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The National Council requests that the Woman's Auxiliary prayer be repeated in unison:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, bless, we pray Thee, our work for the extension of Thy Kingdom, and make us so thankful for the precious gift to us of Thy beloved Son, that we may pray fervently, labour diligently and give liberally to make Him known to all nations as their God and Saviour. We ask this for His dear 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 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.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, 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.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we pray Thee to send forth more labourers into Thy harvest, and to grant them Thy special grace for every need. Guard and guide the workers in the field, and draw us into closer fellowship with them. Dispose the hearts of all women everywhere to give gladly as Thou hast given to them. Accept, from grateful hearts, our United Thank Offering of prayer and gifts and joyful service; and bless it to the coming of Thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

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President's Report and Message

January 1, 1923-January 1, 1924

During this year I have had the privilege of attending two of our three Diocesan meetings. These were the mid-winter meetings in St. Paul when we were guests of St. John's parish in January and our Semi-annual meeting at Calvary Church, Rochester. It was a new precedent for the Semi-annual meeting to be held outside the Twin Cities. As this meeting occurs in May, it is hoped that the prospect of good weather and good roads may make it possible for the women of our Diocese to gather for it at a different point in the Diocese each year. The Rochester meeting was an inspiring and valuable experience in our Auxiliary life. The annual meeting of our Auxiliary was held with St. Mark's Parish, Minneapolis, in October. Mrs. C. S. Lincoln, our Vice President, presided in her own capable way.

I have attended one Deanery meeting held in Minneapolis, one in St. Paul and one in Hastings. I have visited our churchwomen in the following places and parishes: Becker, Fridley, Winona, Dresbach, the Church Home, White Bear, Church of the Messiah, St. Paul, Church of St. Peter, St. Paul, Le Sueur Centre, Mankato, Le Sueur, Henderson, St. Thomas', Minneapolis, St. Timothy's, Minneapolis, Excelsior, St. Philip's, St. Paul, All Saints', Minneapolis, Bishop Whipple Memorial, Minneapolis, St. Matthew's, Minneapolis, St. Luke's, Minneapolis, St. Mary's, Merriam Park, Hutchinson, St. Andrew's Church, Minneapolis, Willmar, Morton, Birch Coulee, Redwood Falls, Chatfield, Belle Creek, St. Mark's, Highwood, St. John's, Linden Hills, Minneapolis. I attended the Interdenominational School of Missions at Olivet Church, Merriam Park, the Summer School of Missions at Faribault and the Synod of our Sixth Province in Duluth.

One of the greatest needs of our Diocese is being met by our Summer School of Missions. It is certainly spiritual statesmanship for our local Auxiliaries to endeavor to defray the expenses of a representative to attend this Mission School each year. Particularly should we see to it that our YOUNG PEOPLE are there. Let us lay financial plans for this important step. Conference week is a cross-section of balanced Christian life. Worship, knowledge, service, recreation are all lived in happy proportions.

Illness came to your president early in October and necessitated her resigning. December 18th, Miss Katherine A. King became president and

brought much wealth of ability to the office. It has been a wonderful joy to go about as your messenger—to observe that every atom of your love that broke through became a liberating impulse.

There have been moments when the tremendous challenge of our day seemed to be met by well laid plans for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, then come statements from our National Treasurer that because quotas are not raised, their plans are impaired. Yet women are hungering for information about our Christ-like missionaries in all parts of the world. Do you and I know the work intimately and do we interest all around us in it? Intercessory prayer follows knowledge. Every woman using intercessory prayer is a great power for Christ wherever she lives and whatever her talents. The whole is dependent on every part. Every Christian is called to become a citizen of the whole world. Studdert Kennedy tells us, "Every fresh Christian—every soul that is born again and finds in Him the New Man, the New Life and the Peace of God adds to the wonder of Jesus. We shall never know all that Jesus was until we all come to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

Dear women of the Auxiliary, let us write in our hearts Paul's words about Abraham, "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God and being fully persuaded that what he had promised he was able also to perform."

GERTRUDE A. NORRISH.

Annual Report of the Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary took over the work of this office immediately following the annual meeting of October, 1922; thus serving two additional months to the regular term of one year. There have been thirteen meetings of the Executive Board held on the third Friday of each month, these meetings being held alternating months in St. Paul and Minneapolis. The November meeting of 1922 was held at the home of the Librarian, Mrs. F. E. Olney, Minneapolis, where all became better acquainted with the contents and arrangements of the Library; two meetings were held at the home of the Treasurer, Mrs. George H. Prince; other meetings at places convenient to the plan of the meeting. The Mid-winter meeting for 1923 was held in St. Paul, January 31st, at the time of the Diocesan Council, meeting in St. John the Evangelist Church. The courtesy of the Plymouth Congregational Church was extended the Auxiliary for the morning and afternoon sessions. Luncheon was served at St. John's Church Club House. The Semi-annual meeting was held in Calvary Church, Rochester, May 23rd and 24th with a splendid attendance, many being present from nearby parishes who may not usually attend meetings held in St. Paul or Minneapolis. We were refreshed by this contact with new faces and voices; thus bringing inspiration and in some cases a changed viewpoint most needed. The opportunity to hear the fine addresses of the physicians who had carried the gospel of Jesus Christ through the means of their medical profession, to China and Japan, was a privilege deeply appreciated. Your Secretary reported at the annual meeting the information given from personal knowledge of these speakers, of the Church schools and hospitals in Japan and of the hopes and plans for a greater St. Luke's Hospital, which before the report was read had all been wiped out through the dreadful tragedy of the earthquake. "All gone but faith in God," the faith and courage which can inspire those at the scene of the disaster to rise up out of the ruins and dust to carry on, should be sustained and heartened by our Church at home. The Educational Secretary and Librarian have planned intensive study of Japan for this year.

We have been saddened by the illness of our beloved President, Miss Gertrude A. Norrish, and by her much regretted resignation. We are deeply grateful to Miss Katherine A. King, of Rochester, the newly elected vice-president, who has cheerfully taken up the duties of the office as president, Mrs. R. E. Van Kirk, St. Paul, having been appointed to fill out the term as vice-president. The United Thank Offering treasurer, Mrs. Flagg, who for some time has served the Auxiliary so faithfully and efficiently, has resigned, and Mrs. C. A. Kirtland, St. Paul, has assumed these duties.

The year book was compiled and published following the Mid-winter meeting. The secretary has attended and reported all meetings except the Mid-winter meeting held in St. Paul. It is difficult to express in terms of mere words the devotion of your Executive Board, the many hours of unrecorded service cheerfully given that the work of our Church may go forward. There are many fields of service yet untouched, the opportunities presented unlimited, in the Home, the Parish, the Diocese, the Nation and the World.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE B. VAN KIRK,
Recording Secretary.

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Our work has gone on quietly; but it is growing. Several parishes have undertaken box work that have not been on the list before.

Twenty-six parishes reported Lenten work in 1923.

For the Diocese

Sheltering Arms, boxes valued at.....	\$251.60
Church Home, boxes valued at	154.46
Birch Coulee, boxes valued at.....	364.64

Domestic

Mission Stations	531.84
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	\$1,302.54

Several Auxiliaries worked for local needs—hospitals, etc.

Our fall allotment of six family boxes was cared for by seven parishes with a total valuation of \$1,281.11. One Mission Station only was sent us; but this list was so large that, even with thirteen auxiliaries working for it, a large amount had to be returned to Headquarters. Boxes for this Station were valued at \$613.23.

There were six personal Christmas boxes for Women Missionaries limited to \$5.00 each—\$30.00.

For the year, our box work stands as follows:

For the Diocese	\$ 770.70
Domestic Field	2,426.18
Special Christmas boxes	30.00
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Total	\$3,226.88

Do, please, send in reports as soon as boxes are shipped.

Do, please, send all parcels direct to missionaries—or Mission Station, not to the Secretary. That causes delay and unnecessary expense.

DO, please, send list of officers, immediately after election, even if former officers are re-elected.

AMELIA P. BEARDSLEY.

Treasurer's Report for Year Ending December 31st, 1923

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1st, 1923.....	\$ 939.58
Offerings, Mid-winter Meeting, given to U. T. O.....	42.04
Semi-annual Meeting	27.40
Annual Meeting, given to Japanese Fund.....	32.11
From Parish Branches for Japanese Emergency Fund.....	157.28
Dues and class pledges from 49 Branches.....	347.00
From Librarian	485.21
Mite Box Offering	753.05
Gifts for St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Va.....	55.00
Total	\$2,838.67

Disbursements

Dues to New York, Class A.....	\$ 25.00
Dues to Provincial Synod.....	5.00
To United Thank Offering Custodian.....	42.04
Lock Box and marking.....	8.50
To Bishop Rowe Foundation.....	50.00
To Miss Lindley, for Discretionary Fund.....	50.00
Expenses, Educational Secretary.....	25.00
Mrs. Schultz, Faribault Conference.....	11.00
Assistant for Mrs. Hutchison's meetings, Litchfield, Lake City	31.51
Delegates to Mid-winter Meeting.....	19.06
Officers, Deanery Meetings.....	20.06
Library	590.36
Miss Norrish, travel in Diocese and Literature distributed.....	45.59
Miss Salisbury, for vacation and Annual Meeting.....	30.00
To Mr. Franklin, for Japanese Emergency Fund.....	189.39
To Rev. James S. Russell, St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Va.....	100.00
Flowers to Miss Norrish.....	2.40
Printing Year Book.....	105.00
Printing ballots, programs, notices, letters and pledge cards.....	35.05
Stationery	37.00
Postage	6.51
Rubber stamp and book for new Treasurer.....	2.80
To J. C. Wade, Treasurer, for Scholarships.....	250.00
Total	\$1,681.27
Balance on hand December 31st.....	1,157.40

\$2,838.67

Maintenance Fund

On deposit Merchants Trust and Savings Bank	
Balance, January 1st, 1923.....	\$100.22
Interest 1 year	4.06
Balance, December 31st.....	\$104.28

JESSIE B. PRINCE, Treasurer.

Report of United Thank Offering Treasurer

Balance from 1922\$ 17.63

Receipts

St. Paul Churches	\$1,149.52
Minneapolis Churches	759.13
Outside of Twin Cities	609.43
Little Helpers	10.00
Offering at Mid-winter meeting.....	42.04
Interest on bank account.....	40.01
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	\$2,610.13
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	\$2,627.76

Disbursements

Expense Traveling Secretary, Postage and Printing.....	\$ 11.25
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Balance on hand, January 1, 1924.....	\$2,616.51

Our goal for the next Triennial is \$10,000.00. As we are short on our average this year, an extra effort must be made if we are to have our full two-thirds by January, 1925.

GRACE R. KIRTLAND.

Report of Educational Secretary

In looking over the year's work I find we have really made some actual progress.

One encouraging thing is that we were represented at the "Faribault Summer School for Church Workers." I conducted a conference on "Woman's Work" during the six days that the school was in session, and it was the greatest source of satisfaction to me that the classes increased in size rather than diminished as the days went by. A great deal of the success of these classes was due to the help that I received from Mrs. Winfield Brown, on the day that "Religious Education in the Home" was the subject, and from Miss Katharine King, when we were discussing "Christian Social Service."

I went to Duluth in October when the Provincial Synod of the North West met there, and conducted a morning conference on "The Creative Forces in Japan." The meeting was a great help to me in that it gave me an opportunity to see what the other Dioceses were doing along educational lines.

We were most fortunate to be able to co-operate with the Field Department of the Diocesan Council when they brought Mrs. Hutchison here from East Orange, N. J., to lead an Institute for the Training of leaders in the Churches' Program. Every one who attended these classes came away determined to do all in their power to make known the work that our Church is doing, and the greater work that it is *trying* to do.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH YARDLEY.

Report of Librarian, Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary, for 1923

Early in 1923 the long talked of catalog of books in our circulating department appeared. Before the year was over a supplement of over 50 books was added. Ten years of Spirit of Missions were bound through kindness of Auxiliaries and individuals. Miss Clara Gillitt of Hastings, gave the Library a large number of old Spirit of Missions dating from 1882 to 1900. We hope other friends will supply the years from 1900 to 1905 and the missing numbers of the earlier period.

Besides caring for the circulating department the Library sold, during 1923, nearly \$500 worth of Church literature in addition to supplying many free leaflets. The Library had an exhibition at the Minnesota Summer School of Missions and had full charge of all literature at the Faribault Conference. During the past Fall we supplied considerable literature and many books for the campaign for the Church's Program.

The scope of the Library has been broadened quite materially. We now have on our shelves over 350 volumes besides many clippings, maps and other material, including a full supply of books and leaflets of the National Council, both of those free and those for sale, of use to *all* Church workers. We have acquired the best collateral reading on Japan for the benefit of those taking up the study of that country during the coming Lenten season.

The Library has been made a dealer for Christian Nurture material--a most important factor. Get your Church School Superintendent or Supervisor to purchase all their Christian Nurture material through the Library. We are able to make prompt deliveries from a well assorted stock and in this way we can eventually make the Library self supporting.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL B. OLNEY.

Deanery of Austin

Meeting held Christ Church, Austin, Nov. 2, 1923.

Present from Austin 26, Faribault 7.

Motions made and carried: (1) That the Deanery meeting be held during the first week in October; (2) That a record of names of delegates be made and kept for use of president; (3) That the secretary have postal cards printed for use in sending notices to parishes; (4) That each parish be asked to pay the expenses of one delegate to the Deanery meetings; (5) That Miss King's expenses be paid by the Deanery.

Officers elected: President, Mrs. Kramer, Faribault; Vice President, Mrs. Crane, Austin; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Savage, Janesville.

Mrs. Kramer extended an invitation to the Deanery to meet in Faribault during the early part of October, 1924.

Resolutions made and carried: Thanks to Christ Church, Austin, for hospitality; that greetings be sent to Mrs. Mossey and Miss Norrish.

After a most interesting talk by Miss King the meeting adjourned.

Deanery of Winona

The Winona Deanery has not held a meeting the past year owing to the illness of several of the officers. In May, 1923, at the Semi-Annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary held at Rochester, the Deanery of Winona was well represented by many of the nearby parishes; more in number than any meeting of the kind held before in this part of the Diocese. The meetings were most helpful and inspiring to all. During the summer some of the parishes planned to hold a picnic at which time informal talks would be given on "Missions, Study and Prayer," but rain for four days spoiled the plans. Some of the parishes are splendidly lined up for study work, some taking up the study and talks on "Creative Forces in Japan." I feel much encouraged by the response I have had from the various branches in connection with this work.

MRS. W. O'BEVAN, Vice-President.

Report of Minneapolis Deanery

"Our duty is to be useful—not according to our desires but according to our powers."—Ameil's Journal.

During the year just ended the Deanery of Minneapolis has held five meetings. In January, 1923, a Prayer and Praise service was held at Gethsemane Church, the Rev. Don Fenn and the Rev. Hanford L. Russell conducting the Prayer service which was exceptionally beautiful and inspiring. The Rev. Roy L. Smith of Simpson M. E. Church arranged the Praise service which consisted of hymns sung by the Auxiliary women and illustrated by the Rev. Mr. Smith—a beautiful and uplifting service.

In March at St. John's Church, Linden Hills, the Deanery had the pleasure of listening to a fine address on "Americanization," given by Mrs. K. E. Mo, the Americanization worker for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In May the Deanery was the guest of All Saints' Parish when Mr. Alexander McKechnie of St. Paul's School, Tokyo, told of his work in Japan. This was followed by lantern slides as a preparation for our Discussion Groups on "Creative Forces in Japan."

In September—following instructions received from New York and our Diocesan President—a mass meeting was called to formulate plans for the relief of our Missionary Workers who had suffered in the great Japanese catastrophe. The Rt. Rev. Frank A. McElwain and Miss Gertrude Norrish were the principal speakers.

The first meeting of 1924 was held at St. Matthews Church on Jan. 7th, when Mr. J. K. Craig of the Hennepin County Sunday School Association addressed the Deanery on Week Day Religious Instruction.

In September a Delegate was sent by the Deanery to the Faribault Conference.

Forty-five (45) letters pertaining to Auxiliary work have been written by the President and twelve (12) Missionary talks and addresses have been given.

The year's work has been made easy and delightful by the hearty co-operation of the Presidents of the Auxiliaries, especially by the splendid assistance given in the Near East Relief work—by their steadfast loyalty and ready response to the many demands made on their time and strength.

As an unknown writer has said—"He who goes down into the battle of life giving a smile for every frown, a cheery word for every cross one and lending a helping hand to the unfortunate is after all, the best of missionaries."

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE M. DANFORTH.

St. Paul Deanery

About six weeks before Easter, 1923, Miss Norrish asked the present vice-president to assume responsibility for a time, of this Deanery, as Mrs. Lincoln had been made Diocesan Vice-President.

The next regular meeting was held in June in the pretty setting of Miss Norrish's home parish, at Hastings, where we were made very welcome. After the summer recess, a meeting was called rather hurriedly, at St. John's, St. Paul, in September to try to do something to help our missionaries in Japan, stricken by the earthquake.

The next meeting was the annual one, held in January at St. Clement's, where the women of the Auxiliary were most gracious hostesses.

Mrs. Fulton, of White Bear, who has served most efficiently as Secretary and Treasurer, said she felt it would be more convenient for all concerned if the officers lived in the same town.

Mrs. Kirk of St. Paul's was then elected Secretary-Treasurer. We feel that the Deanery needs neither a very rigid organization nor very frequent meetings. The important place for it to fill is as a clearing house to get information from the Diocesan Board to the Auxiliaries and we trust it will prove more and more valuable in this respect in the future.

NANCY W. JANES, Vice-President.

Report of the Little Helpers, 1923

During 1923 one hundred and seventeen letters have been sent out as well as eight visits to parishes having been made. Calls were made on the Primary Departments of the church schools as follows: All Saints', St. Paul's, St. Andrew's and Holy Trinity in Minneapolis; and St. Sigfrid's, Ascension, Epiphany and Christ Church in St. Paul; with the result that the year closed with leaders enrolled in twenty-nine parishes ready to carry on the work of the Little Helpers for the year 1924.

Fifteen parishes sent in offerings for 1923 as compared with seven who responded with gifts the year before.

From St. John's, Linden Hills, which has no branch of Little Helpers, a memorial offering of five dollars was received in memory of little Charlotte Eleanor Christian.

Besides the above, Fridley reported having enrolled nine Little Helpers, and All Saints', Minneapolis, stated they have 38 members on their list, while St. Mark's, Minneapolis, claim they have a large branch started. This is very encouraging and indicates that the Little Helpers are gradually getting reorganized.

You will note by the tabulated report that the Little Indian children of Birch Coulee are still taking the lead, their offering being \$62.96, which is even larger than last year's.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE L. HELSON.

Minnesota Branch Little Helpers

Report for 1923

Balance on hand January, 1923.....\$ 9.45

RECEIPTS

Austin	\$ 3.00
Birch Coulee	62.96
Dakota	2.00
Dresbach	1.25
Dundas	1.00
Hastings	5.46
Owatonna	5.00
White Bear	5.00
St. Luke's, Minneapolis.....	2.00
St. John's, Minneapolis.....	5.00
Messiah, St. Paul.....	2.52
St. Mary's, St. Paul.....	18.50
St. Matthew's, St. Paul.....	4.00
St. Paul's, St. Paul.....	5.00
St. Philip's, St. Paul.....	1.00

Total Offering, 1923.....\$123.69

GRAND TOTAL\$133.14

DISBURSEMENTS

Stationery, Postage, Carfare, etc.....\$ 9.80

Foreign, Domestic and Diocesan Missions:

Fort Hall Indian Mission, Idaho.....	\$ 10.00
Hospital, Fort Defiance, Arizona.....	10.00
Children's Home, Canal Zone, Panama.....	10.00
School, Mayaguez, Porto Rico.....	10.00
House of the Holy Child, Manila, P. I.....	10.00
Chinese Primary Schools	10.00
Japanese Kindergartens	36.00
Font in the Mission Field.....	1.00
Little Helpers' Bed, St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh, N. C....	5.00
Little Helpers' Crib, Sheltering Arms, Minneapolis.....	5.00

\$107.00

United Thank Offering 10.00

Total\$117.00

Amount on hand for postage, carfare, etc..... 6.34

GRAND TOTAL\$133.14

Junior Work

The Church School Service League of the Diocese of Minnesota is the outgrowth of the Junior Auxiliary. Last year fourteen groups reported. These comprised one hundred sixty-eight working members and their money offerings amounted to \$119.75.

Their efforts embraced the five fields of service and made a very creditable showing.

Purificators for the Altar, towels for the Sacristy, also confirmation caps and veils were their Parish work.

Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners; dolls and doll houses, scrap books and jig saw puzzles for hospitals; Christmas trees with presents and clothing for missions filled the community field.

Thirty-three pairs of Christmas stockings, with gifts, to our mothers in the Church Home; 70 presents to the Sheltering Arms family; gifts for 50 children and 70 adults, besides quilts for our Birch Coulee Indian Mission made up the Diocesan allotment.

Other boxes, at Yuletide, to Lone Tree, Wyoming; Carr Creek Community Center, Kentucky; Southern Colored Mission; Alaska, Montana, North Dakota, South Carolina, and Hinckley, Minnesota, constituted the national field.

The world wide gifts were cards and scrap books to Japan and China, augmented by quilt pieces and dressed dolls to the Near East Relief orphans.

All of the above from only fourteen groups of earnest little followers of the Master! What might we accomplish, in the Diocese, if every Church school scholar spent one hour a week—aside from Sunday school—expressing his Christianity in this practical way?

Dear Women Readers, what is your responsibility toward the church men and women of tomorrow? Will you give them the opportunity you and I missed in our early years? Are we really and truly training those who will take our places very soon to a world wide vision of Jesus, the Master?

“Christ has no hands but our hands,
To do His work today;
He has no feet but our feet,
To lead men in His way;
He has no tongue but our tongues,
To tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help,
To draw men to His side!”

ARABELL L. GOLDSMITH,
Diocesan Director and Treasurer.

Church Periodical Club Year Ending January, 1924

1. Current Periodicals sent regularly.....	69
2. Donors of above current periodicals.....	39
3. Bibles, Testaments, etc.	5
4. Prayer Books and Hymnals.....	32
5. Books	1,448
6. Tracts and catechisms	1,683
7. Odd magazines and papers.....	5,975
8. Christmas and Easter cards.....	4,215
9. Picture cards	2,414
10. Carols and music.....	55
11. Pictures, games, scrap books and miscellaneous.....	3,523
12. Number of institutions in Diocese aided.....	39

FINANCIAL REPORT

Expended by Parish Librarians	\$107.92
Expended by general workers in the diocese.....	5.00
Expended by Diocesan Correspondent.....	37.85
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	\$150.77

There are now 23 Parish Branches in the Diocese.

The special work for 1923 was aiding Rev. Hardin at the Burntfork Mission in establishing a circulating library.

The specials for the coming year are two, first aid for the circulating library at Sparks, Nevada, the work to be conducted under Rev. Boggess, and, second, sending books to St. Philip's Industrial School for Colored Girls.

It is hoped that during 1924 many new Parish Branches will be formed, that all may do their bit in the good work. The Diocesan Correspondent will be glad to hear from any Parish thinking of forming a branch, or only planning to work on the specials.

MARGARET DENSMORE, Diocesan Correspondent,
Red Wing, Minn.

The Bishop's Guild

The Bishop's Guild, in its second year, from June, 1923, to June, 1924, has made steady progress toward realizing the aim and hope expressed in the last Year Book, so to finance itself by orders received, that the Bishop may be able to turn to it, not only for his own needs, but for those of his mission field.

We are proud and happy to report that there has been made for the Bishop—white silk burse and veil with linen corporal, veil, purificators and pall—for use in his visitations to small mission stations; the complete renovating of the beautiful white stole, originally worn by Bishop Edsall and given, by his son, to Bishop McElwain. This was such a delicate undertaking,—requiring the entire transference of the exquisite embroidery to a new foundation,—that the Guild only financed the work, which was done by the Sisters of St. John's Convent, Toronto. There have been made for the Bishop three linen rochetts—two sets of ruffles and two pairs of sleeves. For the mission field, linen surplice and white stole for the Rev. Thomas Rouillord, newly ordained Indian priest. They made (at cost of material) a surplice for missionary box sent by St. Paul's Church.

A green silk burse and veil, corporal, veil and purificators were made for the use of the Archdeacon.

For the chapel at St. Barnabas hospital, the Guild made two fair linens, two credence covers, veil and corporal. This work was done, without charge, from material furnished by the hospital.

A set of altar linen was given St. Andrew's Church, after their disastrous fire.

All this has been made possible by the payment of small annual dues by the members, of whom there are twenty-two active; the generous gifts of ten dollars each from the Wednesday Club of St. Marks, the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Mark's, the Altar Guild of St. Paul's, and five dollars each from the Bishop Johnson Circle and the Bishop McElwain Circle of Gethsemane Church.

Three surplices were made for Ascension Church, Stillwater; one surplice was made for St. Paul's Church, Minneapolis; a set of eucharistic vestments, ordered by St. Peter's Church, St. Paul, for Rev. Herbert L. Miller on his ordination. A set of altar linen, given by the Church of St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul, for Bishop Remington's Field.

A linen choir vestment, ordered through Mrs. Goldsmith of St. Paul.

A fair linen for St. Luke's Church, Willmar; also alteration of surplice for St. Mark's, Minneapolis.

Work for St. John's Church, Mankato, amounted to one hundred twenty-seven dollars, seventy-five cents, the latter consisting of surplice, set of altar linen, veil, pall, three purificators: white silk burse and veil, Bible and prayer book markers, violet silk burse and veil and markers, fair linen, cere cloth, extra purificators, making over of fair linen and two corporals.

We wish to acknowledge most gratefully both gifts and orders and hope that both the results and quality of our work may commend the Guild to your continued support and confidence.

Price lists of work will be mailed on request and any questions willingly answered.

MRS. C. H. CROUSE, President,
2015 Pleasant Ave., Minneapolis.

The Auxiliary Special

At the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in Portland in 1922, resolutions were passed to establish two Church Houses for Women Workers.

One is to be in New York, for workers home on furlough, and for volunteers taking training in preparation for mission work. This will cost \$65,000.

The other is to be a school for training colored workers, to be located in Raleigh, N. C., on the grounds of St. Augustine's School, but not controlled by the School.

For this the Auxiliary is asked to raise \$10,000, and the colored people realize so keenly the need of trained workers of their own race, that they are trying to raise \$5,000 to add to the Auxiliary gift.

The women of each Diocese are asked to raise at least the amount raised for the Emery Fund, which would make the quota for Minnesota somewhat over \$1,500. We feel that we in Minnesota should be especially interested, as our own Diocesan Treasurer, Mrs. Prince, has been made National Treasurer for these funds, the "Auxiliary Specials."

Department for "Shut Ins"

Financial Statement

June 1, 1923, to Easter, 1924

Cash on hand	\$5.17
Spent for cards	\$2.17
Spent for postage.....	2.11
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	\$4.28
Balance89
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Total	\$5.17

MRS. C. C. ROLLIT, Secretary.

Report of Porto Rican Handkerchief Work, 1923

A number of girls, through our missionaries in Mayaguez, Porto Rico, are earning their way through school and helping to build a chapel by doing hand work. They sell from a shop called St. Andrew's Craft Shop.

Since April 6, 1923, to December 31, 1923, our Diocese has ordered:

297 ladies' handkerchiefs, at 75c.....	\$222.75
9 ladies' handkerchiefs, at 80c.....	7.20
8 men's handkerchiefs, at \$1.50.....	12.00
1 bib, at \$1.00.....	1.00
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	\$242.95

We hope to do more in this year, 1924.

MRS. RALPH BROWNSON, JR.,
Hastings, Minnesota.

Information

Church Home of Minnesota

1879 Feronia Ave., St. Paul

Sheltering Arms

44th and River Boulevard, Minneapolis

Birch Coulee Mission

Morton, Minnesota

Miss Susan E. Salisbury, Missionary in Charge

The Sixth Province

Comprises the Dioceses of Minnesota, Duluth, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Montana, also Missionary Districts of Western Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming.

There are three Diocesan meetings yearly. Annual meeting and election of officers in October, Mid-winter meeting in January, Semi-annual meeting in May.

By sending names and addresses to Mrs. C. C. Rollit, Faribault, who will be happy to send greetings to "Shut-ins," every parish will help to scatter sunshine.

Scholarships

The Woman's Auxiliary of Minnesota has two scholarships in St. Mary's School, Wuchang, China, named for Bishop Whipple and Bishop Gilbert.

In St. Mary's School, Shanghai, we have the Cora R. Bronson Scholarship.

