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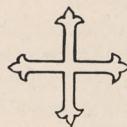
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Matto:

"Where there is no vision, the people perish."
PROV. xxix. 18.

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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.

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President's Report

The year which has just passed has been one of the most difficult in the history of the Auxiliary. So many new duties have been pressed upon the women of the Nation by the War; so many new opportunities for service opened to them, that the familiar duties have seemed to grow irksome; the familiar needs, less urgent. Reports show that all over the country the offerings of the Woman's Auxiliary are considerably below the usual amount, and the Board of Missions is urging us to consider the crying needs of the work, and not to lag behind our Mother Church of England, who has so nobly kept up and increased her missionary offerings during years of storm and stress such as we, as yet, have not experienced.

Under these circumstances it is a pleasure to report that, besides our regular obligations of the United Offering and the Offering for Diocesan and General Missions, we have raised \$600.00 in extra pledges this year. From this amount we have given \$200.00 to Bishop Tyler, of North Dakota, to add to his "Rectory Fund," from which he aims to build suitable and comfortable rectories in the smaller parishes of his Diocese; and \$200.00 to Bishop Thurston, for the McAllister Hospital, Oklahoma, which, together with a small interest fund which he has, will support the Hospital for one month; \$100.00 we have added to our previous contribution of \$200.00 for St. Agnes School for Japanese Girls, Kyoto, Japan; and \$100.00 we have sent to the Rev. Dr. Evans to install a hand-carved memorial pulpit, in memory of Mrs. Perry Norris, in the new Church at Akita, Japan. We have also agreed to raise the price of our three Chinese Scholarships, from \$50.00 to \$75.00 each, to meet the higher rate of foreign exchange, and I am sure that Bishop McElwain has found innumerable places in his Diocesan Missions to put the \$1,000.00 which was his share of our Red Mite Box money last year. So far, so good. This coming year we must make even more strenuous exertions to fill our Red Mite Boxes, our Blue Mite Boxes, and to see that the full Missionary apportionment of our individual parishes is paid. Would it not be well for every Parish Branch to have a Finance Committee, to see that these obligations

are met faithfully, and regularly, and to solve the problem of how to raise enough money for the Missionary Box, etc.? The other phases of our work, Prayer and Study, have not been neglected, but these will be touched upon in another report. There have been various helpful and inspiring Missionary Meetings in the Twin Cities during the year, planned and executed by members of our Executive Board; and four of the six Deaneries have held very enthusiastic Annual Meetings. May I turn aside here to speak of the wonderful service which is being rendered to suffering humanity by our Honorary President, Mrs. H. B. Whipple? Mrs. Whipple has been so long absent from the Diocese that she is but a name to many members of the Auxiliary, but her work has won for her a National recognition. In Lucca, Italy, where she was pleasantly sojourning when the War broke out, she has established two work shops for the women rendered destitute by the War. One, for the peasant women of her vicinity, she supports herself; the other, for the refugee women from the Venetian and Gorizian Fronts, she has financed by appealing to her fellow countrymen. Much money has been given to the work in the East. The workers in these two work shops, under Mrs. Whipple's supervision, made all the supplies for the great military hospital in Lucca, even to the mattresses, and are paid a living wage for doing it. So she supplies the Hospital and supports the refugees at the same time. She has also bought a large tract of land, for the incapacitated men to farm in the interests of the community.

And now we are asked to undertake a great War Service to harmonize these two seemingly opposed interests—Mission Work and War Work. In the enterprise which goes by the name of the "Advent Call" we are summoned to place behind our fighting armies the tremendous spiritual urge of United Prayer. In heeding this call let us remember that **never, never** was Christianity so sorely needed in a world of sorrow and want as it is today, and that the very difficulty of the work is a challenge to our faith. If we can only make the Advent Call a **real** thing, so that the women of the Church will respond, it will mean a stirring of Spiritual Power, which, even if unrecognized, will certainly be felt by the whole Nation.

Report of the Recording Secretary

It becomes the duty of your Recording Secretary to give a bird's-eye view of the work accomplished by the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary from October, 1917, to October, 1918. It has been a memorable year, for while the demands of the times have been great, and our Churchwomen have responded valiantly to the call of the War Emergencies, still the work of the Auxiliary has been one of progress. In this year the Pilgrimage of Prayer was brought to a close, and the war service of the Auxiliary had its inception, and the plans have been laid for the Advent call, the outgrowth of the Pilgrimage of Prayer.

We have had the Presiding Bishop of the Church, Bishop Tuttle, with us, when he inspired us all by his appreciation and enthusiasm, and made us realize that the work of the Auxiliary was most worthwhile, as he told of its great assistance to him all through his ministerial life, from Missionary to Presiding Bishop.

Then Bishop Tyler of North Dakota and Bishop Thurston of Oklahoma have told of their work, and we were able to help them further in some of their pressing needs—that of McAllister Hospital in Oklahoma for Bishop Thurston, and with building rectories in some of the smaller parishes in North Dakota, Bishop Tyler's Diocese.

Our own Bishop McElwain has counselled with us, and inspired us to "carry on" with the Advent Call by his fine exposition of it at the October meeting. "The Advent Call" is a call to devotion and prayer. It is Prayer alone that makes it possible for God to come down and use us as individual units for his work. This Advent Call is *your* Master's Call to *you* to plead with Him at the right hand of the Father. It is not that we are trying to worry something *out* of God, but we are opening our lives to Him, so that He may flow unimpeded through our lives to others." And he explained how there would be two sets of workers, the Messengers and Intercessors, and announced two Quiet Days, one in St. Paul and one in Minneapolis, where he would instruct both groups of workers.

Then the Rev. Mr. Bennett, the new rector of St. Paul's, Minneapolis, on his first appearance before us gave us a most stirring ad-

dress on the value of this Advent Call in these days of stress and turmoil, and on the need for the Church, and a return to God; and we were very happy to have with us at the semi-annual meeting our General Secretary, Miss Grace Lindley of New York. She spoke briefly upon the new plan for the Junior Auxiliary, and took charge of the discussion of the Advent Call, outlining and explaining very clearly the plans that had been made by the general Auxiliary for the war work and service of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

There were very interesting monthly meetings during last winter of both the St. Paul and Minneapolis Deaneries, and meetings have been held, not so frequently, however, in the other Deaneries.

There were four meetings of the Executive Board held in the homes of the members in Minneapolis and St. Paul, and the three regular meetings have been held—the mid-winter at St. John the Baptist, Linden Hills, when we met for the first time in their new church. In spite of a bitter cold day one hundred and fourteen were present. At this meeting the Auxiliary with great reluctance accepted the resignation of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. O. A. Spies, who has given so generously of herself for so many years. Mrs. John McClure, of Merriam Park, has been appointed to fill the office of Corresponding Secretary.

At the Semi-Annual Meeting, held in Christ Church, St Paul, on May 22nd and 23rd, there was a good attendance, thirty-four parishes and branches being represented.

On Wednesday, Miss Yardley, Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, conducted a conference on their work; Miss Mary Smith outlined the New Plan, and said it is not **new**, nor is it a **plan**, but is to be an expression of the lessons learned in Sunday School. The lesson learned is of the Christ-idea to do for others, and the Junior work is the natural outlet of the children's ambition to **do**. She made the plea that the Sunday School and Juniors work together, and that then the girls would naturally emerge into the Woman's Auxiliary and the boys into the Men's Clubs, or Brotherhoods. For if the co-operation of the Sunday-school leaders can be secured and the children are taught along with their Sunday-school lessons, missionary motives, missionary intelligence, and missionary activities, we have enlisted the teachers as well as the pupils, and they, knowing the children, are the ideal leaders. There is no place that the enthusiasm of the children can be poured out as through the Junior Auxiliary. Miss Yardley reported on the boxes sent and of the appreciation expressed for them. She asked for volunteers to organize the Junior work. She also presented the work of the Church Home for Aged Women, and asked for generous support of this fine institution, urging the women to visit it, and those living there.

The Church Periodical Club has done fine work through the year, under Miss Densmore. Many boxes have been sent to foreign fields, to our chaplains in France and to the chaplains in the camps at home. New work has been started in at least eight parishes, with librarians appointed and boxes sent. She asks that magazines, games and joke books be sent to Chaplain Francis B. Roseboro, U. S. A., General Hospital No. 18, Waynesville, N. C., for the men under his care.

At the Annual Meeting, held at St. Mark's Church, Oct. 10th, there was a large attendance. Thirty-four Parishes and Branches were represented and very many women were at the opening service and all through the day. The Advent Call was the general subject. Mrs. Kilbourne of Gethsemane, Minneapolis, gave the general program as follows:

Advent Sunday, Corporate Communion of all women; Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Visiting Women of the Parish; Thursday, a Quiet Day; Friday, a day of Intercession; Saturday, Conference of Visitors with the Rector. Let us pray for: Victory, for our men, for our enemies, for righteous peace, for church unity, that the will of God may be done in all the world.

A brief discussion followed this report, and the fruit of it was the vote to send a representative to the parishes without a rector, to give instructions. Pledges were made to the amount of \$90.00, and Miss Edith Davies was asked to give these instructions. The annual reports of the President, Vice-Presidents of the Deaneries, and other officers were given.

The Bishop brought a message from Miss Salisbury at Birch Coulee, who sent her affectionate greetings, and said she needed help for her winter work and would be glad to answer any letters of inquiry about the work among the Indians.

The Red Mite Box offerings amounted to \$1,412.14, with a plate offering of \$41.70. Two-thirds of the fund were given to the needs of the Diocese and the other one-third to the Church Mission's House, with the usual designations.

Noted in the minutes of all these meetings, I find the Auxiliary has been very generous in its gifts this year. Beside the pledges that we had already made to St. Agnes' School, at Kyoto, Japan, we added \$100 as the materials had advanced greatly in price, and therefore the cost was more than planned; we raised through pledges from the Branches—\$200.00 for All Saint's Hospital, Oklahoma, and \$200.00 for the rectories in small parishes in the North Dakota diocese. Then \$100.00 has been sent to the Rev. Mr. Evans, at Akita, Japan, for a hand carved pulpit in the new church there, in memory of Mrs. Perry Norris, President of the Little Helpers for so many years, and who was particularly interested in the work carried on by Mr. Evans; and

the Auxiliary voted to raise the amount sent for the scholarships at Wuchang, China, to meet the higher rate of exchange.

It was also voted by the Auxiliary at the Semi-Annual Meeting that the maximum amount given our Bishop for the Diocesan work, from the Red Mite Box Fund should be \$1,000.00; that is, whenever the amount received from the Red Mite Boxes exceeded \$1,500.00, no more than \$1,000.00 was to be the share sent the Bishop for use in the Diocese.

The Secretaries of the Little Helpers at the Semi-Annual Meeting through Mrs. Baxter, made a plea to the women of the Auxiliary, that all should make a greater study of the needs of our Bishop. They felt that we had not shown the proper respect, that the great men who had served us as our Bishops, deserved, and recommended that since they felt assured that our Bishop could do his work better, and conserve his strength more had he a car to enable him to reach the different parishes more easily and quickly, that we see that he had the funds to purchase a car. The recommendation was accepted, and the matter put in the hands of a committee of five, consisting of Mesdames McDougal, Morrison, Whitehead, Terry and Bill. Miss Densmore's name was also added. And at the annual meeting it was reported that there was cash on hand of \$1,303.65, with additional pledges still to be paid. The gift was announced to the Bishop, who expressed his gratitude with very evident sincerity, saying: "You do not realize all this gift means to me, for it is not merely the gift of the car, but it is the labor of those who have worked to make it possible; it is the loving generosity that lies behind the gift; it won't be the gasoline that makes the car go, but the love of my people. You have touched my heart more deeply than I can say in this further evidence that the Woman's Auxiliary is one of the greatest stimulating powers of the diocese in its missionary work. I thank you."

The moneys given through the regular channels are given in the reports of the various officers handling them.

There have been resolutions expressing gratitude and appreciation for entertainment, and one presented by Miss Sleppy at the Semi-Annual Meeting, which should be noted in full:

RESOLVED: That as the sorrows of the times are crowding so thick and fast upon our members, and the hearts of many are sore-troubled; therefore, instead of mentioning by name all those whose dear ones have passed beyond, that we rise, and in silent prayer remember all those who mourn, and ask that "the souls of the faithful may rest in peace, and that light perpetual may shine upon them."

LOUISE M. GAYLORD,
Recording Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

From Nov. 5, 1917, to Nov. 1, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

From Mrs. Ballard, retiring Treasurer.....	\$1,790.00
From Juniors' Gift for Year Book Printing.....	5.00
Balance 1917 Red Mite Chest Fund.....	5.68
Red Mite Chest Fund, 1918.....	1,494.32
Annual Dues, 46 Parishes.....	92.00
Offering Pilgrimage of Prayer for St. Agnes School.....	145.25
Offering Annual Meeting, 1918.....	41.70
Other Offerings.....	73.52
Extra Pledge for St. Agnes.....	90.00
Pledge for Bishop Tyler's Work.....	200.00
Pledge for Hospital at McAllister, Okla.....	201.85
Pledge for Carrie H. Norris Memorial, Akita.....	84.00
Pledges for Automobile Fund.....	1,415.80
Pledges for Advent Call Expense.....	40.00
Total	\$5,679.12

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Printing and Stationery.....	\$ 120.70
For Postage	31.71
Expense Pilgrimage of Prayer.....	23.78
Red Mite Chest Distribution, 1917, Diocesan (two-thirds).....	1,056.37
General Missions (one-third).....	528.18
To George Gordon King, Treas., Balance due Bishop Thomas.....	1.50
Miss Lindley's Expenses.....	12.75
To Bishop Tyler, $\frac{1}{2}$ Offering Mid-Winter Meeting.....	\$ 23.65
Gift for Work.....	200.00 223.65
To Bishop Thurston, $\frac{1}{2}$ Offering.....	23.66
Gift for Hospital.....	201.85 225.51
To Miss Houghteling, for St. Agnes.....	155.25
To Central Committee, for Women's Work London, Two Years'	
Subscription and Postage	1.32
To Bishop McElwain, part of Automobile Money.....	1,372.75
Balance on hand, Nov. 1, 1918.....	1,925.65
Total	\$5,679.12

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE R. PRINCE,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF ANNUAL DUES AND RED MITE CHEST MONEY.

	Annual Dues	Red Mite Chest
Faribault Deanery:		
Austin	\$2.00	\$ 21.13
Dundas	2.00	10.44
Faribault	2.00	35.00
Northfield	2.00	5.00
Owatonna	2.00	24.50
Waseca	2.00
Mankato Deanery:		
Fairmount	2.00	9.56
Mankato	2.00	20.01
Sleepy Eye.....	2.00	2.00
St. Peter.....	2.00	18.32
Minneapolis Deanery:		
All Saints.....	2.00	45.20
Gethsemane	2.00	160.20
Holy Trinity.....	2.00	67.51
St. John's (Linden Hills).....	2.00	26.74
St. Matthew's.....	2.00	36.08
St. Mark's.....	2.00	200.00
St. Paul's.....	2.00	68.24
Young Woman's Branch of St. Paul's.	2.00
Bishop Thurston Branch of St. Paul's..	2.00
St. Thomas.....	2.00	9.05
St. Luke's.....	2.00
St. Andrew's.....	2.00
St. Paul Deanery:		
Hastings	2.00	15.35
Ascension (St. Paul).....	2.00	7.30
Christ Church.....	2.00	24.15
Epiphany	2.00	5.00
Messiah	2.00	56.67
St. Clement's.....	2.00	135.00
St. James'.....	2.00

	Annual Dues	Red Mite Chest
St. John the Evangelist.....	2.00	210.00
St. Mary's (Merriam Park).....	2.00	25.14
St. Matthew's (St. Anthony Park)....	2.00	14.10
St. Mark's Highwood.....	2.00	5.50
St. Paul's on the Hill.....	2.00	11.01
St. Peter's.....	2.00	20.14
St. Philip's.....	2.00	25.00
Ascension (Stillwater).....	2.00	44.10
St. John of the Wilderness (White Bear Lake).....	2.00	25.82
Carried forward	1,383.26	

Willmar Deanery:

Benson	2.00	2.00
Litchfield	2.00	13.32
Willmar	2.00	7.37

Winona Deanery:

Belle Creek.....	2.00	6.00
Lake City.....	2.00	22.00
Red Wing.....	2.00	25.00
Rochester	2.00	10.50
Winona	2.00	30.55

\$1,500.00

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF RED MITE BOXES.

Boxes given out:

St. Clement's, St. Paul.....	29
St. John the Baptist, Linden Hills, Minneapolis.....	15
St. Philips, St. Paul.....	10
St. Paul's, St. Paul.....	15
St. Thomas, Minneapolis.....	17
Total.....	86

MRS. H. F. STEVENS,
Custodian Red Mite Boxes,
647 Lincoln Ave., St. Paul.

UNITED OFFERING REPORT FOR 1918.

Balance in bank May 1, 1918.....	\$1,108.14
Interest for two periods	18.96
Collections to October, 1918.....	817.51
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	\$1,944.61

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA H. BASS, Treasurer,
422 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Madam President and Women of the Auxiliary:

I wish to thank you for the prompt and ready way in which the work of the mission boxes has been taken hold of. With small exception our letters, sent by Miss Emery, are now in the hands of the different Branches.

It is gratifying to note that, though times are hard, our women have felt that it is just as hard for our faithful Missionaries, and that they need these boxes more than ever.

One or two of our weaker Branches are also undertaking some of this work, that they have not been able to do before.

At the Semi-Annual Meeting in the spring the statement of our mission box work showed that we were a bit behind the previous year, but late reports coming in, gave an increase. The final showing was 32 boxes valued at \$2,541.37, a gain of about \$32.00 over the year before. Total money reported was \$955.08, with a gain of about \$115.00. All of our letters have been rather heavy, and have been taken by the stronger Branches, as is right. Yesterday I received a letter from Miss Emery expressing her pleasure that the boxes had been so well taken by Minnesota, and enclosing a letter and list of needs from Miss Ridgway at the Mission of St. John's in the Wilderness, Allakaket, Alaska.

If some of these needs could be taken by our smaller Parish Branches, every one would feel that they were a closer part of our splendid organization, as they shared in the work which is the responsibility of us all.

It might be a good work for many of us, who are sending boxes this fall, to also do a little of this work during the winter, especially in Lent.

MRS. JOHN McCLURE,
Corresponding Secretary.

TABULATED REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
From October, 1917, to October, 1918

Annual Report of the Junior Auxiliary

The work which has been accomplished by the Junior Auxiliary during the year, has been remarkable when everything is taken into account. With few of the Parish Houses heated, and all extra time given to Red Cross work, there seemed to be little time, or place left for Junior meetings.

However, with few exceptions, the branches have kept up their interest and have held their meetings in private homes. The gifts have been generous, and the work has not fallen below the high standard of former years. We have sent boxes to St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, N. C., and to Point Hope, Alaska, which were valued at about \$500.00.

Miss Sawyer is now the Junior Treasurer, and has been a wonderful help to me. Her report will show that we are keeping up the financial end of the Auxiliary also. The reason St. Mary's Hall, Faribault, is not listed in the report is because the money does not pass through our hands. However, I shall put it in my report, so that every one may see what fine things they are doing. It is as follows: \$110 apportionment to General Missions, \$75 to Foreign Missions, \$111 to Diocesan Missions. In addition they have given \$476.59 to various war activities, and to other objects \$30.

Our Annual Meeting, which we held this year at St. John's, Linden Hills, was one long to be remembered, and inspired us to greater work for the year to come. Altogether I feel greatly encouraged about the work, and feel sure that the Parishes where Junior Branches are established feel benefited by the work these young people are doing.

ELIZABETH E. YARDLEY,
Junior President.

Financial Statement of Junior Auxiliary

September, 1917, to September, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand September, 1917.....	\$37.40
World Wide Gift.....	\$47.55
United Offering.....	53.35
Current Expense.....	46.25
Offering Semi-Annual, Nov. 3, 1917.....	6.77
Offering Annual, May 4, 1918.....	5.73
Received for Junior Pins.....	1.25
	160.90
Total receipts.....	\$198.30

DISBURSEMENTS.

Pledge for Mr. Evans, Japan.....	\$5.00
Bishop McElwain.....	5.00
Evans & Co., Stationery.....	3.00
Mrs. Olney, Mission Study Book.....	3.50
Mrs. Prince, Annual Report	5.00
Junior Pins	1.50
Postage	5.70
Miss Yardley, Austin Trip and Car Fare.....	4.00
Freight, Vieques Box.....	24.13
Freight, St. Augustine Box.....	7.35
Freight, Japan Box	5.50
Parcel Post, Alaska Box	21.78
World Wide Gift.....	47.55
United Offering.....	53.35
Total disbursements.....	\$192.36
Cash on hand September, 1918.....	\$5.94
	\$198.30

JANE M. SAWYER,
Treasurer.

Report of the Educational Secretary

This annual report of the Educational Secretary does not contain an account of many Mission Study classes, nor of numerous visits to the parishes of the Diocese. The method of spreading missionary information has necessarily changed. Where the value of missionary education is recognized, the Parish Branches have sought to reach more women and to distribute the burden of preparation by presenting splendid programs, which have been provided for by an effective committee. Thus, without forgetting the intensive worth of the Mission Study class, the Parish Branches are answering the urgent demands of the present emergency by the more extensive program meeting. Most of these programs have added the Bible lesson as a distinct and important feature.

During the past year I visited but five parishes in the Twin Cities, though to some of them I went several times. Two "Educational Days" were arranged for and held, one at St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul, on January 31st, the second at Gethsemane, Minneapolis, on February 1st. In view of the extremely cold weather and an order for a "heatless" week, the sessions were well attended. Mrs. H. C. Theopold, Mrs. Robert Williams and Mrs. H. C. Stevens were prepared to conduct the classes.

Much of my time has been spent beyond the borders of Minnesota. In reply to a call from Miss Lindley, I volunteered to visit other dioceses or districts. In November, I went with Miss Frances H. Withers to North and South Dakota, to assist in the Training Schools for Church Workers, which the Bishops of each district had arranged for, by conducting a study class and a conference for women. Following the Institute at Fargo, I visited Wahpeton, N. D., and after

being at Sioux Falls, I went to Huron and Mitchell, S. D. At the invitation of Bishop Tyler, I spent the first two weeks of Lent in North Dakota, visiting Valley City, Jamestown, Bismarck, Mandan and Dickinson. In each place we organized classes, in which we used the course, "Missions According to the Bible."

In May I had the privilege of being in Topeka, Kansas, when Bishop Wise tried his experiment—a Diocesan Convention and a Church Training School held at one time and place. The program covered five days, and gave attention to every organization within the Church. Over one hundred women enrolled in the Mission Study class, which I conducted through six sessions. In June I attended the Michigan Summer Conference at Ypsilanti, and used Bishop Burleson's book, "Our Church and Our Country." This conference is promoted by the Michigan Diocesan Board of Religious Education. The Racine Conference, at Racine, Wis., in July, was an experience long to be remembered and cherished. In this Conference more than two hundred Churchmen and women of the Mid-West showed their allegiance to their King by spending eight days learning the ways of His Kingdom. The Woman's Auxiliary was represented by Miss Tillotson's class on the "Advent Call" and the Mission Study class, using "Our Church and Our Country," which I conducted. My work for the summer closed with a class at Lake Geneva—"Ancient People at New Tasks."

Our attention is now focused upon The Advent Call. This splendid movement must, however, be followed up if it is to be the enduring force, which will help us in the tasks that summon us. I therefore urge the use of Bishop Burleson's book, "Our Church and Our Country," together with more Bible study. This book will give us a point of contact between our missionary endeavors and our patriotic activities and will serve as a medium by which we may win those, who have so well responded to the call of our Country, to enlist also in the service of our Church to the glory and honor of our King.

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.

845 Selby Ave., St. Paul, Minn., May 31, 1918.

My Dear Little Helpers:

Since our last report, you have lost your very best and dearest friend, your President, Mrs. Norris, one who was always working and caring for all of you, with such loving tenderness, giving her whole time and strength for you and the "Little Helpers" branches. We know she is still praying for us in Paradise, so let us go on with the work before us, and as we are faithful, true and steadfast, so will we best show our love for her.

Your new President is very glad to have this opportunity to greet you. The work this year must be a little bit trying for us all. We will still send some of our pennies to Akita Kindergarten and Little Helpers Day School in China. We have not heard of any special plea for help, so some of your pennies are going to our own Bishop McElwain, starting a fund for an automobile to use in his work, and we want all the Little Helpers to have a part in this that he may know the children all over his Diocese wish to help him if ever so little.

Now, my dear Little Helpers, I hope I can come and visit each branch during the year, so that we may know each other, and as these days of war are bad for us all, let us try and work harder to spread the Loving Message of Jesus, so we may have peace forever. Always remember your prayers.

Your new President, lovingly,
FANNY W. TERRY.

LITTLE HELPERS OFFERING REPORTED 1918-1919..... \$228.80

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1918.

PARISHES.	SECRETARIES.	No.	Offering
Austin—Christ Church	Mrs. C. V. Mossey, 711 N. 3rd St.	39	\$7.79
Birch Coulee—St. Cornelia	Miss S. E. Salisbury, Morton, Minn.	93	43.81
Belle Creek—St. Pauls	Mrs. J. A. Warwick, Goodhue, R. F. D. No. 5	7	3.64
Lake Benton—St. Johns	Miss Alice Lavisson	3	1.55
Marshall	Miss Mabel Paige		
Owatonna—St. Pauls	Miss Sarah Racey, 502 E. Main St.	11	4.00
Mankato—St. Johns	Mrs. E. M. Zuel, 520 Walnut St.		2.15
Tracy	Mrs. P. Coleman	3	1.75
Lamberton	Miss Edna Gooler		1.12
Faribault—Carrie Norris Circle		3	6.52
Rush City—Grace	Mrs. C. E. Gray	12	6.00
White Bear Lake—St. Johns in the Wild- erness	Mrs. F. F. Farrar	30	5.00
Minneapolis—		1	10.00
All Saints			
Grace Church	Mrs. L. C. Graham, 812 7th St. S. E.	25	7.45
Holy Trinity	Miss Clara Turner, Robbinsdale	1	1.00
St. Andrews			7.50
St. John the Baptist	Mrs. D. F. Thompson, 3400 Blaisdell Ave.		
St. Marks		47	6.08
St. Pauls	Miss F. Hubert, 1322 Lowry Ave. N. E.	39	2.48
St. Matthews	Miss L. Baxter, 3445 Penn Ave. No.		
St. Stephens	Mrs. T. D. Bryan, 3612 Elliot Ave.		
St. Thomas			
Wells Memorial			
St. Paul—			
Christ Church	Miss Eleanor Lightner, Summit Ave.	44	8.70
Messiah	Miss B. Hankinson, 438 W. Central	18	8.70
St. Clements	Miss May Fisher, 852 Laurel Ave.	100	30.32
St. John the Evangelist	Miss Carolyn Punderson, 62 So. Dale	72	25.97
St. Marks			
St. Marys	Miss Alice Nelson, 1924 Iglehart	59	22.08
St. Matthews	Mrs. W. Greenwood, 2176 Scudder Ave.	39	3.00
St. Pauls on the Hill	Miss Laura Sturtevant, 1783 Grand Ave.		
St. Peters	Miss A. Millard, 248 Bates Ave.	13	4.50
St. Phillips	Mrs. F. McCracken, 852 Albemarle	13	5.04
Minneapolis—			
Carrie Norris Branch		1	1.65
	Total	673	\$228.80

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Whitsuntide, 1918--Distribution of Offering

GENERAL.

For Expenses, 1918-1919.....	\$37.39
United Offering	10.00

	\$47.39

FOREIGN.

Bishop Edsall Memorial Scholarship Liberia.....	\$25.00
China, Shanghai, "Little Helpers Day School".....	7.50
China, Wuchang, Angelica Church Hart Day School....	7.50
Japan, Akita Kindergarten in Memory of Gaylord Hart	
Mitchell	5.00
Japan Kindergarten at Odata	10.00

	\$55.00

SPECIAL.

For Some Kindergarten.....	10.00
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DOMESTIC.

Grace Harmon Edsall Memorial, Birch Coulee.....	\$35.00
Raleigh, N. C., Little Helpers Cot, St. Agnes Hospital..	5.00
Missionary Font Fund	2.00
Indian Children of Utah.....	5.00

	47.00

DIOCESAN.

Little Helpers Crib Sheltering Arms.....	5.00
Bishop McElwain Auto Fund	25.00

	30.00

	\$199.39

Report of Church Periodical Club

April, 1917 to April, 1918.

For comparison is here given the account of work done in the two last years. There is a great gain on every line. The Chaplains' Welfare Work has stimulated this in a marked degree, and from the letters which come back from France and the Base Hospitals in this country, it seems well worth while. The coming year we hope to interest many other Parishes in it. One Rector said he thought it the greatest work before the Church at the present time.

Parish branches in the order in which they were formed:

NAME OF PARISH	CITY	LIBRARIAN
Christ Church	Red Wing	Miss Margaret Densmore
St. Mary's Hall	Faribault	Miss Helen Hall
Gethsemane	Minneapolis	Woman's Auxiliary
Bishop Brent Circle		Mrs. Trimble
Bishop Johnson Circle		Miss Blaze
Bishop Graves Circle		Mrs. Crouse
Boys' Clubs		Miss Hamlin
St. Mark's	Minneapolis	Miss Van Orstan
		Mrs. Ballard
Societe de Sainte Jeanne d'Arc		Miss Laws
St. Peter's	St. Paul	Miss Millard
St. John the Evangelist	St. Paul	Miss Baldy
St. Mark's	Lake City	
The Cathedral	Faribault	Miss Grace Gilmore
St. Clement's	St. Paul	Mrs. O. M. Laing
St. John's	Leke Benton	Mrs. Andren
Christ Church	St. Paul	
St. Paul's-on-the-Hill	St. Paul	Miss Eliza Clinch
All Saint's	Minneapolis	Mrs. Judd
Holy Trinity	Minneapolis	Mrs. Pierce
St. Mary's	Merriam Park	Mrs. McDougal
St. John's, Linden Hills	Minneapolis	Mrs. Jeffrey
St. Paul's	Winona	Mrs. Kellar
St. Paul's	Minneapolis	Mrs. Lamb
		1916-17 1917-18
Current Periodicals	73	136
Contributors	41	68
Bibles and Testaments	..	11
Prayer Books and Hymnals	..	70
Books	126	812
Tracts and Catechisms	..	18
Odd Magazines and Papers	1,234	3,300
Christmas Cards and Easter Cards	502	1,115
Picture Cards and Calendars	82	54
Carols and Music in sheets	..	43
Pictures, Games, Scrap Books, and Miscellaneous	58	1,626
Boxes, contents not noted	3	22
Number of Institutions in State aided	3	8
Money used by Librarians	\$7.52	\$66.70

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET DENSMORE,
Diocesan Correspondent.

April, 1918

