

Minnesota Branch

**Woman's
Auxiliary**



**Twenty-second
Annual Report
1902-1903**

Prayers for Use in Auxiliary Meetings.



O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who in the days of Thy flesh didst accept the services of faithful women, who ministered unto Thee in their substance; Be pleased, we humbly ask, to bless our endeavors to aid and encourage missionaries. Put into our hearts the things we should do and say to promote Thy glory. Grant that we may never be discouraged under difficulties, but go forward with faith and hope looking unto Thee. Have pity on those who know Thee not, on those who are far from the Church of their fathers in a strange land; visit them with Thy salvation, and grant that they may be speedily brought to acknowledge Thee as their Lord and Master, Christ. Hear us, and answer this our prayer, for Thine own name's sake. AMEN.



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 all nations into Thy fold, and add the heathen to Thine inheritance. And we pray Thee to shortly accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.



O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst charge Thine Apostles that they should preach the gospel to every nation; Make us to show our gratitude for Thy benefits by earnestness in fulfilling Thy command, Prosper all missions, both at home and abroad, with an increase of sanctity, that they may win many to the acknowledgment of Thy truth (especially those in.....), and give them all things needful for their work, making them to be centers of spiritual life, to the quickening of many souls and the glory of Thy Holy Name, our only Mediator and Advocate. AMEN.



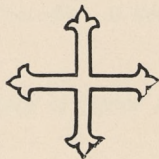
H EAVENLY FATHER, we pray Thee to bless us and all members of the Junior Auxiliary, with wisdom, zeal and constancy, in our work for Thee. Prosper the Missions of Thy Holy Church, and strengthen with the Holy Spirit all who are engaged in missionary work; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

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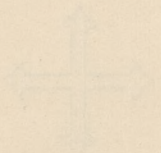
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The Annual Day of Prayer for Missions is held on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th.

The Annual Meeting is held in the Fall, due notice being given to all Parochial Branches.

The Semi-Annual Meeting is held in June, at the same time and place as the meeting of the Diocesan Council.

The place and date of the Mid-Winter Meeting will be fixed by the President.



President's Report.



Our last annual meeting, and twentieth anniversary, was held in Holy Trinity, the oldest church in Minneapolis. To-day we meet in beautiful St. Paul's, St. Paul, the second oldest church in the diocese, organized in 1856, six years after Christ church, the mother parish of the diocese.

My report last year was a review of twenty years of our loving service.

In reporting the work done the past twelve months, I feel assured that it will average quite as well as that of any previous year. The Red Mite Chest returns and United Offerings were larger, and last year's Missionary Boxes show an increase of \$300. over the total of any previous year. As a rule, the official reports from parish secretaries were carefully made out. In a few instances, however, it was only after our Corresponding Secretary had written a second and a third letter that she received an answer to her appeals. Of course, we realize that the best Auxiliary work can never appear in any report. It consists in study of missions and prayer; a constant round of making garments, attending meetings, packing boxes, placing and collecting red or blue mite chests and interesting strangers to join our ranks. As a report this is monotonous and wearisome; as work faithfully done in His name, it is beyond all words of praise.

MEETINGS.

Our last annual meeting, held September 24th, 1902, is a pleasant memory. Dean Hugh L. Burleson of Fargo, and Rev. Frank S. White of Omaha, gave us spirited addresses full of happy suggestions. Their helpful thoughts and missionary stories have been repeated throughout the year whenever we have gathered for enthusiasm.

Our Mid-Winter meeting, held in St. Mark's, Minneapolis, January 13th, was full of interest. Our honorary president, Mrs. S. C. Edsall, who represented our diocese at the Auxiliary gathering held during the Missionary Council, gave us a delightful account of the meeting. Bishop Edsall told us of our diocesan missionaries and their work and Bishop Brewer, father of the plan for raising one million dollars a year for missions, spoke on the apportionment plan. The offering for General Missions was \$23.10.

Through the kindness of the officers of the Church Club, we held four meetings during Lent, at the Deaconess Home and listened to delightfully informal talks by Bishop Weller, Bishop Olmstead, Bishop Williams and Rev. Frank DuMoulin. From these personal and informal conferences, we gained a knowledge of the mission field and an interest in the speakers and their work, which we shall remember long after their scholarly addresses have been forgotten. About fifty women and a few of the clergy availed themselves of the opportunity of learning about the work being done by these Bishops. The offerings amounted to \$31.71.

At the semi-annual meeting, June 3d, we were the guests of the Rector and women of St. Paul's, Minneapolis. Our speakers were three of our devoted diocesan missionaries and Mrs. S. M. Passmore, who has just returned from a visit to the missions of China, Japan and India. Rev. R. A. Crickmer, who has the stations of one whole county under his charge, told us of his long drives and the loss of his best horse. The women of Winona immediately sent \$20. to start a fund to purchase another horse for this devoted missionary. The balance should

be raised at once before the autumn cold weather. At this meeting we elected Mrs. H. B. Whipple an honorary president of this organization. Mrs. Whipple graciously accepted the office. She has long been an interested and helpful member, and we welcome her most lovingly as an honorary president.

Three conferences of officers have been held this year, with an average attendance of nine. The presence of our busy Bishop and of Mrs. Edsall at all these meetings and conferences is a great help and inspiration.

The Mission study classes of St. Paul and Minneapolis have each met regularly once a month for study and prayer. Seven meetings in the course of the year are not too much to ask, and your very presence is a help to those who make it a point to attend regularly. The plan of meeting from parish to parish has worked well and secured a good attendance. We complain that the study class is often dull, yet we seem satisfied that it should be so. It is astonishing that bright women who make literary clubs a success, should often fail when preparing a talk for the missions class. Do we give the hours of careful preparation and throw the enthusiasm into one mission paper that we give to papers prepared for the literary club? Miss Sleppy has outlined an excellent plan of study for her Juniors. It will be presented to-day and printed. I commend it to the careful consideration of the women as well as the Juniors. The St. Paul class supports a scholarship in the Diocese of Lexington in memory of Mrs. Gilbert.

Two quiet days were observed as usual under the auspices of the inter-parochial study classes of St. Paul and Minneapolis. March 3d, from 10 to 4 p.m., the meditations were conducted by Rev. F. L. Maryon, of Kemper Hall, Kenosha, in St. Paul's Church. There was a good attendance. February 26th, Bishop Edsall conducted quiet hours in Minneapolis. The officers of the class, feeling that the custom of serving luncheon at the noon hour, is not restful, tried a new plan, namely: arranged for corporate communion at 8 a.m. and quiet hours from 2 to 4:30, with evening prayer at 5 o'clock. The meditations were well

attended and most helpful; the early service was not largely attended.

BABY BRANCH.

March 8th, I attended the first annual meeting of the Little Helpers under their efficient leader, Mrs. Theodore Sedgwick. Bishop and Mrs. Edsall, and secretaries representing nineteen branches were present. Mrs. Sedgwick gave her report in full at the June meeting. Please note what has been accomplished in one year: 32 parishes have well organized branches with 560 little helpers enrolled; \$181.72 mite returns for this first year.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

On May 23d, Miss Sleppy called a general meeting of Juniors in St. Paul's parish house. Dr. Wright, Rev. Wm. Mitchell and Rev. G. H. Thomas encouraged us by being present. An altar had been improvised, on which were laid articles made by the Juniors to send in Easter boxes. Miss Sleppy is especially gifted in being able to set the boys as well as the girls to work. She will give us a report to-day of what the Juniors did at Christmas and Easter, in making gifts and sending boxes to South Dakota, to Birch Coolie and to Africa.

The Juniors support six scholarships in China, Japan and Alaska, and have sent boxes valued at \$800. A friend of the Juniors has just pledged \$100. a year to the general Board for the support of a student under Bishop Restarick of Honolulu. To this interesting report, I want to add our grateful recognition of the splendid work done by Miss Sleppy of our Juniors and Mrs. Sedgwick of our Little Helpers. Their enthusiasm and love for the work is an inspiration. They need our co-operation and encouragement. We need their enthusiasm and devotion.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

The work of the Church Periodical Club under Miss Folds has gone on quietly and constantly, in spite of many difficulties. Miss Folds has been unavoidably absent from the Diocese much

of the past year, but has kept the work on her heart and written many, many letters. Do we give her the assistance she needs to make her department a success?

Mrs. Geo. H. Mueller, as custodian of the red mite chests, with the help of Mrs. W. B. Folds and Mrs. Denis Follett, the vice-presidents of the convocations, placed many red mite chests and have written every parish secretary, urging larger returns. The red mite returns last September were \$981.26; we have almost reached our aim of having \$1000. a year for missions.

The women of the Gethsemane branch, and St. John's St. Paul, have a system of placing and collecting red mite chests which has doubled their offerings. They will gladly explain their system to any one who is interested.

AUXILIARY VISITS.

October 9th, 1902, Mrs. Sedgwick and I were invited by Rev. C. C. Rollit, to speak to the women during the Council of the Faribault Convocation held in Red Wing. There were about thirty women present. We were the guests of Mrs. S. B. Foot. Mrs. Foot's sudden death this spring was a great loss to Church workers of Red Wing. She was not an officer of the Auxiliary at the time of her death, but was always an interested member and wise helper along all lines of Church and philanthropic work in her city.

October 16th, I spent a delightful day in Wabasha, the guest of Mrs. J. G. Lawrence. I had the pleasure of meeting a large gathering of women of the Guild and addressing them at the afternoon meeting. For many years past, the women of Wabasha have not officially belonged to our organization, but they agreed to take and distribute twenty red mite chests and help us as they are able.

October 31st, Mrs. Sedgwick and I spent a happy day with the women of the Auxiliary in Winona. We were the guests of Mrs. Chas. Horton. The Rector and fifty-two women

and girls were present at the afternoon meeting in St. Paul's beautiful parish house.

Nov. 1st and May 29th, attended the all day session of the Daughters of the King, an organization with aims so closely allied to our own, that mutual intercourse must be helpful. Many of our best workers are Daughters of the King; I wish we all were. To be interested in the work of our younger sisters helps the fervor of our own work.

Nov. 21st, Mrs. S. C. Edsall and I attended the all day meeting of the Auxiliary of St. John's, St. Paul. About thirty were present. Again I want to commend the plan long in practice by the women of St. Clement's and St. John's, of inviting every woman in the parish to be present the day of packing the missionary box.

December, 9th, Mrs. W. B. Folds and I spent the day and addressed the Auxiliary branch of St. Paul's Church, St. Paul. The Rector and ten women were present. On Epiphany, the Rector of Gethsemane summoned the women and invited the officers of the Auxiliary to a corporate communion at 8 a.m. It was well attended.

March, 9th, visited and spoke to the women of St. Matthew's of St. Anthony Park at the home of Mrs. Drake. There were twenty-two present. Twenty red mite boxes were distributed.

June 30th, Miss Sleppy and I spent the day with Mrs. A. R. Woodmansee, secretary of the Anoka branch. Although the day was stormy, the Rector and thirteen women were present at the afternoon meeting.

We have added to our list of unorganized branches, St. Matthew's Mission, St. Anthony Park, and the Woman's Guild of Grace Church, Pine Island. Under the inspiration of Mrs. W. H. Swarthout, the guild sent for suggestions for Auxiliary work during Lent.

Owing to the enthusiasm of Mrs. D. F. Thompson, the Auxiliary branch at Montevideo has been re-organized and meets regularly for the study of missions.

UNITED OFFERING.

So much of late has been said regarding the United Offering, that it seems unnecessary to enlarge upon the subject, yet we must remind ourselves that we have but twelve months more in which to gather our United Offering to place upon the altar in Boston, October, 1904. Our treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Folds, reports having received \$827.97 to date.

NECROLOGY.

The general Auxiliary has lost one of its most valuable helpers in the death of Mrs. L. R. Brewer, president of the Montana branch, and wife of the Bishop. Mrs. Brewer often visited her sisters in Minnesota and was interested in all our undertakings. We have lost a warm friend, and at the general meetings held during the triennial, her sweet face and helpful presence will be sadly missed.

In summing up the work of the year, we are deeply grateful to our Bishop, our clergy, who are always ready to help and encourage us, and to the younger women, who are so efficient and full of enthusiasm.

A young rector from a large Eastern city makes the criticism that the devoted women of the Auxiliary in his diocese are so opinionated, unelastic and exacting in their methods, that they repel the younger women.

In facing the work for the coming year, may I make three suggestions, viz : First, that we inform ourselves about the work of our younger women, the Little Helpers, the Juniors, the Daughters of the King, the Church Periodical Club, encourage them and work with them *along their lines*, not force our methods upon them. That we attend their general meetings when invited, and help them with our means and our loving sympathy.

Second, that we take more interest in the mission work at our own doors, especially the Indian work at Birch Coolie. Money is needed for medicines and doctor's services for the sick and infirm among our Indian sisters, and

boxes of groceries are most acceptable, especially at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

The Birch Coolie women are members of our branch of the Auxiliary, and have a right to look to us first for help and loving sympathy,

Third, while we work loyally for foreign and domestic missions, there is mission work being done in our own diocese and in this city which we ought to help by gifts and boxes of clothing and groceries. Some of our branches might make it a rule to send two boxes a year, one to a general missionary, the other to an institution.

In farming communities and small towns our women might pack barrels of apples or vegetables to send to our diocesan institutions. The Juniors would gladly help. Our Bishop has taken for his motto: "Strengthening of the Stakes." The pastoral letters of the House of Bishops emphasize the same thought. The words ringing in our ears are, "The race is not to the strong, but the faithful"—faithful to the uninteresting details which make the parish branch a success, faithful to the Missions study class, and to the Bishop and his diocesan work, loyal to the General Board of Missions to which we are Auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted,

September, 1903.

CORNELIA BAXTER.

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Report of Treasurer.

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To Balance on hand, December 1, 1903.....	\$ 123.44	By Printing of Year Books.....	\$ 49.50
To Red Mite Chest returns, 1902-3.....	8.20	By Printing and Stationery.....	16.80
To Annual Dues.....	4.00	By Postage and Traveling Expenses.....	30.61
To Offertory, Midwinter Meeting.....	23.02	By Payment to Miss Emery	23.02
To Offertory, Deaconess Home.....	31.72	By Payment to Bishop Williams.....	13.60
To Contributions for Special Purposes.....	33.25	By Payment to Hospital, Charlotte, N. C.....	10.00
To Interest.....	.86	By Payment to Miss Whipple.....	2.00
		By Payment to Miss Salsbury.....	1.25
		By Junior Auxiliary Expenses.....	6.21
			152.99
		Balance in Treasury, September 1, 1903.....	71.50
	<u>\$224.49</u>		<u>\$224.49</u>

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. ANDREWS, *Treasurer.*

Tabulated Report of Corresponding Secretary.

FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1902 TO SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1903.

PARISH BRANCHES	SECRETARY OR PARISH CORRESPONDENT	Membership	Annual Dues	RED MITE BOXES		MISSIONARY BOXES			MONEY SENT DIRECT TO MISSION FIELD			MONEY SENT THROUGH CHURCH MISSIONS HOUSE	
				No. Taken	Amount	Domestic	Diocesan	Value	Domestic	Diocesan	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
Albert Lea.....Christ Church	Mrs. George H. Mueller.....	13	.....	.....	.....	2	1	40.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Anoka.....Trinity	Mrs. A. R. Woodmansee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Appleton.....Gethsemane	Mrs. B. F. LaRue.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Austin.....Christ Church	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Belle Creek.....St. Paul's	Miss Louise Schwieger.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	15.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....
Benson.....Christ Church	Mrs. A. Wilson.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blue Barth.....Good Shepherd	Mrs. H. Scoles.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Birch Coulie.....St. Cornelia's	Mrs. Agnes Jones.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cokato.....St. Sigfried's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chatfield.....St. Matthew's	Miss Emma Embry.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dundas...C'h of the Holy Cross	Miss Bertha E. Fish.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairmont.....St. Martin's	Miss Louise Knapper.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Faribault.....Cathedral	Mrs. Frank Carrier.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	185.36	25.00	50.16	.....	.....	.....
Farmington...C'h of the Advent	Mrs. W. J. Fletcher.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Featherstone.....	Mrs. N. A. Schwieger.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	6.55	.....	5.00	5.00	.....	.....
Hastings.....St. Luke's	Miss Martha Delano.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	30.00	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hassan.....St. John's	Mrs. W. S. Parslow.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Henderson.....St. Jude's	Mrs. E. L. Welch.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hutchinson.....St. John's	Miss Lena Jorgenson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson.....Christ Church	Mrs. P. B. Peabody.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	3.00
Janesville.....St. John's	Mrs. P. K. Empey.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	24.10	6.05	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kenyon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lake Benton.....St. John's	Mrs. Ada. Pitts.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	24.11	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.91
Lake City.....St. Mark's	Mrs. G. F. Benson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Le Sueur.....St. John's	Mrs. Cox.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Le Sueur Center.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Litchfield.....Trinity	Mrs. H. Morell.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....
Mankato.....St. John's	Miss Helen Wise.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mantorville.....	Mrs. G. W. Sawyer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Minneapolis—All Saints'.....	Mrs. Geo. H. Barwise.....	23				1	9.96						
Gethsemane.....	Mrs. J. P. Thies.....	58				1	175.00	100.00	.25				
Grace.....	Mrs. S. E. Hooper.....												
Christ Church Mission.....													
Holy Trinity.....	Mrs. Geo. Huey.....	30				1	75.00						
St. Andrew's.....	Miss Nellie E. Foster.....												
St. Ansgarius.....	Miss Ida Willen.....												
St. Mark's.....	Mrs. Thomas Armstrong.....	20				9	393.00	3.00	2.00				
St. Matthew's.....	Mrs. Julia Stringer.....	20											
St. Paul's.....	Mrs. L. G. Phelps.....	18				1	123.00						
Montevideo.....	Mrs. T. G. Robinson.....												
Northfield.....	Mrs. W. E. Hibbard.....					1	20.00	12.00	1.00				
Olivia.....	Mrs. J. E. Davenport.....												
Owatonna.....	Mrs. A. B. Malmo.....	25											
Pine Island.....	Mrs. W. H. Swarthout.....												
Red Wing.....	Miss Frances Densmore.....					2	130.00		55.00				
Redw'd Falls..Holy Com'union	Mrs. Mary L. Flinn.....	10							5.00				
Rochester.....	Mrs. W. W. Fowler.....	35				1	28.00	5.00					
Rushford.....													
Sleepy Eye.....	Mrs. R. H. Bingham.....												
Shakopee.....	Mrs. C. C. Stone.....												
St. Paul—Christ.....	Mrs. L. L. May.....	35				2	166.00	5.00					
Good Shepherd.....	Mrs. E. H. Hale.....												
Messiah.....	Miss Winifred Drezmal.....	22											
St. Clement's.....	Mrs. T. Gaskell.....	42				1	125.32	2.00					
St. James'.....	Miss Mary A. Bryant.....												
St. John the Evangelist.....	Mrs. Edward Kopper.....	200				1	387.04						
St. Mary's.....	Mrs. K. H. E. Callahan.....	24				1	10.00		18.25				
St. Paul's.....	Mrs. M. Schutte.....	25				1	222.98	7.50	1.00	10.00			
St. Peter's.....	Mrs. Julia S. Smith.....	19				1	60.00	1.00					
St. Sigfrid's.....	Mrs. A. T. Rosen.....												
St. Anthony Park.....	Mrs. B. F. Meek.....												
St. Peter.....	Mrs. H. A. Chouinard.....												
Stillwater.....	Mrs. A. J. Lelimicke.....					1	50.00		10.00				
Tracy.....	Miss Inez Riegel.....	7											
Waseca.....	Mrs. P. C. Bailey.....					1	4.00						
Wells.....	Mrs. DeForest Babcock.....												
White Bear Lake—													
St. John's in the Wilderness..	Mrs. J. A. Hausseur.....												
Willmar.....	Mrs. W. D. Wiggins.....	13											
Windom.....	Mrs. C. T. Collins.....												
Winona.....	Mrs. O. B. Gould.....	50				3	66.15	45.00	26.00		25.00		
West Concord.....	Mrs. J. L. Brink.....												
		855					13.44	2417.57	226.55	171.66	25.00	25.00	18.91

* On account of change of date in report, the Red Mite Chest money is not included, as it was given in last year's report. The amount was \$990.19

Respectfully submitted, LAURA C. STEVENS, Corresponding Secretary.

United Offering for 1904.



FROM—

Anoka, Trinity.....	\$ 1.40
Blue Earth, Church of the Good Shepherd.....	2.00
Farmington, Church of the Advent.....	1.00
Fairmont, St. Martin's.....	3.70
Faribault, Cathedral.....	60.00
Janesville, St. John's.....	3.50
Minneapolis, All Saints'.....	10.50
Gethsemane.....	75.00
St. Andrew's.....	7.75
St. Mark's.....	33.35
St. Paul's.....	9.02
Interparochial Missions Class.....	8.53
Merriam Park, St. Mary's.....	3.25
Owatonna, St. Paul's.....	10.00
St. Paul, Christ Church.....	11.10
Church of the Messiah.....	2.70
St. Clement's.....	7.00
St. John's.....	96.20
St. Paul's.....	10.40
St. Peter's.....	5.00
Waseca.....	1.00
Winona, St. Paul's.....	25.00
Unknown.....	3.50
Offertory at Semi-Annual Meeting, June 5th, 1903.....	34.57
Interest on Bank account.....	8.58
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	\$ 434.05
Expended for Postage.....	1.50
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	\$ 432.55
As reported in Record for 1902.....	395.52
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	\$828.07

July 1st, 1903.

MARY D. FOLDS, *Treasurer.*

Church Periodical Club.



Our President has asked me for a report of the Church Periodical Club, and I do not believe many people here understand what it is trying to do and how it began its work.

In 1888, Mrs. Mortimer Fargo, of New York, returned from travels over our country, where she had been impressed with the dearth of literature. She felt this need so great, that she began the sending out of magazines and with the sanction of her Bishop and encouragement of the Woman's Auxiliary, the Church Periodical Club was formed.

At first she devoted a room in her house to the work. Mrs. Fargo tried to impress upon those who wished to assist, the great need of sending the magazine or book directly; with, as she said: for work, wrapping and addressing the magazine or book; for expense, postage; and for the blessing of God, the little prayer which she hoped would speed the package on its way.

The work soon outgrew its quarters and was housed at St. Bartholomew's Parish House. As it grew, it was found necessary to systematize the work, and so, in each parish a librarian was appointed to take charge of the work; and all the librarians in a diocese were united under a correspondent, who communicates with the central office, which is now in the Church Missions House, New York.

As the work grew, the Western Branch was formed to ease the work at the central office.

At the central office much work has to be done to keep records of all who appeal for literature, and it has become necessary to employ several clerks. Much literature is sent

in to this office and has to be assorted before it is available for use.

Many of the publishing houses contribute books. Donors are asked to prepay their own postage, as it is hard for the work to be carried on as well otherwise. One of the important things usually overlooked by the donors is the personal touch so much desired and so seldom given. When sending a magazine, please write, saying: "A copy has been sent and will be regularly continued if desired." When an answer has been received, with how much greater interest one will wrap up the weekly or monthly package, and the recipient will feel the personal interest as it is opened. Then once in six months write to be sure it is still received and that the address is not changed.

Books are often desired by clergy who cannot afford them. If we could raise a little fund, we might aid them. In the Diocese of Chicago, each librarian is asked to collect twenty-five cents from ten people, and so they have a fund to buy books. Could we do likewise?

To give you an idea of the work done, I will say that in 1901-2, 13,336 periodicals, religious and secular, were sent regularly each week or month; 219,596 odd numbers of magazines were given, and 36,068 Bibles, Testaments, tracts and books.

Our own diocese, during the past year, has sent 122 periodicals regularly, and boxes of magazines to lumber camps and mining districts as well as unrecorded odd numbers given away. This shows an increase over last year of 62 magazines sent regularly, and I hope we will do better this coming year.

We need more librarians and a greater interest in the work by every one, Mrs. Starback, in charge of the Western Branch, says, to have it in our hearts to make the Church Periodical Club a means of hope, cheer, and spiritual progress.

CHARLOTTE E. FOLDS,

Sept. 23d, 1903. *Correspondent for the Diocese of Minnesota.*

SEPTEMBER 1, 1902 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1903.

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Boxes sent out by JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1902 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1903.

CITY	PARISH	TO WHOM SENT	VALUE	TOTAL	DATE
Faribault	St. Mary's Hall...	Rev. E. C. Kah-o-Sed, Leech Lake, 125 Gifts.....	\$ 25.00		December.
		Rev. W. J. Cleveland, Pine Ridge, 160 Gifts.....	50.00		"
		Bethel Mission, St. Paul.....	35.00		"
		Box, 10 Dolls, African Box	12.00	\$ 122.00	May 23.
	Cathedral of our Merciful Saviour	70 Gifts, to Rev. Cleveland, Pine Ridge, S. D.	11.00	11.00	Dec. 9, 1902.
Minneapolis..	St. Mark's.....	107 Gifts, Birch Coolie Indians.....	27.00		December, 1902.
		Articles for African Box .....	.50	27.50	May, 1903.
Minneapolis..	All Saints'.....	Gov't School, Bena, Indians, 60 Gifts.....	20.00		Dec. 12, 1902.
		10 Gifts, African Box.....	1.75	21.75	May, 1903.
St. Paul.....	St. John's.....	Miss Timberlake's Class, Lower Brule.....	5.00		Xmas. 1902.
		Miss Gordon's Class, " "	4.00		" "
		African Box, 7 Gifts.....	1.50	10.50	May, 1903.
	Christ Church....	27 Gifts, Indians, Lower Brule.....	3.50		December, 1902.
		Miss Andrew's Class, for Miss Colby's work, Leech Lake.....	10.00		
		Duluth District.....	5.00	18.50	
	Messiah.....	115 Gifts, Rev. L. C. Walker.....	21.50		Nov. 2, 1902.
	Good Shepherd...	55 Gifts, Leech Lake Indians	15.00	15.00	December, 1902.
	St. Paul's.....	25 Gifts, Kansas	13.25		November, 1902.
		25 Gifts, Lower Brule Indians.....	5.50		December, 1902.
		55 Gifts, African Box.....	10.00		May, 1903.
		Candy Bags, Birch Coolie.....	.50	29.25	December, 1902.
Janesville.....	St. John's.....	Birch Coolie Indians.....	5.00		November, 1902.
		Lower Brule Indians.....	2.50		Xmas, 1902.
		Altar Cloths.....	6.70	14.20	
Goodhue.....	St. Paul's.....	Comfortable, Minneapolis.....	2.00		Dec. 15, 1902.
	(Belle Creek)	12 Gifts, Lower Brule Indians.....	1.50		December, 1902.
		Towels, Sheltering Arms.....	.90	4.40	May 20, 1903.
Lake Benton..	St. John's.....	12 Dresses, African Box.....	4.00		May, 1903.
Winona.....	St. Paul's.....	25 Gifts, Lower Brule.....	5.00	5.00	December, 1902.
Minneapolis..	Special.....	From Porter Price Wiggin.....	.25	.25	September, 1902.
		Total Value Boxes	- - -	\$ 304.85	
		Total Money Given	- - -	529.75	
		Grand Total	- - -	\$ 834.60	

Respectfully submitted,

KATHRENE S. SLEPPY, Secretary, J. A.

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The Babies' Branch.



The Little Helpers of Minnesota began their work for the Master in February, 1902.

The hope was, to have a branch in every church of the diocese, to be under the direction of, and inspired by a parish secretary, who would report once a month to the diocesan secretary. This was accomplished by degrees in over thirty parishes. The Little Helpers were asked, because of their baptism and birth into the Church, to give one penny on each Lord's day to the spread of His Kingdom, and to say the Babies' Prayer for God's blessing on the missionaries.

At the end of the first year, each branch called its members together, and with a few little simple exercises to explain to the children the meaning of the joy of helping in Christ's work, the mite boxes were opened and the pennies laid lovingly and prayerfully upon the altar.

On March 7th, 1903, the Babies' Branch had its first birthday, and Bishop and Mrs. Edsall and Mrs. Baxter met with the secretaries to learn what the little ones of the diocese had done "to help."

Branches had been established in thirty-two parishes, including sixteen in St. Paul, seven in Minneapolis and one in each of the following places: Birch Coolie, Excelsior, Fari-bault, Hastings, Jackson, Red Wing, Redwood Falls, Wabasha and Winona, with an enrollment of 537 Little Helpers.

Their first year's offering amounted to \$181.72. This, by suggestion of the Bishop and president of the Auxiliary and by vote of the secretaries, was expended as follows:

DISBURSEMENTS

Expenses of Babies' Branch for year 1902-1903—

700 Boxes at 3 cents.....	\$21.00	
Books, Leaflets, Printing.....	19.00	\$ 40.00
Reserved for Expenses for 1903-1904.....		40.00
For Triennial Offering of Woman's Auxiliary.....		5.00

FOREIGN

China, Shanghai—Little Helpers' Day School.....	\$ 2.50	} United Work
“ Wuchang—Angelica Church Hart School.....	2.50	
Japan, Kyoto—Baby Organ for Bishop Partridge.....	2.50	
“ Tokio—To Bishop McKim for Special Needs.....	24.00	
		31.50

DOMESTIC

Alaska—Font at Skaguay.....	\$ 2.50	} United Work
Raleigh, N. C.—Little Helpers' Bed, St. Agnes' Hospital...	2.50	
White Rocks, Utah—Miss Lucy Carter's Emergency Fund	5.22	
North Dakota—Font for Indian Church on Porcupine River.....	25.00	
		35.22

DIOCESAN

Worthington, Minn.—Painting the Church.....	30.00
Total.....	\$181.72

Thus it was felt that the Little Helpers had really helped a good deal after all, not only in joining with the Babies' Branches of other dioceses in a united work, but by themselves aiding definitely some work in the diocesan, domestic and foreign fields—and what they might do in the future by their love and eager enthusiasm seemed worth thinking of seriously.

Will not our Rectors lend their interest to this effort of training the little children to love their Master's work?

Will not the mothers and god-parents seek to teach their children to say: “God bless all the missionaries all over the world!”?

We appeal to all who pray “Thy kingdom come” for their sympathy with this work of enrolling even the little ones as messengers of the Christ Child. In each home where there is a loving Little Helper, who may say that the spirit of missions does not live there.?

MARY A. B. SEDGWICK,
Diocesan Secretary Babies' Branch.

