

REPORT  
OF THE  
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY  
OF THE  
DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON,  
1899.







# Report of the Woman's Auxiliary.

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## Things to be Remembered.

Do not forget that the Triennial Mite boxes should be opened the first of September each year, and the contents sent to the Diocesan Officer, Miss Mary E. Harrison, Frankfort, Ky. The opening made in the box should be pasted over and the box kept for future use.

Do not make the mistake of confounding the work of the Auxiliary with that of the Parish Guild or Benevolent Society. *We* are auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Church.

Do not forget in preparing a box for the family of the Missionary that it is in no sense a charity. It is our bounden duty to care for the needs of those who are doing a work in the missionary field that is as much our work as theirs. Let your box be a loving expression of your appreciation of the fact.

Do not forget that when a Missionary has been told you will provide for the needs of his family you inflict upon him a bitter disappointment, and a great wrong to the Auxiliary, when you fail to realize the expectations raised.

It is the desire of the Diocesan President that every Branch be represented at the next general meeting in Paris, Ky. 1900, and that the delegates, if possible, remain over night, as the addresses the evening of Auxiliary Day are of vital interest to the women of the Diocese, who are interested in Mission work. For at no time during the year can the Auxiliary woman catch as much enthusiasm and real zeal for Missions as at a Diocesan Council.

Every Branch is requested to send some fancy or plain article to the next Council—samples of work. The same will be offered for sale, proceeds to be credited to the Branch from which it came. In this way an exchange of ideas is brought about, and a *goodly sum of money* collected. Each Branch is asked to give a fair percentage of its work to Foreign Missions.

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## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

The third annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Lexington was held in Trinity Church, Danville, May 23-24, 1899. The Bishop, many of the clergy, and a large number of delegates, assembled at 11:30 a.m. for Divine Service. Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by Rev. R. L. McCready, of Frankfort.



The Bishop made a stirring and eloquent address to the members—the subject was: “A Woman’s Opportunity to Serve Christ and His Church through the Auxiliary.” A collection was taken, amounting to \$12.60, to be used for the Auxiliary work.

2:30 *P. M.* Upon the reassembling of the members, the Diocesan President, Miss Mary E. Harrison of Frankfort, called the meeting to order. Roll call showed the following Branches represented;

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| 1.  | St. Thomas, Beattyville .....            | 2  |
| 2.  | St. John’s, Covington .....              | 2  |
| 3.  | Trinity, Covington .....                 | 3  |
| 4.  | Cynthiana .....                          | 1  |
| 5.  | Trinity, Danville .....                  | 10 |
| 6.  | St. John’s, Dayton .....                 | 1  |
| 7.  | Ascension, Frankfort .....               | 3  |
| 8.  | St. Philip’s, Harrodsburg .....          | 3  |
| 9.  | St. Mary’s, Middlesborough .....         | 1  |
| 10. | Ascension, Mt. Sterling .....            | 1  |
| 11. | St. Paul’s, Newport .....                | 1  |
| 12. | Nicholasville .....                      | 1  |
| 13. | Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington ..... | 15 |
| 14. | Christ Mission, Richmond .....           | 1  |
| 15. | St. John’s, Versailles .....             | 1  |

Juniors—

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| 1. | Trinity, Danville .....    | 3 |
| 2. | Cathedral, Lexington ..... | 4 |

At 3 p. m. an address was made by Mrs. Edith Hunter of Versailles, on, “The best way to arouse a small parish, to interest in Missions;” followed by papers on “How to make a Parochial Branch succeed in a small parish,” by Mrs. Abbie Wood Wilkinson, Covington. “The Problems of Woman’s Auxiliary Work in a large parish,” by Mrs. Shelby Harbison, Lexington.

At 8 p. m. a meeting in the interest of general missions was held. Address on the Work of the Church Missionary Society in Cuba and Brazil, by Rev. W. D. Powers, D. D., General Secretary, New York. The Bishop of Kentucky also spoke on Foreign Missions.

Wednesday, May 24, 9:30 a. m. Reports were made by the President of the Diocesan Branch, Miss M. E. Harrison, Frankfort; the President of the Junior Auxiliary, Mrs. R. S. Coupland, Covington; the President of the Babies’ Branch, Mrs. L. W. Burton, Lexington. Mrs. C. H. Morgan, of Lexington, read an interesting report on Mission Work in Mexico. Reports from the several Branches in the Diocese were read. Report of the Central Fund was also read.

A letter from Miss Emery was read, a motion made, seconded and carried, that a vote of thanks be tendered Miss Emery for her interest and good wishes for the work in our Diocese, and especially



this annual meeting. In her letter, Miss Emery stated, there was a deficit in the Missionary Fund to the amount of \$386,157.45. A motion was made, seconded and carried, that after deducting five dollars from the collection, for the printing of the reports, the remainder and five dollars from the sale of a bed spread, in all \$12.60, be sent Miss Emery, thus proving the will, if not the means, of liquidating the heavy debt to the missionaries in the field.

The Central Fund having been carried thus far, by four Branches of this Diocese, a motion was made, that a tax of ten cents per year for each member be collected from each Branch for this fund for the Diocesan Officer, Junior Branches to be taxed as well. Motion seconded and carried.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the ladies of Trinity Parish, Danville, for their very generous hospitality in their homes and at the luncheon given near the church.

At 11:15 meeting adjourned.

MARY E. HARRISON,  
*Diocesan President.*

Attest:

KATE SCUDDER,  
*Secretary pro tem.*

#### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To our Rt. Rev. Father the Bishop, and to you the women of the Auxiliary, the following report of the year's work from May '98 to May '99 is submitted.

While many discouragements have been encountered in the falling away of some Branches, the apathy and want of heart-felt interest on the part of others, it is cheering to find that through the faithfulness of the few, our record has not fallen behind that of the previous year, but shows a small gain in membership and the amount of our offerings. We are glad to welcome to our number another parish, that of St. Mary's, Middlesborough. This makes nineteen organized branches. Of these, four failed to make any report. Of the fifteen reporting, six gave \$123.75 to the Bishop's fund for the salary of a Diocesan Missionary, and six gave \$112.35 to Diocesan Missions in money, and nine boxes, valued at \$164.40. One parish sent two boxes to Cuba valued at \$35. At the request of Miss Julia Emery, General Secretary of the Auxiliary, that this Diocesan Branch should provide for the children of a Missionary in North Carolina, five Branches responded, three of the Woman's Auxiliary and two Junior Branches, and boxes were sent to the value of \$89.75. Miss Emery also asked for \$100 for a scholarship in Miss Sabine's School, Alaska. Toward this ten Branches contributed: seven of the Woman's Auxiliary and three Junior Branches gave \$88 leaving \$12 yet unpaid.

One Branch is paying the Life Insurance of a Missionary to Japan. Two gave Scholarships to the Church School at Beattyville. One sent a box to a missionary in Tennessee, and one small box was



sent to Oklahoma. The entire number of boxes given is seventeen, valued at \$262.20. The whole amount given in money and boxes for missions at home and abroad and for all purposes connected with the work of the Auxiliary, is \$944.87, with the Junior and Baby Branches yet to be heard from. As the Diocesan Officer, I visited during the year ten parishes, and gratefully acknowledge the cordial kindness with which I was always greeted. The visit to Trinity Parish, Covington, was marked by a very interesting and delightful reception, given by that Branch in the parlors of the parish house. The work of the Central Office is largely done by correspondence and four hundred and twenty letters have been written, much missionary literature distributed, and one hundred and twenty triennial mite-boxes. The Cathedral, Lexington, Trinity, Covington, Christ Church Mission, Richmond, contributed to this fund. It was my very great honor and pleasure to attend the triennial meeting of the Auxiliary at the time of the General Convention in Washington in October, as your representative, and place upon the alms basin, your share \$324.39 in the great triennial offering of \$82,000. The entire Diocesan offering including a small sum from the Juniors and the offering of the Baby Branch was \$363.14. What we gave then is, I trust, but a faint promise of what we shall do in 1901, when again women of the Auxiliary from all over our land, will gather in grateful service to offer their prayers and gifts for the extension of God's Kingdom.

In reviewing the history of the year it is very hopeful to note the steadily increasing interest in the study of missions. Without knowledge there can be no real growth: it is ignorance that has so long chilled our hearts and paralyzed our energies. Never was there a time, when the subject was so full of thrilling interest, and when it was more necessary we should bestir ourselves to rise to the full measure of our responsibility. From our own Hill Country the cry comes to us with no uncertain sound "Come over and help us." At Beattyville, the Church School doing an excellent work, asks for scholarships that the work may be continued and a larger number of children brought under its influence. At this point the Bishop has been so fortunate as to secure the services of a woman worker—one whose intimate knowledge of the people combined with the Divine love which controls her life, makes her a most able assistant to the missionary in charge. The expenses of this work must be met, and what more fitting work could Auxiliary women find to do? At Proctor a promising enterprise is just begun under the auspices of a special committee on mountain missions. This committee composed of young women of the Cathedral Parish, has undertaken to establish (and for a time) support an Industrial School for mountain girls. Sewing will be taught and many lessons in Christian home making and living. The School will be under the immediate charge of our missionary worker Miss Mahan assisted by Auxiliary women of Beattyville and Proctor. At Altamont, a large mining settlement,



where there is no church of any description, two earnest lay workers are zealously and successfully laboring to build up a mission. An appeal made last winter for the needs of this mission, was promptly and generously responded to by four Branches. This interest must be sustained. Having helped to plant the good seed let us not fail to aid in bringing to perfection the fruit of these labors. The Branches contributing to the Bishop's Fund for the salary of a Diocesan missionary to be known as the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary, will rejoice to know that the Bishop has appointed to fill the place the Rev. Henry Spears who will at once enter upon his duties. I plead with you to see to it that by persistent, faithful effort and interest on our part this undertaking is a success. In a large measure its success or failure will be ours. We have, in a manner pledged ourselves to its support, and having put our hand to the plow must not look back. I call upon every Branch to prove in this their loyalty to our Bishop and to the Auxiliary. Mr. Spears will have charge of several missions, Altamont, in which we are already so interested, being one. While our allegiance is first to our Bishop, and though the claims of our own diocese are so many and pressing, we must as women of the Auxiliary look beyond its boundaries. We are Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, and "the world is our field." Can we hear unmoved of the condition of our Cuban sisters and close our hearts to their claims? Can we know of the lives and labors of those who have gone forth to carry the light of the Gospel into the dark corners of earth, and have no desire to stretch out helping hands? The blessed privilege is ours, my sisters, to share their labors and lighten their burdens by our prayers, our sympathetic interest and our offerings. "Freely ye have received, freely give." This is the test of our loyalty to the first great missionary whose followers we profess to be. One urgent need in the mission field to-day, is more women. This want is felt, not only in our foreign missions where often it is a woman only who can reach the women, but in every jurisdiction and even here in our own Diocese. Is there not in all our Branches, one woman, who, knowing this need and moved by divine compassion for her less fortunate sisters is ready to answer the call and give not only of her prayers and means but that most precious and abounding gift, her life. I must make one more appeal to those who have not yet recognized the claims of the auxiliary. I beg of you to cast in your lot with us, and no longer leave the few to bear the heat and burden of the day—your neglected duties added to theirs. Think, that out of all our church women only about three hundred have acknowledged their obligations in this all important matter. I know only too well the old and oft repeated excuses, too much to do, no time, no money: these are not real excuses. How many women can you show me, who do not find time for their literary and social clubs and money for their dues. No, a woman rarely fails to find time and means for the things upon which her heart is fixed. It is the really



busy woman who has time for everything. Oh! I beg that you will learn the wonderful and beautiful story of the Woman's Auxiliary, for, having learned it, you will surely give your heart to its cause and all life will glow for you with new joy and meaning as you know the blessedness of life not lived for self, but others.

M. E. HARRISON,  
*Pres. W. A., Diocese of Lexington.*



|                                       | Memberships. | Diocesan<br>Missions. | Bishop's<br>Fund. | Alaska | Cuba. | Foreign<br>Missions. | No. of Boxes. | Value<br>of<br>Boxes. | Triennial 1898 | Japan<br>Insurance. | Central Fund. | Parish Work. | Total  | Triennial 1897. | Total<br>Triennial.<br>1897-98. |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|-------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Offering Aux. Meeting, May, '98 ..... |              |                       |                   |        |       |                      |               |                       |                |                     |               |              |        |                 |                                 |
| Ashland.....                          | 5            |                       |                   |        |       |                      |               |                       | 2 00           |                     | 13 76         |              | 13 76  |                 |                                 |
| Beattyville.....                      | 10           | 8 75                  |                   |        |       |                      |               |                       | 1 50           |                     |               | 4 00         | 2 00   | 6 24            | 8 24                            |
| Covington, St. John's.....            | 9            |                       | 25 00             |        |       |                      |               | 47 00                 | 9 75           |                     |               |              | 14 25  |                 | 1 50                            |
| Covington, Trinity.....               | 46           | 50 00                 | 50 00             | 15 00  |       |                      | 3             | 75 00                 | 35 00          |                     | 12 00         | 25 00        | 206 75 | 4 65            | 14 40                           |
| Cynthiana.....                        | 9            |                       |                   |        |       |                      | 7             |                       | 4 50           |                     |               |              | 237 00 | 25 00           | 60 00                           |
| Danville.....                         | 5            |                       |                   |        |       |                      |               |                       | 6 24           |                     |               |              | 4 50   |                 | 4 50                            |
| Dayton.....                           | 6            |                       |                   |        |       |                      |               |                       | 3 55           |                     |               |              | 6 24   |                 | 6 24                            |
| Frankfort.....                        | 40           | 12 00                 | 25 00             |        |       |                      | 2             | 50 00                 | 15 32          |                     |               |              | 3 55   |                 | 3 55                            |
| Harrodsburg.....                      | 9            | 3 60                  |                   |        |       |                      | 1             | 3 00                  | 2 50           |                     |               |              | 102 32 | 13 16           | 28 48                           |
| Maysville.....                        | 10           |                       | 6 00              | 3 00   |       |                      |               |                       | 8 50           |                     |               |              | 9 10   |                 | 2 50                            |
| Newport.....                          | 27           | 18 00                 |                   | 15 00  |       | 1 00                 | 1             | 5 00                  | 35 00          |                     |               |              | 17 50  | 10 00           | 18 50                           |
| Mt. Sterling.....                     |              |                       |                   |        |       |                      |               |                       | 3 00           |                     |               |              | 74 00  |                 | 35 00                           |
| Nicholasville.....                    | 7            |                       | 5 00              |        |       |                      |               |                       | 4 50           |                     |               |              | 3 00   |                 | 3 00                            |
| Lexington.....                        | 46           | 8 00                  |                   | 20 00  |       |                      | 4             | 67 20                 | 76 75          | 50 00               | 15 00         |              | 9 50   | 5 90            | 10 40                           |
| Paris.....                            | 11           |                       |                   | 5 00   | 8 00  |                      | 1             | 15 00                 | 16 70          |                     |               |              | 244 95 |                 | 76 75                           |
| Proctor.....                          | 4            |                       |                   |        |       |                      |               |                       | 1 00           |                     |               | 1 75         | 36 70  | 11 00           | 27 70                           |
| Richmond.....                         | 13           |                       | 8 50              | 5 00   |       |                      |               |                       | 9 25           |                     | 50            |              | 2 75   |                 | 1 00                            |
| Versailles.....                       | 14           |                       | 4 25              | 9 00   |       |                      |               |                       | 7 50           |                     |               |              | 23 25  |                 | 9 25                            |
| Middlesborough.....                   | 6            | 12 00                 |                   |        |       |                      |               |                       | 1 00           |                     |               |              | 20 75  |                 | 7 50                            |
| From a friend.....                    |              |                       |                   |        |       |                      |               |                       |                |                     |               |              | 13 09  |                 | 1 00                            |
|                                       | 2 77         | 112 35                | 123 75            | 72 00  | 8 00  | 1 00                 | 19            | 262 20                | 243 56         | 50 00               | 41 26         | 30 75        | 944 87 | 75 95           | 324 39                          |
| Jr. Branch.....                       |              |                       |                   |        |       |                      |               |                       |                |                     |               |              |        |                 | 13 75                           |
| Baby Branch.....                      |              |                       |                   |        |       |                      |               |                       |                |                     |               |              |        |                 | 25 00                           |
| Total Triennial.....                  |              |                       |                   |        |       |                      |               |                       |                |                     |               |              |        |                 | 363 14                          |



CENTRAL OFFICE IN ACCOUNT WITH WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FROM  
MAY 22nd, 1898, TO MAY 22nd, 1899.

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| Balance May 22, 1898.....                        | \$ 23.90       |
| Offering at May Meeting, 1898 .....              | 13.76          |
| Annual pledge, Trinity, Covington .....          | 12.00          |
| Annual pledge, Cathedral, Lexington ..           | 15.00          |
| Christ Church Mission, Richmond .....            | .50            |
| Cathedral for envelopes.....                     | .50            |
|  | <hr/> \$65.66  |
| EXPENDED,  |                |
| Traveling expenses.....                          | \$ 21.22       |
| Car fare for Missionary teacher to Council ..... | 3.20           |
| Printing Reports .....                           | 5.00           |
| Miss Julia Emery for envelopes .....             | 1.00           |
| Postage on leaflets .....                        | 1.75           |
| Express on mite boxes.....                       | .98            |
| Postage on 420 letters.....                      | 8.40           |
| Stationery .....                                 | 3.00           |
| Type Writer .....                                | 2.50           |
|  | <hr/> \$ 47.05 |
| Balance on hand, May 22nd, 1899.....             | \$ 18.61       |

**Report of the Junior Auxiliary.**

The Junior Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions! What a GREAT BIG name, some of the children think when they first join the Juniors; but then they soon learn to know that this name has a GREAT BIG meaning—that they must pray for missions, work for missions, and give for missions. Another most important point is that they must study and know about missions. This, perhaps, makes the other three obligations easier. The knowledge of the field of work seems to add a zest to their labors, for it has been found that where the mind is, there often the heart is also. The Junior Auxiliary, the stepping stone from the Babies' Branch to the Woman's Auxiliary is undoubtedly, one of the most important organizations in the Church. If the interest of these young members of the vast army of mission-workers can once be aroused, and held, the enthusiasm they bring is most encouraging. Then too, should we not realize that in training these young minds in the direction of missionary interests we are thus obtaining intelligent missionary workers for the Church in the years to come.

A word as to the prayer for missions. It has been suggested that the children take the noon hour, the time appointed and kept by the members of the Woman's Auxiliary throughout our land, for their prayer for missions. They are taught that they need not necessarily



get on their knees for this, that no matter where they are, no matter to whom they are talking, no matter what they are doing, if, when the clock strikes twelve, they will simply lift up their hearts and breathe three words, "Thy Kingdom Come," they have a right to think that the prayer will bring a blessing. One little girl, a member of one of the Junior Branches ran up to me and said, "Do you know that I haven't missed but one day saying the prayer for missions since our last meeting two weeks ago. Have you thought of it every day?" And in trying to answer the child, I could not help thinking that perhaps the Juniors could set us, their seniors, an example in faithfulness. If I now enter too much into detail in giving the report of the work done by the different Branches it is that those who are willing to work among the Juniors may know something of the methods adopted by the different Branches, their ways and means of raising funds, and their methods for interesting the young. The Junior Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Lexington have done good work during the past year. Three new Branches have been added since the last meeting of the Council. One was organized last fall at St. John's, Covington, and, during the past few months, Branches full of promise have been formed at the Church of Nativity, Maysville, and at St. Mary's, Middlesborough. A hearty welcome is extended to the new names added to the growing army of Juniors. Recently the Junior Branch of Trinity, Danville, has been merged into the Woman's Auxiliary. In speaking of the year's work, it would be difficult to discriminate when all of the Branches have done so well, but mention must be made of the Ascension Juniors, Frankfort, and the Cathedral Juniors, of Lexington, Branches strong in spirit as well as in numbers. If, by their works we are to know them, they will certainly be recognized as strong aids to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Lexington. There are now eight Junior Branches in the Diocese; 142 enrolled members. The Ascension Juniors did not send a box this year as they generally do to some Sunday-School, but devoted their time to the carrying out of their pledge to clothe a little five year old daughter of a minister in North Carolina, sending her Christmas a box of toys and some clothing which must have delighted the childish heart. This plan of the Juniors, of adopting a child, as it might be called, has been found to arouse much interest and enthusiasm in the hearts of the young workers.

The Ascension Juniors will long remember January 15th, when Bishop Burton visited the Sunday-School and the Juniors took quite a prominent part in the service. The Woman's Auxiliary was to meet the next afternoon and the Juniors were invited to attend, and it was suggested that each child should try to make a penny before that time. And so at this meeting the Juniors appeared in full force with their pennies, worked for, not given them, amounting to \$1.30. During the winter the study of Alaska has interested this Branch. Excellent papers have been written and maps drawn. A Lookout Committee,



a feature of these Juniors some of the other Branches of the Auxiliary might imitate, has been found most successful in looking up old members who have drifted away and in bringing in recruits. The Cathedral Branch, Lexington, has done splendidly and carried off the palm financially, having raised \$109.37. The members of Trinity, Covington, continue to do good work. They have given \$10.00 to their minister for missionary work, have sent \$5.00 for a scholarship in Alaska, and have sent a box of books to a Sunday-School in this Diocese, and a scripture wall-roll to Miss Sabine, in Alaska. The members of St. John's, Covington, have since their organization been making quilts, scrap books and such things, and at the same time doing missionary reading. At Christmas they sent a box valued at \$15.00. Recently they have given a May party the proceeds of which are to be sent to the Bishop for his Missionary Fund. The grand total raised by the Juniors was \$242.39. Six missionary boxes have been sent, valued at \$117.37; \$16.00 was sent to Alaska; \$50.00 has been given for the Bishop's Fund; \$29.89 went for Diocesan Missions; \$13.38 was put with the amount given by the Woman's Auxiliary and was sent last fall to Washington for the Triennial Offering. The Ascension Juniors of Frankfort sent \$1.00 and the Cathedral Branch of Lexington sent \$5.00 for Diocesan expenses.

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| Traveling expenses ..... | \$ 5 25 |
| Postage stamps .....     | 68      |
| Postals .....            | 05      |
| Total .....              | \$ 5 98 |

Leaving on hand a balance of .02 cts.

Thirty-four letters have been written, five postals, twenty Junior Auxiliary prayer cards distributed and about as many leaflets.

To our Rt. Rev. Father, the Bishop, to the members of the Woman's Auxiliary, and to the members of the Junior Branch of the Auxiliary the report of the Diocesan Officer is herewith submitted.

NINA W. COUPLAND,

*Diocesan Officer of the Junior Branch of the Woman's  
Auxiliary of the Diocese of Lexington.*

|                              | Membership. | No. of Boxes. | Value of Boxes        | Bishop's Fund.  | Diocesan Missions. | Alaska.       | Central Fund. | Triennial Offering. | Total.  |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------|
| 1 Covington, Trinity.....    | \$25 00     | .....         | .....                 | .....           | \$11 00            | \$ 6 00       | .....         | \$ 4 00             | \$21 00 |
| 2 Covington, St. John's..... | 30          | 1             | 15 00                 | 10 00           | .....              | .....         | .....         | .....               | 25 00   |
| 3 Danville, Trinity.....     | .....       | 1             | 20 00                 | .....           | .....              | .....         | .....         | 40                  | 20 40   |
| 4 Frankfort, Ascension.....  | 23          | 2             | 13 00                 | 10 00           | 15 00              | 10 00         | 1 00          | 7 87                | 56 87   |
| 5 Lexington, Cathedral.....  | 39          | 2             | 69 37                 | 30 00           | 3 89               | .....         | 5 00          | 1 11                | 109 37  |
| 6 Maysville.....             | 12          | .....         | .....                 | Just Organized. | .....              | .....         | .....         | .....               | .....   |
| 7 Middlesboro.....           | 11          | .....         | Recentl y Orga nized. | .....           | .....              | Have ra ised. | .....         | .....               | 8 00    |
| 8 Versailles.....            | .....       | .....         | .....                 | .....           | .....              | .....         | .....         | .....               | 1 75    |
|                              | \$ 1 42     | 6             | 117 37                | 50 00           | 29 89              | 16 00         | 6 00          | 18 88               | 242 89  |



### Report of the Babies' Branch.

In preparing this, the third Annual Report of the Babies' Branch in the Diocese of Lexington, I tried faithfully to confine myself more to a statement of what *has* been done than of what *should* be done; but alas! I could no more limit myself to the bald presentation of facts than a swollen stream can restrain its restless waters within its assigned channel.

It is a matter of regret that there has been a falling off in numbers, a waning of interest, in some places, which is partially atoned for, however, by the work being taken up in new fields in the Diocese. This is the steady growth and the hopeful symptom in the work:—that the knowledge of it is reaching to all the parishes and missions, and that they are becoming affiliated with it.

The Treasurer reports from May 15th, 1898, to May 15th, 1899, that \$180.67 have been contributed. This amount has been given as follows:

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|---|----------|
| Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington..... | \$118 09 |
| Trinity, Covington .....                | 5 07     |
| St. John's, Covington.....              | 4 22     |
| Ascension, Frankfort .....              | 4 71     |
| St. John's, Dayton .....                | 8 75     |
| St. Peter's, Paris.....                 | 3 65     |
| Mission at Milldale.....                | 5 20     |
| Christ Church, Richmond .....           | 7 00     |
| Calvary Mission, Ashland .....          | 3 09     |
| St. John's, Versailles .....            | 7 75     |
| St. Andrew's, Louisville.....           | 13 14    |

\$180 67

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| From this sum total of \$180.67 must be deducted, the sum sent last Oct., the Triennial Offering at the General Convention. \$ | 25 00 |
| Gift to Indian Missions .....  | 6 25  |
| Gift to Missions in Cuba.....  | 5 00  |
| Expended for mite-barrels .....  | 7 50  |
| Expended for Printing.....   | 2 00  |

\$ 45 75

Thus we have a balance for this year of..... 134 92

St. Paul's, Newport, has contributed \$4.35; but it arrived too late to be included in this report and will appear next year. Holy Trinity, Georgetown, makes no report; and the branch at Ascension, Mt. Sterling, has been given up.

This added to the \$149.07 reported last year leaves us a total balance in bank of \$283 99. As the \$500 00 per year for the salary of a missionary seems almost too tremendous a feat for us to accomplish, and as babies like the thing that is in hand (just as some grown people do), we have determined to undertake something less ambitious. We



feel that we can quite safely offer to relieve the Bishop and the Board of Missions of the \$150.00 per year that they are now paying toward the salary of the missionary teacher employed at Beattyville. As you recognize, more than two-thirds of our receipts has been contributed by Cathedral Circles. This I mention, not for the discouragement of other parishes, but for their emulation. This requires, too, some explanation. The Triennial Offering of \$25.00 was not taken out of the general fund, but was the result of a children's entertainment gotten up by the Cathedral Circles. The \$6.25 given to Indian Missions and the \$5.00 to Cuban Missions were offerings of love given by a friend through one of the Cathedral Circles.

If so much has been accomplished in one parish, wherein lies the secret? Is it because it has more babies? The Sunday School attests the contrary. Is it that Lexington mothers are more faithful, more loving, more anxious to plant the tiny feet of their beloved in this path, where they are taught to seek first the kingdom of God, that all things may be added unto them? I think not. It must be that elsewhere the work is not fully understood. To inspire others with enthusiasm, we must have it ourselves. To make a cause successful, we must entirely believe in it. We must wear it next our hearts always, so that the word in due season is ever upon our lips. We must feel that, wherever we hear of a baby, it is being defrauded, not to belong to the Babies' Branch; and we must immediately try to secure for it this privilege.

We have frequent reports of the dropping out from a Circle of some baby whose mother complains that the weekly reminder is too irksome; again we hear that the whole thing is a lot of nonsense. This story of wigwam life bears evidence to the contrary: A missionary teacher had been sent to the Sioux Reservation in North Dakota. Among her pupils and converts was the little granddaughter of that once famous and ruthless savage, Sitting Bull. Her baby sister lay in the arms of her father, sick unto death. The stoical Indian bent over her in grief that was the more agonizing, in that it must be mute. His little Christian daughter stood by, looking pitifully at the sick baby. Presently she said: "Papa, little sister is going to heaven to-night. Let me pray." She knelt at her father's knee and prayed in her Indian tongue: "Father God, little sister is coming to see you to-night. Papa does not know how to take her to you; and she is so little she cannot find the way alone. Please open the door very softly and let her in. Amen."

It is needless to state that this son of Sitting Bull, through the leading of a little child, arose with his house and followed the Lord. This is the kind of work, christianizing by education, that the Babies' Branch is trying to do, in the Diocese of Lexington, and that is spoken of by some as "a lot of nonsense!"

I wish to tell you now of the happiest and most encouraging thing that has happened in my connection with this work: some



months since two telegrams reached our Diocese: one to a father announcing the advent of a little son, the other to the Director of the Babies' Branch in a certain city, saying: "Enroll me as a member of the Babies' Branch" and signed with the baby's name. Could anything be more beautiful, more promising? That little life, just straight from heaven, pledged, while scarce outside the gates, to heaven's work.

If we could have more of this spirit! If our own faults and failures could teach us to blaze a road by which our little ones might step heavenward! But we are too lax, too indifferent, of too little faith, and meantime the precious oil of opportunity is quickly burning out.

The Babies' Branch tries to inculcate the love of one's neighbor; and the further away the neighbor, the further reaching must be the love. George Macdonald has said: "This love of our neighbor is the only door out of the dungeon of self."

In our own mountains is a neighbor of whom we are telling our little ones; a neighbor, mark you, with a soul beating behind his prison bars of ignorance, vice and abject poverty, who might rightfully accuse us, who walk in the light, of defrauding him, in that we do not let it shine in his dark place.

Do you know that in these mountains there are actually people living who never heard of a Christmas Day? Think what that means! Life denuded of everything, for no Christmas Day means no Christ: no Christ, no love. The pitifulness of it all!

In yet another part of the mountains an earnest worker writes; "The profanity on all sides makes me shudder. To many of these people God means only a name to be taken in vain. I was shocked beyond expression to hear myself cursed by a baby of three years to whom I was trying to administer medicine."

These mountaineers are the burden of the Diocese of Lexington. We cannot shirk it. The Babies even must bear their part. It may be an infinitesimal one; but the tiny coral insect has created islands; and these infants may, through constant and earnest effort, so impress their work upon the Church that many will arise and follow them into the mountains, which will be proclaiming "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace."

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