishop, under this, his most sore bereavement, and extend to him our deepest sympathy in his heavy sorrow.

Another, whom we all tenderly revere, has also been called upon to suffer the greatest sorrow possible to the human heart, in the loss of a dear husband, our honored ex-president. To her also, we, as a band of sisters who have been guided and governed by her wise counsel and patient trust, in days not long past, do extend our love and sympathy, and pray for her that she may be upheld and strengthened in this, her hour of need, by that dear Lord in whom she has always trusted, and to whom she ever tried to lead all the suffering for comfort.

Doubtless many of us, as members, have passed through sorrow and affliction in the days which have intervened since last we met as an Auxiliary. But these only tend to deepen and strengthen our love for suffering humanity and serve to make us more active in that work, dear to us all, which seeks for its object the bringing of all men to the knowledge of Him who alone can comfort the human heart and give us

strength and grace to bear our earthly trials, that we may be perfect through suffering and fitted for the glorious life hereafter with Him whom we worship. This is the aim and object of our dear Church, and for that purpose were we, the Auxiliary, created, that, through our efforts, though feeble, we may assist her to carry on this blessed work of redeeming men for God; by aiding in sustaining the Ministry of Christ; by bringing before the minds of the people in our own land the needs of the Church and of her Ministers; by lending *material* aid as well as that of our prayers.

For this reason branches of the Auxiliary are organized in every Diocese and Missionary Jurisdiction in our own land and in many foreign countries. In each Diocese parochial branches are formed. In our own Diocese we now number about thirty-two branches out of a possible one hundred. Should there be an organization in every Parish and Mission? Every woman, by virtue of her baptism, is a member of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. It is not for us to say whether or not *we care* to work for Missions. The divine command is given, "Go, teach all nations." It is no more our choice in the matter than it is our choice whether we be American citizens when born under the American flag. It is our *duty* to take up the work, for we are born in a Christian land, baptized into a Christian Church, and by *that very baptism* made members of that great Missionary body, the Church. Shall not, then, every one of the 2,219 baptized women in this Diocese, who has taken upon herself the confirmation of those baptismal vows, consider herself a member of this Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary? Think what the result would be if each of these women would give for the work of Missions, through the Auxiliary, the small sum of even *one cent a week!* \$1,153.88 per year! And cannot each of these women devote at least one half-day a month to the work of the Auxiliary? We have our clubs, meeting monthly, fortnightly, or weekly, as the case may be; our afternoon teas, our receptions, etc., etc., to which we can find time to go; but what per cent. of the women of the Parish, think you, attend the monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary! In a parish with 120 women, *perhaps* ten will be at the meeting; and this is a *liberal* number to allow. We must not look upon these meetings merely as social affairs, although that element may, with perfect pro-

priety, enter into them. They must in order to be of the benefit for which they are intended, supply strength to our souls by being meetings for prayer, and furnish us with zeal for our work by being meetings wherein we study and learn of the Missions of the Church. In many Dioceses "Quiet Days" are held several times a year, when women and Clergy meet at the church and spend the greater part of the day in prayer for God's blessing upon the work of the Auxiliary, and in receiving and giving mutual strength by an interchange of plans for the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom among men; and of experiences based upon the carrying out of such plans. But at every *Monthly Meeting*, some subject of interest, relating to Missions, should be presented for consideration. The reading of the *Spirit of Missions* alone will furnish matter for grave thought and earnest work. How can we take an interest in something we know comparatively little about. Because it is tiresome to read Church papers, and because the Foreign Missions are so far away, is that any reason why we, as Church women, should not learn of them *as a duty*? I am sorry to say that in several places where I have visited, for the purpose of organizing the Auxiliary, not one Church woman in ten took a Church paper; and in several, not a *Spirit of Missions* was obtainable, and yet we can all take current magazines and periodicals without number. I do not mean to find fault, I only want to place before you the facts of which you may not have thought before. As our new year is yet nearly all before us, we still have time to amend these things, and *if we only will*, to make it a year which shall long be remembered in the annals of the Woman's Auxiliary as one in which we, as a body of women throughout the entire Diocese, awoke to our duty, and really did our best in the furthering of the work to which we are pledged, before God, in baptism. The few faithful ones will continue to be faithful, and we trust that those who have never thought what a *privilege* it is to be permitted to join in the work of this great body of women throughout the United States, and to give of their time and means to it will enter in, with the determination to do their full duty; for in the *doing* of it, comes the blessing to us from Him who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The work before us in this Diocesan Branch is varied and urgent. First of all there is the aid in supporting our own Diocesan Missions; and each branch should see to it that a contribution is sent to the treasury for that specified object. Then,

the United Offering, in which every Church woman should be interested, appeals to us.

In October, 1898, at Washington, D. C., will be held the Triennial Convention, when, with the offerings of every Diocese and Missionary jurisdiction in this country, and with those from foreign lands will be sent our offering, which has been taken up annually for three years in the little blue boxes provided for that purpose. The object for which this fund is to be used is one which should be dear to the heart of every woman; viz: the "training, sending out and support of *women workers* in the Mission fields." Let us remember that we have only one year left in which to do what we may for this glorious work. And while speaking of *women workers* in the Mission fields, my mind is brought to the subject of our undertaking at the last annual meeting. As a Diocesan branch, we pledged ourselves to raise \$100 00 towards the salary of Miss Babcock, an Iowa woman who has already gone to her field of labor as a Missionary to Japan. Only about \$87.00 of this sum has been raised as yet. Shall we not redeem our pledge before many weeks pass? In sending our annual gifts, the fund for current expenses should not be forgotten, as it is a very necessary one. We have never been able to increase this fund sufficiently to give us means ahead wherewith to meet any contingency which might arise, and for which such a provision is often sorely needed. Shall we not remedy this, that our work may not be hindered by a lack of necessary funds.

A new branch of work was taken up by the Auxiliary at the May meeting, viz: That of the Church Periodical Club. The work has been thoroughly organized and is in good running order; the expense of organization and running, for eight months past, has been borne by a friend of the Auxiliary. We are doing an extensive work already; sending over eighty numbers of current magazines and Church papers to different parts of the Diocese monthly or weekly as the case may be, and have sent boxes of literature, etc., to Sunday Schools, Missions, penitentiaries, reform schools, hospitals and poor houses in our own state, besides answering appeals outside the Diocese; and in reply have received most grateful letters, telling us how much our aid was appreciated. Everything sent out has been thoroughly assorted and selected with a view to the special place for which it was intended.

We have, however, received boxes of literature from only twenty-four different places and individuals, and I hereby ask each one of you to try and assist in this work, by gifts of books, magazines, etc.; also, as the Auxiliary is henceforth to assume the running expenses of the work, will you remember the Church Periodical Club in your gifts of money. It will be seen then, from the above summary of the work to be done by the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese, that this organization is in sore need of a greater number of earnest workers. Appeals for aid come in almost daily, both from inside and outside the Diocese, and it is with regret that the Diocesan officers are obliged to deny such assistance, because of the lack of means wherewith to give it. As the Lenten season approaches almost every branch will, in connection with its study meetings, introduce the feature of work for a Mission Box. Those desiring to do this work can be enlightened as to where the most need is felt, by corresponding in regard to it with the Diocesan secretary; she receiving her information from the general secretary in New York. I must not neglect to bring to your notice the work of the Junior Auxiliary. A second vice-president was created at the meeting last May, and to her was given the special charge of the Junior work in the diocese. There are at present only five Junior Branches in the Diocese. It is the earnest desire of the Diocesan officers that more attention be given to the forming of Junior branches, and the conducting them with a special view to educating our girls in the work for missions; that before many years roll by, we shall have, in the Diocese of Iowa, a strong band of young women, fully informed upon the mission work of its own Diocese, upon domestic mission and those of foreign lands. As an aid to thus educating them, the rectors and Sunday School superintendents, in the various parishes and missions of the Diocese are asked to devote at least one Sunday each quarter (if not one each month) to the study of missionary topics in the Sunday School. We hope to meet with hearty co-operation in this matter; for as our young girls and boys are now trained, so will our churchwomen and churchmen of the future be. Books and pamphlets are published by the Junior Publishing Co., giving information in regard to all the missionay points, and in such simple language that the very smallest child can have a good understanding of the matter. We look with great hope upon the efforts of training our young girls to feel it not only a duty, but a blessed *privi-*

lege to give of their worldly goods to aid those of their brethren less fortunate than themselves, and to give intelligently of their love and sympathy and prayers, for those benighted brethren and sisters who are so spiritually poor, or have no knowledge at all of the Christ whose Kingdom we are all endeavoring to extend. Truly, the child that is trained to think and to give *outside* her own special parish, will develop into the woman who will be filled with the Missionary spirit, and in giving to others will herself be enriched, and give of the very largeness of heart, more liberally to her own. God grant our own dear Diocese may be filled with such great-hearted women!

EMMA W. BOWMAN,
Pres't Woman's Auxiliary in Iowa.

DES MOINES, IOWA, December 7, 1897.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.



DAVENPORT, May 26, 1897.

Once again we are met in consultation to hear of advance or failure of the last eighteen months. Our president and vice-president have much of interest to tell you, of many visits made and of new branches formed to work with us in the spread of Missionary work of this, our own loved Church. I have upon the list thirty-five branches. After asking that each branch should send in, May 1, a report of work done, only nineteen responded. A few sent letters giving an account of the style of work done and manner of conducting meetings.

The secretary has the same round of labor to report of letters written and letters received. Nearly two hundred letters have been written and as many received. Reports sent of our own work to every Parish secretary and rector, also to the secretary of every branch in the United States, and reports received from each branch throughout this, our own country, thus allowing us to know of the well-doing of other branches and giving them an insight into our manner of work, thus silently and mutually assisting each other. The new branches have been formed in Algona, Cresco, Clermont, Cherokee, Durant, Decorah, Emmettsburg, Estherville, Farley, Fairbank, Fort Dodge, Keokuk, Marshalltown, Ottumwa (reorganized), Oelwein, Spencer, Waterloo. Mite chests for the United Offering of 1898 for the support and training of Nurses and Missionaries have been taken by many branches who do not feel they could undertake any more laborious part of the work: Ottumwa, 15; Waverly, 25; Burlington, 10; Clinton, 11; Council Bluffs, 10; Muscatine, 17; Trinity, Davenport, 20; Cathedral, 60; Lyons, 25; Waterloo, 26; Mason City, 4; Oelwein, 6; Decorah, 12; Keokuk, 10; Marshalltown, 24; Spencer, 25; Emmettsburg, 4, besides many others who supplied themselves. One new branch, formed January 5, 1897, with ten members, subscribe for the *Spirit of Missions* to be read at their meetings, thus bringing them in touch with the entire working of the board;

also have taken the *Hand Book*, recently published by Mrs. Twing. Would that others would fall in line and thus become familiar with the work. Several branches report having articles from the *Churchman* and *Spirit of Missions* read at their meetings, thus creating more interest in the work. More work for Indian Schools and Missions can be reported this year than ever before, showing that many barriers in thought have been broken down and more love for the red man and his children has sprung up. I think, even with all our financial discouragements, our work is now progressing in love for humanity and great encouragement may be taken. If we work and will to do we shall succeed.

Since writing the above, Council Bluffs reports a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, formed May 24, and the Mission at Harlan will soon come into the ranks.

MARY J. GAYLORD, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Iowa Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Lee Hall, Davenport, at 10 a. m., Wednesday, May 26, 1897. Rev. Montgomery Schuyler opened with prayers, followed by the president's address.

Roll call was responded to by eighteen delegates. Clinton, Davenport Cathedral, Davenport Trinity, Des Moines, Keokuk, Sioux City, North Clinton, Ottumwa, Waterloo, Burlington and Waverly Parishes were represented.

Council Bluffs reported a branch formed, Monday, May 24, 1897, which would soon be in working order.

Harlan reported that it would soon come into the ranks.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

For lack of time the secretary's report was not read.

The election of officers resulted in the election of

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

Mrs. Wm. R. Bowman, Waverly, President
Miss Hattie E. Henningsen, 1st Vice-President.
Miss S. H. Weare, Sioux City, 2nd Vice-President.
Mrs. Francis N. Davis, Sioux City, Secretary-Treasurer.

Miss Julia C. Emery, general secretary, from New York, now addressed the meeting, telling us of the young woman, Miss Babcock, formerly from Iowa, who is soon to go to Japan as a Missionary.

On motion of Mrs. Gaylord, of Des Moines, seconded by Miss Kimball, of Davenport, it was

Resolved, That the Iowa branch pledge one hundred dollars towards the support of Miss Babcock this year, and to recommend our successors to continue the same in years to come; that the secretary write Miss Babcock, 708 Spruce street, Philadelphia, telling her of the pledge.

Resolved, That the Iowa branch of the Woman's Auxiliary take under its auspices the Church Periodical Club, and do all in its power to further its work, with Miss Carrie Knott, Waverly, Iowa, secretary, and that the storehouse, for the present, be continued in Waverly, Iowa.

Resolved, That Miss Susanna Weare, of Sioux City, be given charge of the Junior work throughout the Diocese.

Miss Henningsen now gave a very interesting talk upon the work done by herself in visiting Parishes and organizing new branches, after which the meeting adjourned until 3 p. m.

MARY J. GAYLORD, Secretary.

At 3 o'clock p. m. the meeting was called to order by the president, and the following clergy made brief and interesting addresses on Mission work and Missionary experiences:

Rev. S. R. J. Hoyt, D. D., Davenport.
Rev. J. H. Lynch, Trinity, Ottumwa.
Rev. T. F. Bowen, St. Stephens, Spencer.
Rev. W. T. Jackson, Trinity, Emmettsburg.
Rev. C. W. Tyler, Grace, Lyons.
Rev. W. H. Frost, St. Andrews, Waverly.

A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring secretary, Mrs. Gaylord, for her faithfulness and efficiency in office, after which the meeting adjourned.

HELEN DAVIS, Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.



DES MOINES, December, 1897.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, DIOCESE OF IOWA:

In submitting her report for the past six months (from June 1st to December 1st), your secretary begs you to consider that the period covered is the dormant one of the Auxiliary year, because but little is done aside from the collection of the Mite-Chest or United Offering, to September first.

By order from the general office this is allowed reported, but not incorporated as part of the revenues of the Auxiliary, but kept separate and apart as a special offering every third year at the Tri-ennial Conventions of the Church.

With this exception, I repeat the active labors of the Parochial Chapters rest and its pulses no not quicken until cold weather.

At the convention of 1895 (Minneapolis) the Women's Auxiliary of Iowa laid upon the alms-basin the sum of \$225.82. Upon taking the office I was handed the collection of 1896,

Which was.....	\$ 91.20
Collected interest on same	4.27
From June 1 to December 1, I have received	157.28

Making at this date the sum of \$253.45

I am still receiving occasional remittances and regret to close the books for 1897 at this date, December 1.

I rejoice then that this season of Advent is ushering us into a year which promises to be the greatest in the record of the work of the Auxiliary in this Diocese, and I fully believe that if we earnestly and systematically work for it our offering in October at Washington will reach \$500.

I feel, too, that you have been prompt in responding to the pledge of \$100 made to Miss Emery (for this year), at the May Convention,

toward the support of Miss Babcock, who has recently gone to her labor in the Mission work of Japan. I have remitted to Mr. G. C. Thomas, Treasurer Board of Missions, *seventy-eight* of the *one hundred dollars*, and have assurance of the remainder.

It is but natural that our interest should tend towards this worker, a former resident of Iowa, who has consecrated her life and effort upon the altar of sacrifice and renunciation, and I sincerely hope she will remember my earnest request for an occasional letter, in which event it shall be made public.

With the deepest regret that it is not possible for me to be with you to-day, with the earnest hope and the full belief that the coming year will be the greatest (not only in Iowa, but throughout its entire limits), that the Auxiliary has yet known; with the knowledge that in order to achieve this result each individual member of each Parochial branch must consider that grave responsibilities rest upon her; that membership is a trust, and that for such trust we must render account; with the certainty that if we do realize our duties (which I like better to call privileges) then, at that great gathering in October next the proof of our zeal will be apparent and none of us will be ashamed of the alms which our fair, young Diocese will lay upon the altar of the Mission work of our great Church.

Yours in the faith,

HELEN DAVIS.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY,

HELD IN DES MOINES, DECEMBER 7 AND 8, 1897.

The delegates attended the opening service at St. Paul's church at 10:30 A. M., December 7, 1897, partaking of the Holy Communion. At 3:00 P. M. they again assembled at St. Paul's to listen to the Bishop's address, after which adjournment was taken to the First Baptist church for a business meeting. The convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. W. R. Bowman. In the absence of the secretary, Miss Hattie E. Henningsen was chosen secretary *pro tem.*

The president next read her address, in which the work and the spirit which should animate it were admirably presented.

Upon roll call the following Parishes were found to be represented by the delegates named:

Council Bluffs, St. Paul's, Mrs. E. H. Lougee, Mrs. E. C. Shepard.

Davenport, Cathedral, Mrs. D. F. Van Steinberg, Miss Anna Richardson Perry.

Des Moines, St. Paul's, Mrs. Henry Sabin, Mrs. S. D. Wilson.

Keokuk, St. John's, Mrs. F. G. Thomas.

Lyons, Grace, Miss H. E. Henningsen.

Oelwein, St. Mary's and Fairbank, Rev. R. L. Knox.

Ottumwa, Trinity, Mrs. S. Mahon, Mrs. J. D. Fence.

Waverly, St. Andrew's, Mrs. Julian Ruddick, Mrs. Edward Knott.

Waverly, Junior, Mrs. D. T. Gibson.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and accepted.

Reports were next called for and presented in the following order:

Of the 2nd vice-president, on Junior Work.

Of the secretary of the Church Periodical Club.

Of the secretary and treasurer.

Upon motion the treasurer's report was referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Mrs. Julian Ruddick and Mrs. C. H. Gaylord.

The election of officers being next in order, upon motion the rules were suspended and the former officers re-elected by acclamation, as follows:

President—Mrs. W. R. Bowman, Waverly.

1st Vice-President—Miss H. E. Henningsen, Lyons.

2nd Vice-President—Miss Susanna Weare, Sioux City.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Francis N. Davis, Sioux City.

Secretary Church Periodical Club—Miss Carrie Knott, Waverly.

The presentation of miscellaneous business being now called for Miss Henningsen presented the following, from Grace Church Branch, Lyons:

The Woman's Auxiliary of Grace Church, Lyons, asks the privilege of preparing a suitable purse to contain the United Offering from Iowa at the Tri-ennial Convention in Washington, October, 1898. The offer was unanimously accepted and a vote of thanks extended to the Lyons Auxiliary.

Mrs. Van Steinburg, of the Cathedral, Davenport, presented the subject of a suitable memorial to the late Mrs. Perry, so long Honorary President of the Diocesan Branch. It was thought most suitable that this should take the form of furnishing a room in St. Luke's Hospital, Davenport, an institution in which Mrs. Perry was especially and deeply interested. After explaining the plan and submitting estimates of the cost it was voted to furnish such a room and Mrs. Van Steinburg was appointed a special committee to take charge of the matter, the same to be completed during the year.

Mrs. Bowman then explained that the attempted closing of the Auxiliary year with September 1st had occasioned considerable confusion in the reports of Parochial secretaries, and proposed that the year be changed back to end with December 1, which change was, on motion made.

Adjournment was thereupon taken until 10:00 A. M. of the following day.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1897.

At 10:00 A. M. the ladies re-assembled in the First Baptist Church and took part in a memorial Service for the late Mrs. Perry, conducted by Archdeacon Hoyt, who also delivered a most appropriate address. The meeting then being called to order for business, the auditing committee, appointed the previous day, reported that the treasurer's accounts were correct and the committee was thereupon discharged.

It was next voted that the secretary be instructed to have 500 copies of the annual report printed, and that Dr. Hoyt be requested to allow his memorial address of that morning to be included.

Most of the ladies present then joined in a spirited and helpful discussion of the following questions which were presented in order:

Is it generally desirable that the same officers should serve at the head of the Woman's Auxiliary and of the Parish Guild?

Is Mission work a help or a hindrance to Parochial work?

What can be done to interest the women in Auxiliary work?

How can we secure a better recognition of the Auxiliary by the Convention, and demand more duties of the delegates?

It was also, upon motion,

Resolved, That Parochial secretaries be instructed that unless their annual reports are in the hands of the Diocesan secretary a reasonable length of time before convention they must be laid over until the following year.

Mrs. Bowman then gave a very interesting exemplification of the manner in which Mission studies might be conducted in a Sunday School or Junior Auxiliary, after which, there being no further matters to take up, the Convention formally adjourned.

H. E. HENNINGSEN,
Secretary *pro tem.*

LIST OF PAROCHIAL CHAPTERS AND OFFICERS.



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Secretary—MRS. L. J. GILBERT.

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President—MRS. E. A. JONES. Secretary—MRS. A. KEMP.
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President—MRS. H. C. PERKINS.
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President—MRS. GEORGE A. NEWMAN.
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President—MRS. M. A. KLINE.
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Secretary and Treasurer—MRS. CARTWRIGHT.

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Secretary and Treasurer—MRS. C. E. ANDERSON.

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President—MRS. ELIZA BURDEN.
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President—MRS. E. R. CLAPP.
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Secretary—MRS. JOHN MONTGOMERY.

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Secretary—MISS SALLIE EVERETT.

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Secretary and Treasurer—MISS H. E. HENNINGSEN.

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President—M. H. KNISLEY.

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President—MRS. G. W. RUDDICK.

Secretary and Treasurer—MISS RAY M. HANCHETT.

WATERLOO—CHRIST.

President—MRS. MOSES RICKER.

Secretary and Treasurer—MRS. WM. BATES.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.



FROM DECEMBER 1, '95, TO DECEMBER 1, '97.

ALGONA—ST. THOMAS.

Cash, United Offering,	\$ 2 19	\$ 2 19
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BRISTOW—ST. ANDREW'S.

Cash, Current Expenses,	50	50
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BURLINGTON—CHRIST.

Cash, What Cheer Missions,	11 25	
Armenian Relief Fund,	10 00	
Domestic Missions,	3 00	
Babcock Pledge,	10 00	34 25

CEDAR RAPIDS—GRACE.

Cash, Current Expenses,	4 00	
Brierly Memorial,	5 00	
Southern Florida,	5 00	
General Missions,	1 00	
" "	5 00	
Diocesan Missions,	6 40	
Swedish Missions,	5 00	
United Offering,	5 00	
" "	5 00	
Babcock Pledge,	5 00	46 40
Boxes, Durant Mission,	60 00	60 00

COUNCIL BLUFFS—ST. PAUL'S.

Cash, Babcock Pledge,	5 00	5 00
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CHEROKEE—ST. JOHN'S.

Cash, Current Expenses,	\$ 1 00
Spirit of Missions and Hand Book,	1 25
Babcock Pledge,	1 00
Boxes, St. Luke's Hospital,	8 00
	\$ 3 25
	8 00

CLINTON.

Cash, Diocesan Missions,	25 00	25 00
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CRESCO—GRACE.

Cash, Babcock Pledge,	2 50
Current Expenses,	1 50
United Offering,	2 50
Boxes, St. Luke's, Davenport,	7 00
	6 50
	7 00

DAVENPORT—CATHEDRAL.

Cash, Current Expenses,	1 00
Rev. Webb, Marshalltown,	6 50
United Offering,	13 30
" "	2 27
Babcock Pledge,	5 00
Current Expenses,	1 25
United Offering,	9 54
Boxes, Rev. Webb, Marshalltown,	28 95
St. Luke's Hospital,	200 00
" " Comforter,	3 68
" " "	12 22
Rev. Crickman, Spirit Lake,	114 58
	359 43

DAVENPORT—TRINITY.

Cash, Diocesan Missions,	25 00
Sister Flora Sewanee,	3 00
Brierly Memorial,	2 00
Southern Florida,	1 00
Current Expenses,	1 50
United Offering,	5 03
Diocesan Missions,	15 00
Babcock Pledge,	7 00
Current Expenses,	1 50
Freight on Box, C. P. C.,	1 41
Boxes, Sister Flora Sewanee, Tenn.,	12 00
" " "	4 20
Freight on Box to " St. John's Church, Ft. Benton,	1 39
	2 50
	20 09

DECORAH--GRACE.

Cash, United Offering,	\$ 9 82	\$ 9 82
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DES MOINES--ST. PAUL'S.

Cash, Diocesan Missions,	294 35	
Brierly Memorial,	10 00	
Southern Florida,	2 00	
Divinity Student, Neshota,	37 50	
" "	12 50	
Current Expenses,	12 50	
Hoffman Hall, Blankets,	13 50	
United Offering,	7 97	
Cottage Hospital,	12 00	
Diocesan Missions,	155 65	
United Offering,	9 79	567 76
Boxes, Hoffman Hall,	1 00	
St. John's School, S. D., by		
Mrs. Gaylord,	30 00	31 00

DUBUQUE--ST. JOHN'S.

Cash, Farley Missions,	25 00	
Current Expenses,	2 00	
Southern Florida,	2 00	
Brierly Memorial,	5 00	
Diocesan Missions,	15 00	
Anvik, Alaska,	5 00	
United Offering,	13 74	
Babcock Pledge,	5 00	
United Offering,	12 85	85 59
Boxes, Missionary What Cheer	87 45	
Oneida Mission, Wis.,	39 65	
Ft. Benton, S. D., St. John's Sch'l	20 00	147 10

DURANT--ST. PAUL'S.

Cash, United Offering	2 50	2 50
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EMMETTSBURG--TRINITY.

Cash, United Offering,	5 00	5 00
Boxes, Carrollton Mission, Mo.,	5 00	5 00

ESTHERVILLE--GRACE.

Cash, Domestic Missions,	2 80	
Current Expenses,	2 00	4 80

FAIRBANKS—ST. LUKE'S.

Cash, United Offering

\$ 80

\$ 80

FORT DODGE—ST. MARK'S

Boxes, Ft. Benton, S. D.,

18 50

18 50

INDEPENDENCE—ST. JAMES.

Cash, Current Expenses,

1 00

General Missions,

5 00

Diocesan Missions,

5 00

Domestic Missions, Miss Buford

1 00

" " Texas,

3 00

Rent on House, Family,

6 00

United Offering,

3 27

Babcock Pledge,

2 50

Current Expenses,

1 00

United Offering,

9 25

37 02

Boxes, St. Luke's Hospital, Davenport

10 00

St. Elizabeth's School, S. D.,

5 00

15 00

KEOKUK—ST. JOHN'S.

Cash, Diocesan Missions,

10 00

Babcock Pledge,

5 00

United Offering,

13 85

28 85

Boxes, Hobart Mission, Onedia, Wis.,

5 00

" " " "

40 00

45 00

LYONS (NORTH CLINTON)—GRACE.

Cash, Farley Missions,

3 00

Diocesan Missions,

35 00

Current Expenses,

2 00

Cripple Creek, Colo.,

5 00

Freight on Box, C. P. C.,

35

United Offering,

20 59

Current Expenses,

3 00

Diocesan Missions,

6 00

Babcock Pledge,

5 00

United Offering,

24 75

104 69

Boxes, Hospital St. Luke's, Davenport,

6 55

" " Cedar Rapids,

5 35

" Finley, Dubuque,

5 35

" Cottage, Des Moines,

4 15

Altar Linen, Bristow,

12 50

Hoffman Hall, Nashville, Tenn.,

16 00

Carrollton Mission,

3 55

Hospital, St. Luke's, Davenport,

5 80

" " Cedar Rapids,

5 80

" Finley, Dubuque,

5 35

70 40

MARSHALLTOWN—ST. PAUL'S.

Cash, Diocesan Missions,	\$ 3 00
" "	7 00
Babcock Pledge,	2 11
Current Expenses,	1 50
	\$ 13 61

MASON CITY—ST. JOHN'S.

Cash, Diocesan Missions,	2 80
Boxes, Sac City Mission	5 00

MUSCATINE—TRINITY.

Cash, What Cheer Mission,	25 00
Rev. Chard, Albia,	2 00
Current Expenses,	2 00
United Offering,	40
" "	10 50
	39 90

Boxes, What Cheer Mission,	37 85
Rev. Chard, Albia,	60 00
All Saints, Muscatine,	10 00
Alaska Indian Mission,	5 00
	112 85

OELWEIN—ST. MARY'S MISSION.

Cash, Diocesan Missions,	1 50
	1 50

OTTUMWA—TRINITY.

Cash, Rev. Pickworth, Durant,	10 00
United Offering,	8 30
Current Expenses,	3 00
Babcock Pledge,	5 00
United Offering,	11 31
	37 61
Boxes, Rev. Pickworth, Durant,	20 00
W. A., Salt Lake City, Utah,	26 00
Rev. Mason, St. Louis, Mo.,	23 00
	69 00

SIOUX CITY—ST. THOMAS.

Cash, Current Expenses,	2 00
Rev. Purce, Farley,	5 00
Diocesan Missions,	5 33
Rev. Howard, Mt. Pleasant,	10 00
United Offering,	8 30
Current Expenses,	2 00
Babcock Pledge,	5 00
Boxes, Farley Mission,	40 00
Ft. Benton, S. D., St. John's S.,	5 00
	45 00

SPENCER—ST. STEPHEN'S.

Cash, Diocesan Missions,	\$ 3 20
United Offering,	2 75
	\$ 5 95

WATERLOO—CHRIST.

Cash, Diocesan Missions,	10 00
Babcock Pledge,	8 00
United Offering,	6 50
	24 50

WAVERLY—ST. ANDREW'S.

Cash, Current Expenses,	5 00
Brierly Memorial,	5 00
Southern Florida,	2 00
Diocesan Missions,	9 02
Spirit of Missions,	1 00
Cripple Creek, Colo.,	3 00
Cost of Box to S. D.,	10 28
Babcock Pledge,	5 00
Current Expenses,	2 50
Diocesan Missions,	7 10
United Offering,	10 08
" "	12 00
Expense C. P. C.,	20 41
Aid to Bristow,	20 00
Boxes, St. Luke's Hospital, C. R.,	26 50
Rev. Crickman, Spirit Lake,	125 52
St. John's, Ft. Benton, S. D.,	30 00
Bristow Mission,	10 00
	192 02

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cash on Hand, 12-1, '95,	4 21
Collection Annual Meeting, 12-1, '95,	7 80
Collection Adjourned Annual Meet-	
ing, 5-28, '97,	7 95
United Offering Report, Miss E.,	1 00
Interest on United Offering,	4 27
United Offering, a Friend,	03
Mrs. Gaylord, Current Expenses,	10
	15 75
	5 27
	03
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BOX CONTRIBUTIONS.



FROM DECEMBER 1, '95, TO DECEMBER 1, '97.

CEDAR RAPIDS—GRACE.

Diocesan Missions,	\$ 60 00	\$ 60 00
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CHEROKEE—ST. JOHN'S.

Hospital, St. Luke's, Davenport,	8 00	8 00
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CRESCO—GRACE.

Hospital, St. Luke's, Davenport,	7 00	7 00
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DAVENPORT—CATHEDRAL.

Diocesan Missions,	143 53	
Hospital, St. Luke's,	215 90	359 43

DAVENPORT—TRINITY.

Domestic Missions,	20 09	20 09
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DES MOINES—ST. PAUL'S.

Domestic Missions,	31 00	31 00
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DUBUQUE—ST. JOHNS.

Diocesan Missions,	87 45	
Domestic "	59 65	147 10

FORT DODGE—ST. MARK'S.

Domestic Missions,	18 50	18 50
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INDEPENDENCE—ST. JAMES.

Hospital, St. Luke's, Davenport,	10 00	
Domestic Missions,	5 00	15 00

KEOKUK—ST. JOHN'S.

Domestic Missions,	45 00	45 00
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LYONS—GRACE.

Hospital, St. Luke's, Davenport,	\$ 12 35
" Cedar Rapids,	11 15
" Finley, Dubuque,	10 70
" Cottage, Des Moines,	4 15
Diocesan Missions,	12 50
Domestic Missions,	19 55 \$ 70 40

MASON CITY—ST. JOHN'S.

Diocesan Missions,	5 00 5 00
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MUSCATINE—TRINITY.

Diocesan Missions,	107 85
Domestic "	5 00 112 85

OTTUMWA—TRINITY.

Diocesan Missions,	20 00
Domestic "	49 00 69 00

SIOUX CITY—ST. THOMAS.

Diocesan,	40 00
Domestic,	5 00 45 00

WAVERLY—ST. ANDREW'S.

Diocesan Missions,	162 02
Domestic, "	30 00 192 02

Total, Diocesan Missionary Boxes, \$	638 35
" Domestic " "	287 79
" Hospital Boxes,	279 25
" Contributions in Boxes,	\$1,205 39

CASH DONATIONS FOR MISSIONS.



FROM DECEMBER 1, '95, TO DECEMBER 1, '97.

BURLINGTON--CHRIST.

Diocesan,	\$ 11 25	\$
Domestic,	3 00	
Foreign,	10 00	24 25

CEDAR RAPIDS--GRACE.

Diocesan,	6 40	
Domestic,	10 00	
Foreign,	5 00	
General,	6 00	27 40

DAVENPORT--CATHEDRAL.

Domestic,	6 50	6 50
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DAVENPORT--TRINITY.

Domestic,	4 00	
Diocesan,	40 00	
Foreign,	2 00	46 00

DES MOINES--ST. PAUL'S.

Diocesan,	450 00	
Domestic,	65 50	
Foreign,	10 00	525 50

DUBUQUE--ST. JOHN'S.

Diocesan,	40 00	
Domestic,	7 00	
Foreign,	5 00	52 00

EMMETTSBURG--TRINITY.

Diocesan	5 00	5 00
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CLINTON--

Diocesan,	25 00	25 00
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ESTHERVILLE—GRACE.			
Domestic,	\$ 2 80	\$ 2 80	
INDEPENDENCE—ST. JAMES.			
Diocesan,	5 00		
Domestic,	4 00		
General,	5 00	14 00	
KEOKUK—ST. JOHN'S.			
Diocesan,	10 00	10 00	
LYONS (NORTH CLINTON)—GRACE.			
Diocesan,	44 00		
Domestic,	5 00	49 00	
MARSHALLTOWN—ST. JAMES.			
Diocesan,	10 00	10 00	
MASON CITY—ST. JOHN'S.			
Diocesan,	2 80	2 80	
MUSCATINE—TRINITY.			
Diocesan,	27 00	27 00	
OELWEIN—ST. MARY'S.			
Diocesan,	1 50	1 50	
OTTUMWA—TRINITY.			
Diocesan,	10 00	10 00	
SIOUX CITY—ST. THOMAS.			
Diocesan,	20 33	20 33	
SPENCER—ST. STEPHEN'S.			
Diocesan,	3 20	3 20	
WATERLOO—CHRIST.			
Diocesan,	10 00	10 00	
WAVERLY—ST. ANDREW'S.			
Diocesan,	36 12		
Domestic,	15 28		
Foreign,	5 00	56 40	
Total to Diocesan Missions,	\$764 10		
" Domestic "	116 58		
" Foreign "	37 00		
" General "	11 00		
Total Contributions to Missions,		\$928 68	

MISCELLANEOUS CASH CONTRIBUTIONS.



FROM DECEMBER 1, '95, TO DECEMBER 1, '97.

CHEROKEE—ST. JOHN'S.

Spirit of Missions and Hand Book,	\$ 1 25	\$ 1 25
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DES MOINES—ST. PAUL'S.

Cottage Hospital,	12 00	12 00
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INDEPENDENCE—ST. JAMES.

Rent of House for Family.	6 00	6 00
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LYONS (NORTH CLINTON)—GRACE.

Freight on Box, C. P. C.,	35	35
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WAVERLY—ST. ANDREW'S.

Spirit of Missions,	1 00	
Expenses, C. P. C.,	20 41	21 41

DAVENPORT.

Freight on Box, C. P. C.,	1 41	1 41
Total, Miscellaneous Cash,		\$42 42

UNITED OFFERING.



FROM DECEMBER 1, '95, TO DECEMBER 1, '97.

Algona, St. Thomas.....	\$ 2 19
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Cedar Rapids, Grace.....	5 00
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Cresco, Grace.....	2 50
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Davenport, Cathedral.....	\$ 13 30
" ".....	2 27
" ".....	9 54
Trinity	5 03
Decorah, Grace.....	9 82
Des Moines, St. Paul.....	7 97
" ".....	9 79
Dubuque, St. John.....	13 74
" ".....	12 85
Durant, St. Paul.....	2 50
Emmettsburg, Trinity.....	5 00
Fairbank, St. Luke's.....	80
Independence, St. James.....	3 27
" ".....	9 25
Keokuk, St. John's.....	13 85
Lyons (North Clinton), Grace.....	20 59
" " ".....	24 75
Muscatine, Trinity.....	40
" ".....	10 50
Ottumwa, Trinity.....	8 30
" ".....	11 31
Sioux City, St. Thomas	8 30
Spencer, St. Stephen's.....	2 75
Waterloo, Christ	6 50
Waverly, St. Andrew's.....	12 00
" ".....	10 08
Interest on First Year's Collection.....	4 27
A Friend	03
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	\$253 45
Total Amount of Collections.....	\$253 45
Reported by Miss Emery.....	1 00
Amount in Hands State Treasurer.....	\$253 45
Amount in Hands Miss Emery.....	1 00

OFFERINGS TO BABCOCK PLEDGE.



FROM MAY 28 TO DEC. 1, 1897.

Burlington, Christ.....	\$10 00
Cedar Rapids, Grace.....	5 00
Council Bluffs, St. Paul's.....	5 00
Cherokee, St. John's.....	1 00
Cresco, Grace.....	2 50
Davenport, Cathedral.....	5 00
" Trinity	7 00
Dubuque, St. John's.....	5 00
Independence, St. James.....	2 50
Keokuk, St. John's.....	5 00
Lyons, Grace.....	5 00
Marshalltown, St. Paul's.....	2 11
Ottumwa, Trinity	5 00
Sioux City, St. Thomas.....	5 00
Waterloo, Christ.....	8 00
Waverly, St. Andrew's.....	5 00
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Total Collections for Babcock Pledge.....	\$78 11
Amount in Hands General Treasurer.....	\$78 11

REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY.



FROM DECEMBER 1, '95, TO DECEMBER 1, '97.

CEDAR RAPIDS—GRACE.

Cash, Diocesan Missions,	\$ 8 88	\$ 8 88
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INDEPENDENCE—ST. JAMES.

Cash, General Missions,	2 00	2 00
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Box, St. Luke's Hospital, Davenport,	5 00	
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Articles to Fair,	5 00	10 00
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OTTUMWA—TRINITY. "MINISTERING LEAGUE."	
Box, W. A., Salt Lake City, Utah,	\$ 9 00
Rev. Ashley, S. D.,	22 00
SIOUX CITY—ST. THOMAS, S. S.	
Cash, for	35 82
WAVERLY—ST. ANDREWS. "MERRY HELPERS"	
Cash, St. Luke's Hospital, Davenport,	25 00
Bristow Missions,	5 00
St. Luke's Hospital, Davenport,	5 00
Box, " "	8 50
Rev. Bowen, Spencer, Iowa,	12 00
	35 00
	20 50

SUMMARY OF CASH OFFERINGS.



FROM DECEMBER 1, '95, TO DECEMBER 1, '97.

United Offering,	\$254 45
Offering to Babcock Pledge,	78 11
Diocesan Missions,	764 10
Domestic "	116 58
Foreign "	37 00
General "	11 00
Current Expenses,	73 81
Miscellaneous Contributions,	42 42
Total Cash Contributions,	\$1,377 47

SUMMARY OF BOX OFFERINGS.



FROM DECEMBER 1, '95, TO DECEMBER 1, '97.

Total, Diocesan Missionary Boxes,	\$638 35
" Domestic " "	287 79
" Hospital Boxes,	279 25
Total Value of Box Offerings,	\$1,205 39

RECAPITULATION.



Total Cash Offerings, Woman's Auxiliary,	\$1,877 47
" " " Junior "	81 70
Total Cash Offerings, from 12-1, '95, to 12-1, '97,	\$1,459 17
Total Box Offerings, Woman's Auxiliary,	\$1,205 39
" " " Junior "	61 50
Total Box Offerings, from 12-1, '95 to 12-1, '97,	\$1,266 89
Grand Total Offerings from Various Sources,	\$2,726 06
Cash in Hands Treasurer, 12-1, '97, United Offering,	\$253 45
Babcock Pledge,	78 11
Current Expenses,	17 90
Total,	\$349 46
Cash in Hands of Miss Emery, U. O.,	\$1 00

CURRENT EXPENSES.



FROM DECEMBER 1, '95, TO DECEMBER 1, '97.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand 12-1-'95,		\$ 4 21
Collection, Annual Meeting, 12-1-'95,		7 80
" " " 5-26-'97,		7 95
Bristow, St. Andrew's,	\$ 0 50	
Cedar Rapids, Grace,	4 00	
Cherokee, St. John's,	1 00	
Cresco, Grace,	1 50	
Davenport, Cathedral,	1 00	
" "	1 25	
Davenport, Trinity,	1 50	
" "	1 50	
Des Moines, St. Paul's,	12 50	
Dubuque, St. John's,	2 00	
Estherville, Grace,	2 00	
Independence, St. James,	1 00	
" "	1 00	
Lyons, Grace,	2 00	
" "	3 00	
Marshalltown, St. James,	1 50	
Muscatine, Trinity,	2 00	
Ottumwa, Trinity,	3 00	
Sioux City, St. Thomas,	2 00	
" "	2 00	
Waverly, St. Andrews,	5 00	
" "	2 50	
Mrs. Gaylord,	10	53 85
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		\$73 81

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand	4 21
Collections, Annual Meetings,	15 75
" from Parishes,	53 85
Total Receipts,	<hr/> \$73 81

DISBURSEMENTS

Total Expenditures,	\$ 55 91
Balance in Treasurer's Hands,	17 90

CURRENT EXPENSES.



FROM DECEMBER 1, '95, TO DECEMBER 1, '97.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing Annual Report,	\$14 50
" Circular Letter,	1 75
Postal Cards and Printing,	1 00
" " "	80
Printing Circular Note,	1 25
" Programme Annual Meeting,	1 50
Express on U. O. Boxes Rec'd and Sent Out,	7 35
Money Order,	03
Express on Sermons and Reports from N. Y.,	46
Return Postage to Miss Emery,	1 19
Postage on Annual Reports,	4 48
" on Circular Letter,	1 50
" on " Note,	1 10
" on Annual Meeting Notices,	75
" on Sermons, etc., Disbursed,	46
Blanks, Annual Reports,	1 28
Stationery and Letter Postage,	2 68
Postal Cards,	2 00
Stamp.	1 00
Express, Package from Mrs. Gaylord,	40
Account Book,	35
Paper and Envelopes,	3 50
Postage Stamps,	1 00
Express Charges,	90
Postage Stamps,	1 00
" on Annual Reports,	25
" Return Miss Emery,	20
" Stamps,	1 00
Printing Notices Convention,	1 75
Express on Package to Des Moines,	50
	\$55 91

REPORT OF CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.



The secretary begs leave to submit the following report of the Church Periodical Club to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Iowa:

Of current literature we now have eighty-six numbers. We have sent out to various hospitals, penitentiaries, reform schools, poor farms, etc., Church papers to the number of 645; Sunday School papers, 1,800; papers, 1,974; magazines, 896; books, 12; Sunday School cards, 72; Christmas cards, 100; Spirit of Missions, 150; we have written 205 letters; received 38 letters. The expense of sending boxes and writing letters amounts to \$20.41.

We now have on hand 875 Church papers; 487 magazines; 2,000 papers of all kinds; 40 hymnals; 20 prayer books; 20 Church music books; 600 Sunday School leaflets. We have received boxes from twenty-four different places and individuals.

The Parishes which have contributed boxes of literature are as follows:

Waverly, Fairbank, Vail, Decorah, Muscatine, Waterloo, Independence, Dubuque, Spirit Lake, Davenport, Sioux City, Cresco, Lyons.

Parishes responding to the appeal for current literature are as follows:

Sioux City, Chariton, Decorah, Waverly, Lyons, Cedar Rapids, Cresco, Dubuque, Marshalltown, LeMars, Waterloo, DesMoines.

MISS CARRIE KNOTT, Secretary,
Waverly, Iowa.

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-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 to 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. .



STIR up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people; that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by Thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Missions.

O GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after Thee and find Thee. Bring the nations into Thy fold, and add the heathen to Thine inheritance. And we pray Thee shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD, we pray Thee that Thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



