

Minnesota Branch

Woman's Auxiliary

Thirty-sixth

Annual Report

1916-1917



Motto:

"Where there is no vision, the people perish."

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THIRTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MINNESOTA BRANCH
OF THE
Woman's Auxiliary
TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS



1916-1917

Prayers for Use in Auxiliary Meetings

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

Almighty God, Lord of the harvest, we humbly beseech Thee to send forth more labourers into Thy harvest, and especially to put it into the hearts of many faithful women to give themselves to Thy work in the Mission field; that so the bounds of Thy blessed kingdom may be enlarged; through 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 acknowledgement 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 to the glory of Thy Holy Name, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Heavenly Father, we pray Thee to bless us and all members of the Junior Auxiliary, with wisdom, zeal and constancy, in our work for Thee. Prosper the Missions of Thy Holy Church, and strengthen with 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 continued help that in 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.

In Memoriam

Samuel Cook Edsall

March 4, 1860--February 17, 1917

Bishop of the Diocese of Minnesota

For all the Saints, who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

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President's Report

Amidst the changes and upheavals of the eventful year just passed, the Minnesota Auxiliary has pursued the even tenor of its way, and so far its accomplishment has not been perceptibly diminished by the bewildering demands which press in from every side. The thing which stands out most prominently in the year's work is our week of "The Pilgrimage of Prayer." Under the able management of the Devotional Committee, it was a source of deep strength and inspiration to the Woman's Auxiliary in particular, and to the church in the Diocese, in general. Another source of strength and helpfulness is our Deanery Meetings, which bring together women who cannot always attend the larger conferences. There have been enthusiastic meetings in four of the Deaneries this year. One of the St. Paul Deanery, at Ascension Church, Stillwater; one of the Winona Deanery, at St. Paul's Church, Winona; one of the Faribault Deanery, at All Saint's Church, Northfield, and six monthly meetings of the Minneapolis Deanery at the various city churches. The educational work has proceeded with regularity and with increasing popularity and success. On the material side of our work, we have given generously, not only through the Blue and the Red Mite Box Offerings and the usual Missionary boxes, but we have contributed also to St. Agnes School, Kyoto, to missions in Alaska, Wyoming, Akita, Japan, and to our own Sheltering Arms. These special pledges were all assembled at the last annual meeting (except the Sheltering Arms) and have been paid with gratifying promptness. The year has been fraught with change, in the Diocesan Auxiliary as elsewhere. We have been called upon to mourn the loss of our Beloved Bishop, and of our energetic, faithful and devoted President of the Little Helpers, Mrs.

Perry L. Norris—both are enshrined in our love and in our memories. Other changes face us in the resignation of Mrs. Morrison, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Ballard, Treasurer. It is with deep regret and grateful appreciation of their services that we accept these resignations from the Executive Board. Today we welcome with pleasure our newly installed Bishop to his Auxiliary Parish and pledge him its loyal support.

The problems which confront us on the threshold of the new year are rather appalling; it is a time of tremendous testing for the church and for the Auxiliary. If the only cure for the present world-sickness is Democracy, those of us who know our Lord and His plans must know that Democracy is only "safe" as a Brotherhood which is built upon the "Fatherhood of God." The world will not be "safe for Democracy," or anything else but brute force, if we are slackers in the extension of the ideals and principles of Christianity. In this connection, I wish to recommend to the women of the Auxiliary in particular, the Church Branch of the Civilian Relief Committee of the Red Cross. Let us take as an added duty the care and oversight of the families of our church men and boys who are at the front, as well as of the boys themselves—it is mission work and as such belongs to us. Those men must feel that the home church is behind them, and it devolves upon us to show the practical value of our professions. If the duties of citizenship make insistent calls upon us, then the time is here for us to give "until it hurts," but we must not be "slackers" in our work for the church.

Minutes of Annual Meeting

The 36th annual meeting of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul, Thursday, October 11th, 1917.

The services of the day opened at 10 a. m. with celebration of Holy Communion. The address was given by the Rev. H. M. Ramsey, of Faribault, on the topic, "The Woman's Auxiliary and Citizenship." Following the communion service, Bishop F. A. McElwain extended greetings to the women of the Diocese. He said in the past five years he had had an increased sense of the importance of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary and he hoped the Minnesota Branch would not neglect the needs of the church while doing patriotic work. He suggested the motto, "These ought ye to have done, and not to have left the other undone;" and not to forget the words of St. John, "Ye are of God, and the world lieth in wickedness."

Rev. Edward Cross, Rector of St. John's, welcomed the Auxiliary most cordially.

The morning offering was taken, Bishop McElwain read noonday prayers.

At the close of this service the President, Mrs. H. C. Theopold, took the chair.

Bishop McElwain announced the presentation of the Red Mite Box offering, taken during the singing of hymn 478.

The roll was called, showing an attendance of 216 representatives.

Rev. Edward Cross announced luncheon, inviting all to remain.

Meeting adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting was convened at 1:45 with prayers read by Bishop McElwain.

Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The President's address was given, being most encouraging as a mirror of the work of the past year.

Reports of Secretaries followed. Mrs. Robert Williams told of an interesting meeting held at St. John's Church, Rochester.

Mrs. O. A. Spies, Corresponding Secretary, thanked the parishes for co-operation. All the missionary letters had been promptly taken and splendid boxes sent out during the year.

Mrs. F. B. Bass, U. O. Treasurer, reported over \$1,069.00, a slight advance over the corresponding year of the last Triennium.

Mrs. R. B. Ballard, Treasurer, said over \$400.00 had been paid in pledges, and gave a most satisfactory report.

Miss Elizabeth Yardley, President of Juniors, reported boxes sent at a valuation of \$699.70, making total of all money raised, \$1,376.77. Miss Yardley announced plans already formulated to reorganize the Junior Department on lines similar to those of the Woman's Auxiliary; having a full quota of officers and active work done by these various officers.

Miss Margaret Densmore, Church Periodical Secretary, said vigorous work had been done—far reaching and successful—including sending literature to soldiers, which she hoped to continue as a special feature of this department.

Rev. Mr. Tyner, editor, brought to the attention of the convention the uses and abuses of the "Church Record," urging renewal of subscriptions and earnest patronage of that paper.

Miss Mary Smith announced the coming of Miss Mills to the Diocese, and urged attendance upon the study classes—suggesting mission study be continued during the glad seasons of the year, as well as during Lent. Miss Smith gave a report of the "Pilgrimage of Prayer"—the closing meeting would be held Sunday next before Advent, November 25th, with celebration of corporate communion and an offering taken for St. Agnes School, Kyoto.

The Committee on Credentials reported 42 dues received and 39 credentials taken.

Mrs. E. S. Gaylord, Chairman of Finance Committee, stated the Red Mite Box offering to be \$1,547.00; recommending two-thirds of said amount be given Bishop McElwain for Diocesan needs, one-sixth be divided equally between the three scholarships—namely, Bishop Whipple, Bishop Gilbert and Cora Bronson, and that \$25.00 be given to the Sybil Carter memorial fund, the remainder be sent to Missions House undesignated.

The Committee on Resolutions was instructed to act also.

The Committee on Nominations was instructed to pass ballots.

Rev. Dr. Rollit spoke of the status of parish apportionments.

The report of the Little Helpers was read by Mrs. Wm. Remington. At its close Bishop McElwain asked the convention to rise and unite in silent prayer for the work of the dearly beloved leader, Mrs.

Carrie H. Norris, whose tireless hands had so recently been laid away to rest, the Bishop voicing the prayer, "May the soul of our faithful sister rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon her."

Mrs. Theopold called attention to the church literature to be had at the door. She commended the parishes for liberal response for special work of the past year. She mentioned several appeals, but earnestly recommended aid for Mrs. Evans at Akita, Japan, and immediately received nearly \$100.00 in pledges from various Branches.

A conference of parishes followed, lead by Mrs. Williams, each telling of the most important incident of their work during the year.

Report of the Nominating Committee was read, the election resulting in two changes: Mrs. George Prince elected to the office of Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Gaylord to that of Recording Secretary.

Miss Kathrene Sleppy presented the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That the Secretary be instructed to express the sympathy of the Auxiliary—

To Mrs. William C. Pope and family, for their loss in the death of the Rev. William C. Pope, who was always the friend and helper of the Woman's Auxiliary in all its phases of work;

To Mr. Perry L. Norris, for the death of his dear wife, Mrs. Carrie Norris, for thirteen years the beloved and faithful Diocesan President of the Little Helpers;

To the family of Mrs. W. B. Folds, for the death of their mother, who was a charter member of the Minnesota Woman's Auxiliary and its first Secretary and Treasurer, serving in that capacity from 1882 to 1890;

To Mrs. S. L. Fraser, President of St. Mark's Auxiliary, Minneapolis, for the very recent and sudden death of her husband, Mr. S. L. Fraser.

RESOLVED: That the Auxiliary assembled extend to their beloved Bishop, Bishop McElwain, their pledge of affectionate loyalty on this his first day among them as their Bishop now enthroned.

RESOLVED: That a vote of thanks be extended to the Rector, choir, women and all members of St. John's parish who have joined in such kind and friendly hospitality to the Auxiliary.

CORNELIA B. BAXTER,
THEODOSIA P. CARY,
Committee.

Resolutions of sympathy were also passed to the families of Mr. and Miss Longworth, Miss Knickerbocker and Mrs. Davis.

On motion, resolution was passed requesting that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to write to the President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, asking him to appoint a Day of Prayer for the Safety of the Nation.

Bishop McElwain closed the meeting with prayer and benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE MORRISON,
Recording Secretary.

Annual Report of the Treasurer

From Nov. 15, 1916, to Nov. 2, 1917

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Nov. 15, 1916.....	\$1,734.74
Pledges for Bishop Thomas' Work.....	57.50
Pledges for St. Agnes School, Kyoto, Japan	190.00
Pledges for rebuilding church at Anvik, Alaska.....	52.50
Pledges for piano fund for Mrs. Evans, Akita, Japan.....	15.00
Check to Mrs. Olney, for traveling expenses, destroyed.....	20.00
Minnesota Junior Auxiliary for St. Agnes School.....	25.00
Sale of hand books.....	.30
Offering at Mid-Winter Meeting	13.52
Junior Auxiliary Share in Year Book.....	5.00
The Priory School, Honolulu, Hawaii	5.00
Offering at Semi-Annual Meeting	5.52
Offerings during week of Pilgrimage of Prayer.....	10.83
Red Mite Chest Returns.....	1,582.50
Annual Dues	94.01
Offering at Annual Meeting	46.45
Mr. Evans' Work, Akita, Japan	15.00
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	\$3,872.87

DISBURSEMENTS.

Red Mite Chest Distribution—	
Diocesan Two-thirds	\$998.60
General Missions One-third	499.30
Printing and Stationery	101.75
Postage	21.41
Bishop Kinsolving's expenses, St. Louis to Minneapolis.....	14.86
Provincial Synod Dues	5.00
Expenditures advanced by Educational Secretary.....	38.42
Rev. E. G. Ericson	10.00
Mrs. Evans, piano, Akita, Japan	15.00
Dues to Central Missionary Society	1.35
Rev. Robert T. McCutcheon, traveling expenses.....	18.00
Express on lantern slides and rental of same.....	8.20
Exchange on Check .....	.03
Flowers	5.00
Dr. Ramsey's expenses	3.00
St. Agnes School, Kyoto, Japan	190.00
St. Agnes School for Minnesota Juniors.....	25.00
Bishop Thomas' Work in Wyoming	57.50
Rebuilding Church in Anvik, Alaska.....	52.50
Mr. Evans' Work in Akita, Japan	15.00
Priory School, Honolulu, Hawaii	5.00
Cash on hand Nov. 2d, 1917	1,787.95
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	\$3,872.87

REPORT OF ANNUAL DUES AND RED MITE CHEST MONEY

Received at Annual Meeting of Woman's Auxiliary Held in St. John's Church, St. Paul, October 11, 1917.

	Annual Dues	Red Mite Boxes	Plate Offering
1. Deanery of Faribault:			
Albert Lea .....	.....	.....	.....
Austin	\$2.00	\$14.19	.....
Dundas	2.00	24.37	.....
Faribault	2.00	35.35	.....
Henderson .....	.....	.....	.....
Janesville	2.00	10.00	.....
LeSueur Centre .....	.....	.....	.....
Northfield	2.00	5.00	.....
Owatonna	2.00	24.00	.....
Waseca	2.00	8.00	.....
Waterville .....	.....	.....	.....
2. Deanery of Mankato:			
Blue Earth .....	.....	.....	.....
Fairmont	2.00	4.58	.....
Jackson .....	.....	.....	.....
Luverne .....	.....	.....	.....
Mankato	2.00	21.35	.....
Sleepy Eye	2.00	.....	.....
St. Peter	2.00	26.77	.....
Wells	2.00	4.00	.....
3. Deanery of Minneapolis:			
All Saints	2.00	68.00	.....
Gethsemane	2.00	151.81	.....
Holy Trinity	2.00	66.10	.....
St. John's (Linden Hills)....	2.00	13.81	.....
St. Matthew's	2.00	27.29	.....
St. Mark's	2.00	200.00	.....
Young Woman's Branch of St. Mark's .....	.....	.....	.....
St. Paul's	2.00	75.17	.....
Young Woman's Branch of St. Paul's	2.00	.....	.....
Bishop Thurston Branch of St. Paul's	2.00	3.00	.....
St. Thomas	2.00	5.00	.....
Christ Church	2.00	4.16	.....
Excelsior .....	.....	.....	.....

4. Deanery of St. Paul:			
Hastings	2.00	21.00	....
St. Paul Ascension	2.00	4.19	....
Christ Church	2.00	81.91	....
Epiphany	2.00	4.10	....
Good Shepherd	2.00	5.00	....
Messiah	2.00	45.03	....
St. Clement's	2.00	131.20	....
St. James'	2.00	4.28	....
St. John the Evangelist.....	2.00	210.00	....
St. Mary's	2.00	27.49	....
St. Matthew's	2.00	13.67	....
St. Mark's Highwood.....	2.00	7.44	....
St. Paul's	2.00	13.55	....
St. Peter's	2.01	14.46	....
St. Philip's	2.00	7.14	....
Stillwater	2.00	48.52	....
White Bear	2.00	25.16	....
5. Deanery of Willmar:			
Benson	2.00	2.00	....
Birch Coulee .....	....	....	....
Lake Benton .....	....	....	....
Litchfield .....	....	....	....
Olivia .....	....	....	....
Redwood Falls .....	....	....	....
Willmar .....	....	....	....
6. Deanery of Winona:			
Belle Creek	2.00	6.20	....
Frontenac .....	....	....	....
Kenyon .....	....	....	....
Lake City	2.00	18.83	....
Mantorville .....	....	....	....
Pine Island .....	....	....	....
Red Wing	2.00	36.00	....
Rochester	2.00	10.10	....
Wabasha .....	....	....	....
West Concord .....	....	....	....
Winona	2.00	44.06	....
Totals	\$92.01	\$1,573.28	\$46.45

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. B. BALLARD,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF RED MITE CHESTS
For Year Ending October 11th, 1917.

Distributed in the Diocese of Minnesota..... 221

Respectfully submitted,
LAURA C. STEVENS,
Custodian.

UNITED OFFERING REPORT FOR 1917

Balance on hand, Nov. 1st, 1916.....	\$1.39
Collections to Oct., 1917	1,064.09
Interest to Oct., 1917	9.10
Offering Semi-Annual Meeting.....	26.06
	\$1,100.64

Respectfully submitted,
LYDIA H. BASS,
Treasurer.

422 Laurel Ave., St. Paul.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Madam President and Members of the Auxiliary:

Another busy year has passed, during which 470 communications have been sent out. These included letters, postal cards, reports and report blanks, notices of meetings to Diocesan branches and to the clergy, programs and press notices.

Sixty Missionary boxes were sent from the Diocese, valued at \$2,519.63. These boxes often contained many things besides the requested articles and were the expression of loving thought and care.

When no acknowledgment is received by a Branch within a reasonable length of time, it is requested that the Secretary be notified.

In the Spring, parcels-post packages were sent to the Mission at Allakaket, Alaska. Nine Branches contributed and the total value was \$380.43.

Shortly after Easter Mr. Kobashi, of the "Widely Loving Society," Osaka, Japan, called upon the Secretary, with letters from Bishop Lloyd and Miss Emery, commending him and his work. Before his departure from the city he returned to tell of the kindly manner in which he had been received by the Auxiliaries and to express his deep gratitude to them for the financial assistance given for his work.

Notwithstanding the increased demands upon us all in these days, the Corresponding Secretary has found the same loyal support from our faithful parish leaders and members. This is most gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,
MARTHA F. SPIES,
Corresponding Secretary.

X TABULATED REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

From October 31st, 1916 to October 11th, 1917

Parish Branches.	President or Parish Correspondent, 1917-18	Annual Dues	Red Mite Box Offering	Missionary Boxes			Money Sent Direct to Mission Field			Money Sent Through the Church Missions			
				Dom. Dis.		Amt.	Domestic	Diocesan	Foreign	Domestic	Diocesan	General	Foreign
				No.	No.								
		Am't	Am't			Am't	Am't	Am't	Am't	Am't	Am't	Am't	Am't
1. Deanery of Faribault—													
Austin	Mrs. W. H. Martell	\$2.00	\$14.19	1	...	\$60.00	\$40.00	.....	\$2.00	.....		
Dundas	Mrs. L. Peake	2.00	24.37	1	...	8.00	.....			.....
Faribault	Mrs. A. H. Bill	2.00	35.35	1	1	155.83	2.00	.....		.....
Janesville	Mrs. W. W. Savage	2.00	10.00	4	...	28.00	.....			.....
Northfield	Mrs. H. L. Cruttenden	2.00	5.00	2	...	26.00	.....			.....
Owatonna	Mrs. M. A. Whitney	2.00	24.00	1	1	27.00	.....			.....
Waseca	Mrs. D. J. Dodge	2.00	8.00	...	...		.....			.....
Waterville	Mrs. P. C. Bailey .....	.....	.....	...	...		.....			.....
2. Deanery of Mankato—													
Fairmont	Mrs. A. E. Fillmore	2.00	4.58	...	...		.....			.....
Mankato	Mrs. H. H. Perren	2.00	21.35	...	1	10.00	1.00	14.00	5.00	.....		
Sleepy Eye	Mrs. Rex Bingham	2.00	.....	...	...		.....	4.00		.....		
St. Peter	Mrs. Robt. Lamberton	2.00	26.77	1	...	65.06	.....			.....
Wells	Mrs. Geo. A. Barnes	2.00	4.00	...	...		.....			.....
3. Deanery of Minneapolis—													
Excelsior	Mrs. W. Webster .....	.....	.....	...	...		.....			.....
Minneapolis—													
All Saints'	Mrs. Robt. Williams	2.00	68.00	2	2	79.00	11.00	10.00	11.00	.....		
Christ Church	Mrs. Geo. Terry	2.00	4.16	1	...	10.00	.....		5.00	.....		
Gethsemane	Mrs. E. S. Gaylord	2.00	151.81	1	...	4.73	150.25	.....	12.00	.....		
Holy Trinity	Mrs. C. A. Davis	2.00	66.10	...	...		10.00	1.00		.....		
St. John's (Linden Hills)	Mrs. A. F. Burdoin	2.00	13.81	1	...	4.00	10.00	.....	7.00	.....		
St. Luke's .....	.....	.....	.....	...	...		.....			.....
St. Mark's	Mrs. S. L. Fraser	2.00	200.00	2	1	160.39	60.00	30.00	.....	.....	
Young Woman's Branch of St. Mark's .....	.....	.....	.....	...	...		.....			.....
St. Matthew's	Mrs. Fred Pincoe	2.00	27.29	...	...		1.00	.....		.....
St. Paul's	Mrs. W. P. Remington	2.00	75.17	4	...	313.73	24.50	10.00	15.00	.....		
Young Woman's Branch of St. Paul's	Mrs. Josephine Price	2.00	.....	2	1	53.50	25.00	15.00	2.50	.....		
Bishop Thurston Branch of St. Paul's	Miss Gertrude Gilman	2.00	3.00	...	1	13.00	5.00	.....	10.00	5.00	.....		5.00
St. Thomas	Mrs. Lizzie Van Hook	2.00	5.00	...	...		.....			.....

Original document located in The Archives of the Episcopal Church.

4. Deanery of St. Paul—

Annual Report of the Junior Auxiliary

Sept., 1916, to Sept., 1917.

There is little to report this year in the way of growth in the Junior Auxiliary, but can any organization grow that has all its offices held by one individual?

Such has been the case in the Minnesota Junior Auxiliary, and is the one thing I am determined to change this coming year. My plan is to have a Secretary, a Treasurer, a United Offering Treasurer, a Vice President in every Deanery, and a Board of Advisers. When these offices are filled there will be just so many more young women interested in Missions, for it is a well known fact that no one has a vital interest in anything unless they are connected with it or at least know something about the subject. If we are to have strong Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary we must see to it that the young people are brought into the Junior Branch.

The terrible condition in the world today has taught us one great lesson, and that is that our young men must be physically fit in order to be able to fight in the war. Is it not of equal importance that our young girls should be spiritually fit to fight in the great war that is being waged to win the world for Christ?

ELIZABETH E. YARDLEY,
Junior President.

Financial Statement of the Junior Auxiliary

Sept. 1st, 1916, to Sept. 1st, 1917.

City or Town	Parish or Mission	Value of Article Sent	Amount of money Sent	Total
Minneapolis ..	St. Andrew's	\$15.00	\$1.00	\$16.00
	All Saints'	20.00	6.50	26.30
	Holy Trinity	11.30	1.00	12.30
	Christ Church	27.85	2.50	30.35
	St. John's	18.00	21.50	39.50
	St. Paul's	32.00	6.15	38.15
St. Paul.....	St. Mark's	15.00	15.00	30.00
	Ascension	11.00	1.00	12.00
	Christ Church	10.00	.50	10.50
	St. Clement's	92.50	68.10	160.60
	St. John's	40.00	7.00	47.00
	St. Mary's	51.00	19.00	70.00
	St. Matthew's	15.00	4.50	19.50
	Messiah	22.00	2.50	24.50
	St. Paul's	58.70	3.00	61.70
	St. Peter's	24.65	3.35	28.00
	St. Philip's	3.50	1.00	4.50
	Epiphany		2.00	2.00
	St. Barnabas	38.95	5.00	43.95
Austin	Christ Church	37.00	3.00	40.00
Lake City....	St. Mark's	18.50	2.00	20.50
Red Wing....	Christ Church	27.00	1.50	28.50
Mankato	St. John's	8.50	5.11	13.61
Waseca	Calvary	5.00	1.50	6.50
White Bear...	St. John's	11.00	2.75	13.75
Willmar	St. Luke's	15.50	1.00	16.50
Windom	Good Shepherd	11.40	6.25	17.65
Winona	St. Paul's	5.00	5.00	10.00
Faribault	St. Mary's Hall.....	36.32	508.19	544.51
Offering Semi-Annual, Minneapolis.....			1.85	1.85
Offering Semi-Annual, St. Paul.....			4.65	4.65
Offering, Annual Meeting.....			11.55	11.55
		\$681.67	\$724.95	\$1,406.62

Of the above amount the sum of \$192.66 passed through the hands of the Junior President and was expended as directed for United Offering, General Missions, Specials, freight, literature, postage and car fare.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH E. YARDLEY,

Junior President.

Report of the Educational Secretary

In January, 1917, I conducted a Normal Study Class on "The New World," in Detroit, Mich. Immediately upon my return to Minnesota, similar classes were held in St. Paul, at Christ Church, and in Minneapolis, at St. Mark's Church, also a class for leaders in Merriam Park, at St. Mary's, using the "Acts" as a basis for our study. A course of ten lessons on "Missions in the Sunday School" was presented, during the second term of the Minneapolis School of Religious Instruction. In June I was the leader of the Normal Class at the Minnesota Summer School of Missions, where we discussed study class methods and demonstrated the same by assignments from and discussions of "The New Home Missions." There have been many miscellaneous calls for me this year, to fill in on programs, to give book reviews for Auxiliaries, and to speak before study clubs on "Latin America from the Viewpoint of a Mission Study Class."

Our advance has been in the enlistment of young women and older girls for mission study. I rejoiced in the splendid attendance and earnest attention of the young women in classes at Gethsemane, Holy Trinity and St. Paul's, Minneapolis, and at the University.

I wish to record here my hearty appreciation and gratitude to Mrs. Hector Baxter, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. F. E. Olney and Mrs. W. R. Terry, who have assisted so much by conducting classes outside of their own parishes. By their help, and that of the Educational Council, with its Deanery committees, our educational work is being strengthened and spread. Mrs. F. E. Olney has been appointed Custodian of Literature. She will have material for programs and suggestions for study, also the recent communications and leaflets from the Church Missions House.

Our study for 1917-1918 is most opportune. In Minnesota we suggest that the courses on "Missions in the Bible" be used and that an effort be made for a diocesan campaign in Bible study and reading. In the past years our rectors have been our helpers and advisers; may we continue to look to them for guidance and encouragement in this year of our need, that all Christian men and women may know the comfort in God's word and the strength of His power.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY C. SMITH,
Educational Secretary.

The Little Helpers

God make my life a little light.
Within the world to glow;
A tiny flame that burneth bright
Wherever I may go.

The Little Helpers' Society is embodied in Six Rules:

First—That every Child by baptism becomes a member of the missionary society, and the missionary society is the Church.

Second—The first day of each week is the time to lay apart for the Lord, as the Apostles did, forming this habit in the child life.

Third—The Little Helper must pray for missionaries as well as give to their work. We may "plant and water, but it is God who giveth the increase."

Fourth—This cannot be a Parish society—it is to teach something broader. The child is not a member of the Parish but the whole body of Christ—the Church.

Fifth—The gifts from the box are to be divided between the Foreign, Domestic and Diocesan work.

Sixth—Should God call the little ones to Paradise they have not ceased to be members of the Church; so, neither need their work cease. Those who love them can still keep boxes and each Sunday put in a gift, and ask God's blessing on His little ones who believe in Him, binding together the church militant and expectant.

Prayer

God bless ALL the Missionaries all over the World, and all "THE LITTLE HELPERS," for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Carrie H. Norris

July, 1917

Mrs. Mary D. Folds

First Secretary and Treasurer of Minnesota Branch

August, 1917

Mrs. Edith Conant

December, 1917

"She hath done what she could."

LITTLE HELPERS OFFERING REPORTED 1915-1917..... \$228.08

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT 1917

PARISHES.	SECRETARIES.	Organized	No.	Offer'g
Austin—Christ Church	Mrs. C. V. Mossey, 711 N. 3rd St.	June 1910	49	\$ 5.63
Birch Coulee—St. Cornelia.....	Miss S. E. Salisbury, Morton, Minn.	June 1902	106	40.23
Belle Creek—St. Paul's.....	Mrs. J. A. Warwick, Goodhue, R. F. D. 5.....	May 1914	7	5.44
Lake Benton—St. John's.....	Miss Alice Lavisson	May 1911	2	....
Mankato St. John's.....	Mrs. E. M. Zuel, 520 Walnut St.	Sept. 1906	19	6.50
Minneapolis—				
All Saint's	Miss Madeline Vertz, 3039 Pleasant Ave.....	May 1902	23	....
Grace Church	Miss Ida Beard, 3138 2nd Ave. So.....	May 1902	8	.50
Holy Trinity	Mrs. L. C. Graham, 812 7th St. S. E.....	May 1913	28	5.82
St. Andrew's	Miss Clara Turner, Robbinsdale.....	June 1902	37	4.00
St. John's, the Baptist.....	Mrs. W. P. Christian, 4101 Sheridan Ave. So.....	June 1905	35	6.00
St. Mark's	Mrs. D. F. Thompson, 3400 Blaisdell Ave.....	May 1902	55	....
St. Paul's	Mrs. Stewart Campbell, 2408 Lake Place.....	April 1902	59	8.80
St. Matthew's	Miss Florence Hubert, 1322 Lowry Ave. N. E.....	April 1916	30	5.76
St. Stephen's	Miss Laura Baxter, 3445 Penn. Ave. No.....	April 1915	9	1.00
St. Thomas'	Mrs. T. D. Bryan, 3612 Elliott Ave.....	May 1916	16	1.58
Well's Memorial	Miss Janet Allardyce, 1605 Portland Ave.....	Oct. 1916	38	5.00
Owatonna—St. Paul's	Miss Sarah A. Racey, 502 E. Main St.	Oct. 1908	5	2.10
Rush City—Grace	Mrs. C. E. Gray.....	Aug. 1908	10	7.46
St. Paul—				
Christ Church	Miss Eleanor Lightner, Summit Ave.....	Feb. 1902	36	6.53
Good Shepherd	Miss Emily Pope, 51 12th St.	Mch. 1902	8	5.00
Messiah	Miss Betsy E. Hankinson, 438 W. Central.....	April 1902	24	5.25
St. Clement's		Feb. 1902	67	21.18
St. John's, the Evangelist.....	Miss Carolyn Punderson, 62 S. Dale St.....	Mch. 1902	98	27.40
St. Mary's	Miss Alice Helson, 1924 Iglehart St.....	April 1902	61	19.34
St. Mark's	Miss Jessie Duncan, St. Paul, R. F. D. Highwood.....	April 1917	14	....
St. Matthew's	Mrs. Walter Greenwood, 2215 Buford Ave.....	Feb. 1908	34	3.00
St. Paul's on the Hill.....	Miss Laura Sturtevant, 1783 Grand Ave.....	Jan. 1915	25	....
St. Peter's	Miss Alice Millard, 248 Bates Ave.....	July 1902	22	....
St. Phillip's	Mrs. Frederick McCracken, 852 Albemarle St.....	Oct. 1907	21	5.70
St. Peter's Holy Communion.....	Mrs. George Nutter	Feb. 1917	22	....
White Bear Lake—				
St. John's in the Wilderness.....	Mrs. F. F. Farrar.....	Oct. 1905	24	....
Diocesan Presidents—Branch Members—				
Nellie Elizabeth Everson Memorial...				
Frank Arthur McElwain, Jr.....				
Mary McDonald McElwain.....				
Margaret Elizabeth Phillips.....				
Florence D. Bill.....			7	5.75
Edward C. Bill.....				
Frank Zobeck				
Ruth E. Olson.....				
Kathleen Whitford Phillips.....				
		Total...	999	\$204.97

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Whitsuntide, 1917—Distribution of Offering

General.

For Expenses, 1917-1918.....	\$25.00
United Offering	10.00
	\$35.00

Foreign.

Bishop Edsall Memorial Scholarship. Liberia.....	\$25.00
China, Shanghai, Little Helpers Day School.....	2.50
China, Wuchang, Angelica Church Hart Day School..	2.50
Japan, Akita Kindergarten in Memory of Gaylord	
Hart Mitchell	5.00
Japan Kindergarten at Odata.....	38.97
	\$73.97

Domestic.

Grace Harmon Edsall Memorial, Birch Coulee.....	\$35.00
Raleigh, N. C., Little Helpers Cot, St. Agnes Hospital	5.00
Missionary Font Fund	1.00
Indian Children of Utah	5.00
	\$46.00

Diocesan.

Little Helpers Crib Sheltering Arms.....	\$5.00
Undesignated	45.00
	\$50.00
Total	\$204.97

Church Periodical Club

In the Diocese of Minnesota for the Year Ending April 1, 1917, During
Which Time Mrs. E. B. Woodruff Was Diocesan Correspondent.

Of the nine Parish Branches only five made any report whatever
During this period fifty-one letters and four post cards were written by the correspondent and eleven annual reports sent, also three manuals of instructions for librarians.

On the resignation of Mrs. Woodruff, which took effect March 1st, Miss Margaret Densmore, of Red Wing, was appointed Diocesan Correspondent.

Current Periodicals Sent	69
Number of Contributors	39
Books Distributed	126
Odd Magazines	1243
Picture Cards and Calendars.....	82
Pictures, Games and Scrapbooks	483
Boxes weighing 396 lbs., contents not counted.....	2
Money expended in freight	\$4.21
Annual Dues to New York.....	2.00
Manuals .....	.30
Postage	1.01

\$7.51

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET DENSMORE.

Hampshire Arms, Minneapolis, Dec. 13, 1917.

