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OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

IOWA BRANCH

TO THE

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

OF THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS

HELD IN

DAVENPORT, IOWA,

MAY 23 AND 24, 1899.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Friends and Fellow-Workers of the Auxiliary:

Eleven years ago, in this same city of Davenport, the Iowa Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary held its initial meeting, many of the women then for the first time seeing each other's faces, and banding together in mutual work for Christ and His Church. What has been accomplished in these eleven years?

The record, as it has been preserved in the succeeding annual reports, carefully examined, tells its own story of plans and hopes, sometimes unrealized; of the rise of some Branches, the decline and fall of others; the steady, faithful "continuance in good works" year by year of those who from first to last have stood at their post.

But how shall we summarize? Briefly, I think, in the statement made to our new Bishop when first he inquired concerning the status of our work, that while there has been a gratifying increase in the number of Parishes sharing in it, the aggregate of the work accomplished has not grown as it should; has in some years shown an actual retrogression.

For this there are various causes, such as the business depression from which almost the whole country suffered for several years; the loss, in some instances by death or removal, of especially active workers who had been towers of strength in their respective Parishes—and still other and deeper ones which should cause us to search our own hearts and ask ourselves what it is that has withheld good things from us.

But, leaving the past and its varied experiences, save as we may learn lessons from it, let us face the present and the future. All our work, to be really effective, must have a

spiritual motive, and hand in hand with that must go the practical method. What is the spiritual motive? Surely an earnest desire to further the cause of Christ. A warfare this, and it is not in human nature to put much heart into fighting for that which all along we feel is foredoomed to be a failure. But thank God there is no real reason whatever for considering the cause of Christ a losing one; rather it is going on every year to new conquests, and in that work women bear, and ever have borne, a glorious part. It is very largely ours, each in our own community, to bring the world to see that the Church of God is indeed that faithful teacher of truth and righteousness, that refuge for the weary-hearted, that sure stay amid all the manifold changes and chances of this mortal life, which we believe it divinely appointed to be. Nor are we perhaps so likely to forget this duty, but there is another which calls us to enlarge our sympathies, to send out shepherds into pastures where the sheep are but few and scattered, that new folds may be erected and guarded, and the flock of Christ gathered in. It is the special purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary to help us to perform this duty, nor need it in any wise divert us from good deeds at home, since it remains ever true that the larger our sympathy for the work of Christ in all the world, the greater our faith and zeal in our own Parishes.

And surely there is a magnificent field all about us. Iowa needs the Church and the Church needs Iowa, just as truly as it needs New York or Pennsylvania. The Church has a message to the people of the West, which if they heed, will be to their infinite profit. Can we not help to speed that message?

And this brings us to the question of the practical method of the work in which, if we succeed, we must go heartily hand in hand. This seems the most fitting place to acknowledge, as your President, the kindness, the courtesy, the hearty co-operation, with which the new administration of the last few months has been greeted on all sides, leaving in this respect nothing to be desired. That the same cor-

dial relations may ever be preserved between the Diocesan officers of the Auxiliary and its workers on the one hand, and our Bishop and the clergy on the other, should be our earnest prayer.

It would be neither wise nor necessary for the Diocesan officers to dictate any of those details as to frequency and methods of meeting, the manner of raising funds, etc., which are best left to the judgment of local workers. To a very considerable extent also this is true respecting the objects to be worked for, premising always that they should be kept within that wide range which the larger wisdom of the National Auxiliary has laid out for us.

The Woman's Auxiliary is not on the footing of the usual Ladies' Guild working for the needs of its own Parish, neither is it in the nature of a benevolent society caring for the poor of its immediate neighborhood—it is to look to the needs, especially the spiritual needs, of those beyond, in other cities, in other states, in other countries, and this opens a field so wide that in it all may surely find something which appeals to them.

Be it understood then that whether you give in money direct or prepare boxes of clothing and other necessaries, whether you give to the white or the black, the Indian or the Chinaman, to the maintenance of Church services or to schools and hospitals, your work will be welcomed and appreciated. I only urge upon you that you *work*.

One faithful, efficient woman in each Parish and Mission to make the charge of this work her special care could do wonders. May God raise up such for us throughout our Diocese, which after all naturally claims the foremost place in our thoughts and plans and prayers, and so this Iowa Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary become what it may—a right arm to our Bishop in all his hopes and purposes for his Diocese, a friend to many a struggling Missionary, a cheer and solace to the faithful Church people hungry and thirsty now in so many towns within our border.

Upon those having charge of the various local Branches I would also urge that all things be done *systematically*. Keep a full and accurate account of all business done, make collections regularly, and be always prepared to render an account to either the Diocesan or National officers when such reports are called for. Not only should you send a correct report of the work done by your Branch to the Diocesan Secretary at a reasonable time before each annual Convention, but also (and this is a point not understood by all) you should see that your Rector includes it in his report of the Missionary work of your Parish. The Diocesan Journal often gives the total Missionary offerings of a Parish as less than the work reported by the Woman's Auxiliary of that Parish, proving conclusively that this has not been included. How much the standing of our Diocese suffers by such omissions you can readily see.

One other point in which I think we could make a great advance is if local Branches would not depend so much upon suggestions from without before planning and getting at a season's work. You ought to expect to do Missionary work every year as much as you expect to do Parochial work. If no meetings are held, no moneys raised, until some appeal is put before you, that appeal will find an empty treasury and somewhat disorganized forces to deal with it. In the case of frequent changes among the Diocesan officers the best part of a season may go by before they have all the duties of their new office so in hand as to give suggestions. What a comfort it would be to know that the work did not come to a standstill on that account, but that every Branch under its local officers was keeping on its faithful way.

The old difficulties of great distances, of lack of funds to use for the extension of the work, of the impossibility of gathering Churchwomen from so many scattered places, that they may gain inspiration by mutual conference, still confront us. In theory these problems have been solved long ago, in practice they are as obdurate as ever. We know

what ought to be done, but we have not the time, the means, nor the opportunity to do it. To each Diocesan President in turn has come the overwhelming conviction that what is most needed is the power of the living voice, the personal presence of some authorized representative to go from Parish to Mission, organizing Branches, explaining, persuading, stirring up interest. Honest attempts have been made to do it, but the field is all too large for the single worker. Gladly would your President go throughout the length and breadth of the state on such errands were it possible, but it is not. As long ago as 1891 our honored ex-President, Mrs. Rock, suggested the next best expedient, that of Deanery visitors, who would do by sections what the President could not do as a whole. This also has not been so far much more than a wise and pious wish, but it is a wish that is still active in our minds, urgent in our necessities, and which I hope and pray may be realized before long.

My dear sisters, let us separate for another year of work, let us work systematically, cheerfully, and prayerfully, and may God direct and keep us all, and bring peace and prosperity to this Diocese, and to our Church throughout the land.

HENRIETTE E. HENNINGSEN,

Diocesan President,

May, 1899.

Woman's Auxiliary.

SECRETARY'S ADDRESS.

At the time of the last Diocesan Convention, it was decided to hold the Church Conventions in May of each year again, consequently the time for the Diocesan Auxiliary Meeting was also changed.

I have, therefore, the honor of presenting to you to-day, the report of work done by 19 active Parishes and 2 active

Missions, from November, 1898, to May, 1899, making but six months, as was the case in 1897.

The last annual meeting having been held in November, gave short time in which to prepare for the Lenten Missionary work, during which time I find that most of our Parishes and Missions do their active work, that of preparing boxes.

I did not call for the United Offering collections in my circular letter, because of the unavoidable delay in responding to some of the calls for U. O. boxes. However, it seems to me wise to send this U. O. money to the treasurer of the Auxiliary before the Auxiliary vacation begins, that she may forward same to Miss Emery, or put it out at interest herself. During the past six months, 242 U. O. boxes, over and above those already in use in the Diocese, have been issued by Miss Emery or myself.

No special work having been taken up by the Auxiliary at its last meeting, your Secretary-Treasurer has not an elaborate report to make; but she wishes to testify that many very pleasant and encouraging letters have been received from a number of our Parishes and Missions, and we are all hopeful of the future of Iowa.

Of the 47 or 48 Parishes recorded in the Convention Journal of 1898, our President, Miss Henningsen, and your Secretary have together had correspondence with 24. Of the 24 organized Missions, we have heard from 4. Though not all active this year, all evinced an interest in Missions and we are looking for the formation of some new Branches this coming Auxiliary year.

And now permit me earnestly to advise that so much of the Missionary work as can be, shall be done through the Diocesan Auxiliary, that the various Branches may be in touch with each other and with the parent Branch, so to speak. It will lend inspiration all round.

Yours in the bonds of Auxiliary work,
Ottumwa, Iowa, May, 1899. H. L. MAHON.

MINUTES OF THE AUXILIARY MEETING.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Iowa Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held in Lee Hall, Davenport, on Tuesday afternoon, May 23, 1899, Miss Henningsen, the President, presiding. In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Arthur C. Stilson, of Des Moines, was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

Roll-call was responded to by delegates as follows:

Mrs. L. W. Goldwaite, Miss Fannie Potter, Mrs. J. S. Lowell, Mrs. Henry H. Morrill, Mrs. S. R. J. Hoyt, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. John Dow, Miss Kimball, Mrs. E. R. Clapp, Mrs. A. C. Stilson, Mrs. Burden, Mrs. Adams, Miss Homans, Mrs. C. D. Jones, Mrs. Kingsbury, Mrs. F. G. Thomas, Mrs. C. H. Lothrop, Mrs. De Freesh, Mrs. R. L. Thompson, Mrs. J. H. Lynch, Mrs. Catherine Taylor, Mrs. N. P. Kinney, representing the following Branches respectively, Burlington, Clinton, Davenport (Cathedral), Davenport (Trinity), Des Moines, Dubuque, Independence, Iowa City, Keokuk, Lyons, Muscatine, Ottumwa, Sioux City.

Of the Organized Missions, Maquoketa Branch was represented by Mrs. W. H. Frost and Mrs. L. L. Black. Many ladies besides the delegates were present, at least forty or fifty in all.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after which the President explained, for the benefit of those not understanding it, the meaning of the "Babcock Pledge," stating that Miss Babcock is a Missionary to Japan from Iowa, toward whose support the Iowa Branch of the Auxiliary has been contributing \$100.00 per year. Upon motion, this pledge was renewed for this year.

Miss Homans, of Independence, was appointed Diocesan Associate, in the interest of the Church in Mexico.

Motion was made and seconded that the suggestion be made to each Parish Branch that the entertainment of dele-

gates to Convention be paid for by the Branch sending delegate. Motion lost.

Suggestion was made that Parochial Branches do all in their power to aid in the support of young men preparing for the Sacred Ministry, and a pledge was made by the Iowa Branch to the Bishop, of \$100.00 for this purpose.

Mrs. Hector Baxter gave a short talk on ways of raising money for the work of the Auxiliary, and many of the delegates told of the plans used in their home branches.

Next in order was the election of officers for the following year, which resulted as follows: Honorary President, Mrs. Theodore N. Morrison; President, Miss Hattie E. Henningsen, of Lyons; First Vice-President, Mrs. Henry Sabin, of Des Moines; Second Vice-President (to have charge of Junior Auxiliary work), Miss Susanna Weare, of Sioux City; for Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Samuel Mahon, of Ottumwa; Secretary of the Church Periodical Club, Miss Carrie Knott, of Waverly.

Next was the report of the Committee on the Bishop and Mrs. Perry Memorial Room, presented by Miss Kimball, of Davenport. She reported \$——— collected and expended in the finishing of the furnishing of the room, making a total of \$——— expended on the room. After a rising vote of thanks to the members of this committee, the Auxiliary went in a body to visit the Memorial Room in St. Luke's Hospital, having adjourned to meet with the Convention in a General Missionary Meeting at Trinity Church on Wednesday at 9 a. m.

On Wednesday morning, May 24th, at 9 o'clock, the Auxiliary assembled with the Convention in Trinity Church, when the following program was carried out, in charge of Bishop Morrison:

1. Processional. Hymn 249.
2. Opening Prayers.
3. Address, the Rt. Rev. Theodore N. Morrison, D. D.

4. President's Address.
5. Hymn 250.
6. Report of Secretary and Treasurer and on Junior Work.
7. Offertory. Hymn 253.
8. Address, Mrs. Hector Baxtor, Minneapolis.
9. Address, "Diocesan Missions," the Rev. Allen Judd.
10. Closing Prayers.
11. Recessional. Hymn 261.

The amount of the offertory was \$18.01, for the work of the Auxiliary.

This ended the most encouraging and profitable meeting in the history of the Iowa Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

ADDIE R. STILSON,
Sec'y *pro tem.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

| | Babcock Fund. | Perry Memorial. | Diocesan Missions. | General Missions. | Current Expense. | Mission'y Box. |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| On Hand Last Report..... | \$..... | \$130 75 | \$..... | \$..... | \$..... | \$..... |
| Bristow, St. Andrew's..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 | 5 00 |
| Burlington, Christ..... | ..... | 10 00 | ..... | ..... | 3 00 | 20 60 |
| Cedar Falls..... | 2 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Clinton, St. John's..... | ..... | 15 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Council Bluffs, St. Paul's..... | ..... | 18 10 | 23 35 | 3 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Davenport, Cathedral..... | ..... | 8 27 | ..... | 2 10 | 49 37 | ..... |
| Davenport, St. Katharine's..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 60 42 |
| Davenport, Trinity..... | 5 00 | ..... | 10 00 | 1 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Decorah..... | 3 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Des Moines, St. Paul's..... | 12 00 | ..... | 273 00 | 83 00 | 5 00 | ..... |
| Dubuque, St. John's..... | ..... | 5 00 | 23 45 | ..... | 1 00 | ..... |
| Emmettsburg, Trinity..... | 5 00 | 1 90 | ..... | ..... | 1 40 | ..... |
| Fort Dodge, St. Mark's..... | | 5 00 | | | 2 00 | |
| Independence, St. James'..... | 2 00 | 1 00 | 15 00 | | 1 00 | 29 35 |
| Keokuk, St. John's..... | | | 10 00 | | 2 50 | 1 11 |

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| Lyons, Grace..... | 12 00 | 6 50 | 2 00 | 125 90 |
| Marshalltown, St. Paul's..... | 2 70 | | | |
| Mason City, St. John's..... | | | 50 | |
| Maquoketa, St. Mark's..... | ..... | ..... | 50 | 6 50 |
| Muscatine, Trinity..... | 5 00 | 19 00 | 3 00 | 2 00 22 20 |
| Ottumwa, Trinity..... | ..... | 2 00 | ..... | 1 00 51 75 |
| Spencer, St. Stephen's..... | 1 75 | ..... | ..... | 2 00 |
| Sioux City, St. Thomas'..... | 5 00 | 3 20 | 1 00 | 2 00 50 00 |
| Waterloo, Christ..... | ..... | 5 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Waverly, St. Andrew's..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 00 |
| Personal Offerings..... | 37 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Total..... | \$19 00 | \$202 90 | \$416 72 | \$126 85 |
| | | | | \$39 25 |
| | | | | \$422 20 |

JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

| | General Missions. | Mission'y Box. |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Burlington..... | \$10 00 | \$ 5 00 |
| Independence..... | ..... | 16 25 |
| Sioux City..... | 6 75 | |

PERRY MEMORIAL ROOM.

Additional Gifts for Perry Memorial Room.

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|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Ft. Dodge..... | | \$ 5.00 |
| Cedar Falls..... | | 2.00 |
| Muscatine..... | | 5.00 |
| Independence..... | | 1.00 |
| Emmettsburg..... | | 1.90 |
| Sioux City..... | ..... | 5.00 |
| Spencer..... | ..... | 1.75 |
| Decorah..... | ..... | 3.00 |
| Davenport (Trinity)..... | ..... | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Perkins, Burlington..... | ..... | 10.00 |
| Mrs. Rand, Burlington..... | ..... | 10.00 |
| Miss Garrett, Burlington..... | ..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Gaylord, Des Moines..... | ..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. J. Howard Henry, Des Moines..... | ..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Stilson, Des Moines..... | ..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Taylor, Ottumwa..... | ..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Mallory, Chariton..... | ..... | 10.00 |
| Miss Van Tuyl, Davenport..... | ..... | .50 |
| On hand last report..... | ..... | 130.75 |
| Total..... | ..... | \$197.90 |

Additional Articles for Perry Memorial Room.

Waverly—2 bureau covers, 2 washstand covers, 4 tray covers.

Ft. Dodge—1 comfort.

Decorah—1 comfort.

Davenport, Trinity—3 framed photographs. 1 bureau cover.

Mrs. Deming, Dubuque—1 dozen napkins.

Miss Mary Fay Hoyt, Davenport Cathedral—Illuminated memorial tablet.

EXPENDITURES.

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| For repairs of room..... | \$ 73.09 |
| For furniture..... | 76.50 |
| For bedding and sundries..... | 48.31 |
| | <u>\$197.90</u> |

ALICE M. KIMBALL,
ALICE V. P. ALLEN,
Committee.

May 23, 1899.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Current Expenses from November, 1898, to May, 1899.

MONIES RECEIVED.

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|---|-----------------|
| 1898. November 29—To balance from last report..... | \$ 5.42 |
| November 29—Offering from Auxiliary meeting held in Cedar Rapids..... | 5.25 |
| November 29—Receipts from Parishes for Current Expenses..... | 39.25 |
| November 29—Receipts from Parishes for Diocesan Missions..... | 52.15 |
| November 29—Receipts for "Babcock Fund"..... | 7.00 |
| 1899. May 27—Offering from Auxiliary meeting held in Davenport..... | 18.05 |
| | <u>\$127.02</u> |

MONIES DISBURSED.

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| By paid postage and stationery..... | \$ 11.15 |
| By paid F. G. Thomas, Treasurer Diocesan Missions..... | 52.15 |
| By paid printing of Auxiliary Report for 1898—99..... | 20.00 |
| By paid express on U. O. boxes..... | 1.10 |
| By paid subscription to "Spirit of Missions"..... | 1.00 |
| | <u>\$ 85.40</u> |
| May 31. Balance on hand..... | 41.72 |
| | <u>\$127.02</u> |

H. L. MAHON,
Treasurer.

DIOCESAN SUMMARY.

From December 1, 1898, to May 1, 1899:

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|---|--------|
| Clergy—Bishop..... | 1 |
| Priests Canonically resident..... | 47 |
| Deacons Canonically resident..... | 2 |
| Total | 50 |
| Lay Readers licensed..... | 39 |
| Parishes in Union with Convention | 47 |
| Organized Missions..... | 30 |
| Unorganized Missions..... | 27 |
| Total | 104 |
| Number of families | 5,304 |
| Number of souls..... | 22,037 |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 109 |
| Adults..... | 102 |
| Total | 211 |
| Confirmations | 357 |
| Communicants—last reported..... | 8,380 |
| Present number..... | 8,520 |
| Marriages..... | 82 |
| Burials..... | 161 |
| Public Services—Sundays..... | 2148 |
| Other days..... | 1440 |
| Holy Communion—public..... | 701 |
| Private..... | 57 |
| Sunday School—teachers..... | 406 |
| Pupils..... | 3305 |
| Church Sittings—free..... | 17665 |
| Rented..... | 1025 |
| Total | 18690 |

OFFERINGS.

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| Parochial—Clerical salaries..... | \$17005.00 |
| Parish expenses, including repairs..... | 29734.25 |
| Diocesan—Bishop's salary and convention fund (Treasurer's report)..... | 2120.75 |
| Diocesan Mission (Treasurer's report)..... | 2259.05 |
| Domestic and Foreign Missions, all extra Diocesan objects..... | 879.75 |
| Total offerings and disbursements..... | 51998.80 |
| Estimated value Church and grounds..... | 780715.00 |
| Other Church property..... | 695090.00 |
| Total..... | \$1475805.00 |

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