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SUGGESTED PRAYERS

*"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,
will draw all men unto me."*

NOONDAY PRAYER

Blessed Saviour, Who at this hour didst hang upon the Cross, stretching forth Thy loving arms; Grant that all mankind may look unto Thee, and be saved; through Thy mercies and merits, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PRAYER

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, labor diligently, and give liberally to make Him known to all nations as their Saviour and their King; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER WRITTEN FOR THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE DIOCESE BY BISHOP McELWAIN

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, bless, we beseech Thee, the women of the Auxiliary of the Diocese of Minnesota, and grant them quickness of vision to see the opportunities which Thou givest them and strength of will to accomplish what Thou commandest; through Him Whom we serve with reverence and love, Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

UNITED THANK OFFERING PRAYERS

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we pray Thee to send forth more laborers 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 as Thou hast given to them. Accept from thankful hearts our United Offering of prayer and gifts and joyful service; and bless it to the coming of Thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the way, the truth and the life, grant to all members of the Woman's Auxiliary increase in knowledge, obedience and love; give them a clear vision of thy will and purpose for the whole world, and help them to do their part in calling back thy Church to simpler discipleship, readier obedience, and more loving service; for thine own name's sake. Amen.

FOR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK

O God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ, hast commanded us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, make us faithful and obedient to do Thy Holy will. Give us compassion for all who are living without Thee in the world. Send forth, we beseech Thee, labourers into Thy harvest. Protect and guide them wherever they go. Give them patience, love, and a right judgment in all things. Gather in Thine elect from all nations and hasten Thy Kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee, mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Grant us, Lord, in all our duties, Thy help; in all our perplexities, Thy counsel; in all our dangers, Thy protection; and in all our sorrows, Thy peace, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

SUGGESTED BENEDICTIONS

May God bless us with a loving sense of His near presence to guide us, to protect us, now and forever more. Amen.

Lord support us all the day long of this troublous life until the shadows lengthen and evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in Thy mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Benson, Minn.
- President Red Wing Deanery.....Miss Helen Frederick
 Red Wing, Minn.
- President Marshall Deanery.....To be announced
- President Winona Deanery.....To be announced

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Mrs. C. H. Crouse
Mrs. C. E. Elmquist
Mrs. B. F. Beardsley

Shut-Ins

Miss Mary Share.....1458 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul

Library

Mrs. J. E. Hanzlik
Mrs. J. O. Bach

Minnesota Summer School of Missions

Mrs. E. C. McConn.....Minneapolis
Mrs. W. K. Jeffrey.....Minneapolis
Mrs. Victor AdamsMinneapolis
Mrs. W. G. Kuehne.....St. Paul
Mrs. Charles HaydenSt. Paul

CO-OPERATING ORGANIZATIONS

Diocesan Director Church Periodical Club

Miss Margaret Densmore.....Red Wing

- President Bishop's Guild

Mrs. C. H. Crouse.....322 Groveland Ave.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Diocesan

Semi-Annual—October 19, 1932—St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul.

Midwinter—January, 1933—St. Paul's on the Hill, St. Paul.

Annual—May, 1933.....Christ Church, Red Wing

Deaneries—Rural

Faribault Deanery.....St. Paul's Church, Owatonna
Mankato Deanery.....St. John's Church, Mankato
Winona Deanery.....Grace Memorial Church, Wabasha
Willmar Deanery, October 10.....Christ Church, Benson
Minneapolis Deanery, Sept. 26.....Trinity Church, Excelsior
St. Paul Deanery, November.....Christ's Church, St. Paul

SUGGESTIONS TO PARISH OFFICERS

Speakers on the different forms of Auxiliary work ask the parishes for opportunities to speak at parish or neighborhood meetings. Apply to chairman of the Speakers' Bureau, Mrs. Geo. F. Dames, 1821 Carroll Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota.

Every parish should plan to carry out definitely some of the suggestions made to increase the knowledge of our missionary work. Address the Diocesan Educational Secretary, Mrs. J. O. Bach, 83 So. Ninth St., Minneapolis, Minn.

All money for Budget and Dues should be sent to the Treasurer, Mrs. C. S. Lincoln, 220 S. Fourth St., Stillwater, Minn. In sending money, please give name of parish and name and address of the Parochial Treasurer.

All money for the United Thank Offering should be sent to the Diocesan Thank Offering Treasurer, Mrs. T. C. Collins, Windom, Minn.

A United Thank Offering Treasurer is an essential in every parish. Speakers will be furnished gladly on application and it is recommended that the subject be presented at least once every year.

Many religious books and materials for use in mission study classes are available from the excellent W. A. Circulating Library. Address the Librarian, Mrs. J. E. Hanzlik, 83 S. Ninth St., Minneapolis, Minn.

Subscriptions or renewals to "The Spirit of Missions," conceded to be the finest missionary magazine published and only \$1.00 a year; and subscriptions to our fine rejuvenated Diocesan paper, "The Minnesota Missionary and Church Record," also \$1.00; should be sent to Mrs. F. A. McElwain, 815 Lincoln Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Any parish which has lost a valued member during the year may have her name remembered in the prayers at the Corporate Communion of the Annual meeting by sending the request to the Secretary, Mrs. Henry Schmitz, 2292 Folwell St., St. Paul, Minn., before that meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year of 1931-32 has been a memorable one to the members of the Woman's Auxiliary, Diocese of Minnesota. Not only have we had the ever kindly and helpful co-operation of Bishop McElwain but also the guiding influence of Bishop Keeler who began his work in the early part of our new Auxiliary year. We are especially happy for the splendid things done in the rural communities by Bishop Keeler and his suggestion that the Auxiliary support a woman worker in the Diocese. Our members were not slow in following out the suggestion and the Diocesan organization pledged the \$1,500 necessary to keep a part time worker in the field. The six months of earnest work by Mrs. J. O. Bach throughout the Diocese has proven the worth of such an endeavor and we are looking forward to having a strong, united and well informed Diocesan Auxiliary at the end of the triennium period.

The Auxiliary was pleased that it could be represented at the General Convention in Denver by five delegates and three alternates. The reports brought back by these delegates were so enthusiastic and full of helpful suggestions that our program of work for the entire year was a very successful one. Three speakers who were at the convention visited our Diocese and spoke to the Auxiliary women at Deanery and special meetings. Miss Marston, National Educational Secretary, and Miss Edna Eastwood, National Rural Work Secretary. Our semi-annual meeting in October was addressed by a real missionary, Bishop Robert E. Campbell of Liberia. Other speakers who have helped us by their fine messages at our Diocesan meetings were Mrs. Robert Frazier of Duluth who has had so much experience in the work among our Indians, and the Rt. Rev. Arthur W. Moulton, D.D., Bishop of Utah, who has accomplished much for the Church along missionary lines. It gave us courage to go forward when we heard of the hardships of others in doing Christ's work in pioneer communities.

The fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Auxiliary in this Diocese was fittingly observed at the annual meeting held in Christ Church, Austin, in May. The attendance was one of the largest the organization has ever had and there was an atmosphere of spiritual earnestness that could not be misunderstood. Two important resolutions were adopted at this meeting, one providing for a Christian Social Secretary and the other a Junior Auxiliary department. Both are needed and with the help of each Auxiliary worker in this Diocese these departments will prove their worth.

Your president has performed her usual duties and has been privileged to preside at all Diocesan Auxiliary meetings as well as all Executive Board meetings during the year, also attended all Deanery meetings with one exception. In closing this report may I express my appreciation for the fine co-operation given me by the members of the Auxiliary throughout the Diocese and for your loyalty. There has been no faltering in this work you have done for the Master even though a year of distressing conditions has existed everywhere. Let us go on in this service with a deeper realization of our need of a closer fellowship with Christ in the work he has asked us to do.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA V. ALLEN,
Diocesan President.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

There have been eleven meetings of the Board with an average attendance of 15, and three Diocesan meetings for the year from May 1, 1931, to May 1, 1932. The Annual Meeting was held at Winona on Wednesday, May 27, 1931, with Miss Grace Lindley as the speaker, with about 300 in attendance; the Semi-Annual at St. Mark's, Minneapolis, on October 14, 386 in attendance, with Bishop Campbell of Liberia as the speaker, and delegates to the Triennial giving brief reports; the Mid-Winter at St. Clement's, St. Paul, 290 present, Rev. Mr. Jewell of Red Wing speaking in the morning, and Mrs. Frazier of Duluth in the afternoon. Our Bishop and Bishop Coadjutor attended each of these meetings.

The U. T. O. offering was presented at Gethsemane, Minneapolis, on September 9, 1931.

The delegates to the Triennial were Mesdames Allen, Crouse, King, Lockwood, Bach, Miss Scandrett.

Respectfully submitted,

MELBA NELSON SCHMITZ.

REPORT OF TREASURER

From May 1st, 1931, to April 30th, 1932
Receipts

From Dues and Budget Pledges.....	\$ 942.00
Offerings, etc.	118.73
Refunds, Interest, etc.....	152.13
Pledges by Parishes to S. S. of Miss.....	39.00
Dividends and Reserve Fund.....	406.52
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	\$1,658.38
Balance May 1st, 1931.....	556.90
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Total Receipts	\$2,215.28

Disbursements

Programs, Notices, Lists, etc.....	\$ 47.49
Library Maintenance	100.00
Safety Deposit Box.....	10.00
Expenses, Officers (includes Supply Work for Small Parishes, Educational Secretary, etc.).....	241.84
Printing and Distributing Year Books.....	80.00
Provincial Synod Dues, 1931 and 1932.....	40.00
National Dues	25.00
Expenses, Delegates to Triennial and Synod (par- tially refunded)	399.00
Loan to Corporate Gift Fund (refunded).....	100.00
Deposits—Trust Fund (Reserve).....	130.00
Bringing Board Members to Meetings.....	123.36
Publicity (Summer Conference and Meetings).....	85.00
Expenses, Speakers	10.30
Stationery, Postage, Telephones, etc.....	40.05
Summer School of Missions.....	39.00
Gifts	295.00
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	\$1,766.04
Balance, First National Bank, Stillwater, May 1st, 1932	449.24
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	\$2,215.28

MARY R. LINCOLN,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

Boxes sent 112

Personal

Rev. Levi Rouillard, Rapid City, S. D.....	\$ 131.72
Rev. Malcolm Twiss, 2707 Copper St., El Paso, Texas	208.55
Rev. C. R. Dawson, Charleston, W. Va.....	200.00
Rev. G. Swift, 506 Chemekta St., Salem, Ore.....	265.00
Miss Priscilla Bridge.....	5.00
Deaconess Clark	5.00
Miss B. E. McKensie.....	5.00
Mrs. Molyneaux	5.00
Miss Margaret Teltey.....	5.00
Miss Paula Velasquez.....	5.00

Missions

St. Mary's Church, Hot Springs, Ark.....	709.33
Trinity House, Richlands, Va.....	1,514.05
St. Mary's, Shanghai, China.....	142.10

Total\$3,200.75

Ten parishes sent no boxes.

Many parishes have sent two or three boxes.

Only seven out of 104, from whom the Supply Department has had no response.

Deaneries

	No.	
*Faribault Deanery	11	All working
Mankato Deanery	24	22 "
Minneapolis Deanery	20	18 "
St. Paul Deanery.....	20	17 "
Winona Deanery	20	18 "
Willmar Deanery	9	8 "

Parishes New in Supply Work This Year

Elysian	Marshall
Blue Earth	St. Timothy, Minneapolis
Belle Plaine	Becker
Lake Benton	Epiphany, St. Paul
Le Sueur	St. James', St. Paul
Le Center	Dresbach
Worthington	Mazeppa
Tracy	Appleton
Dakota	Morton

The Supply Fund

The Supply Fund is a very valuable asset to the Supply Department. With it, the Supply Secretary is able to help with materials and sewing supplies those parishes who are financially unable to finance their own boxes. The fund is secured by various contributions.

Receipts for the Year May 1, 1931, to May 1, 1932.

Offerings	\$ 77.59
Mankato Deanery	36.34
Faribault Deanery	12.00
Winona Deanery	15.00
Minneapolis Deanery	10.00
St. Paul Deanery	10.00
Willmar Deanery	15.49
Overage in Light Fund.....	.01

Total\$ 176.43
With this, twenty-one parishes have been helped this year.

Birch Coulee Electric Light Fund

Receipts

From Parishes and Individuals.....	\$ 431.61
Northern States Power Co.....	25.00
Total Collections	\$ 456.61

Disbursements

Purchase Farmers' Lines.....	\$ 46.80
Wiring	25.88
Morton Electric Shop.....	339.00
Fixtures	45.00

Total Cost of Lights.....\$ 456.60
Excess Turned Over to Supply Fund......01

Total\$ 456.61

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

May 27, 1931—May 19, 1932

In the past year the Secretary has written 45 letters.

Mailed 125 year books.

Mailed 125 notices U. T. O. presentation.

Mailed 125 notices semi-annual meeting.

Mailed 125 notices mid-winter meeting.

Mailed 125 notices annual meeting.

Mailed 105 credential cards.

Mailed 200 calls to Executive Board.

There have been 11 Board meetings; your Secretary has attended all but one, and been present at all diocesan meetings.

Again we ask that lists of new officers be sent in at the earliest opportunity.

DOLLIE MARKHAM JOSSELYN,
Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF SPEAKERS' BUREAU

1931-1932

September

Gethsemane, Minneapolis—Semi-Annual Meeting—Address by Bishop Campbell of Liberia.

October

St. Matthew's, Chatfield—Mrs. George J. Allen, "The General Convention."

Church of the Good Shepherd, Blue Earth—Mrs. Allen, "The Woman's Auxiliary in Denver"; "General Convention," Mrs. Lee Lockwood.

St. Matthew's, St. Paul; Ascension, Stillwater—"General Convention," Mrs. Lockwood.

November

St. Paul's Church, Owatonna—"Rural Work," Mrs. Allen.

St. Mary's Church, St. Paul—"The General Convention," Mrs. C. H. Crouse.

St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul—St. Paul Deanery—"Helping the Isolated," Miss Eastwood.

December

St. Paul's-on-the-Hill, St. Paul—"Resume of the Triennial," Mrs. Allen.

Messiah, St. Paul—"The General Convention," Mrs. Lockwood.

January

Messiah, St. Paul—"United Organizations," Mrs. J. C. Fulton.

St. James', St. Paul—"Supply Work," Mrs. D. R. West.
St. Clement's, St. Paul—Mid-Winter Meeting—"Work
Among the Indians," Mrs. R. P. Frazier of Duluth—
Address by the Rev. E. B. Jewell of Red Wing.
Christ Church, Red Wing—"Inter-racial Contacts," Mrs.
Crouse.

February

St. Mary's, St. Paul—"Women of the New Testament,"
Mrs. W. E. Tricker.

March

St. Thomas', Minneapolis—Program of Learning from
"Christ Comes to the Village," Mrs. Tricker.
Gethsemane and All Saints', Minneapolis—"What Women
Owe to Christ," Mrs. Crouse.
St. Mary's, St. Paul—"Women of the Old Testament,"
Mrs. S. S. Cargill.

April

St. James', St. Paul—Resume of "When Christ Comes to
the Village," Mrs. W. E. Tricker.
St. John's-in-the-Wilderness, White Bear Lake—Address
by Bishop Stephen E. Keeler.

May

"Supply," Mrs. D. R. West and Mrs. Henry Carlson—
U. T. O. at Albert Lea, April 15.
Christ Church, Austin—Annual Meeting—Address by
Bishop Moulton of Utah.

AGNES D. DAMES,
Chairman Speakers' Bureau.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

This past year has continued to show the interest which people have in religious reading, and we have issued 882 books. We find that most people who borrow, loan the books to others before returning them, and if we knew just how far this went, it would swell the number of readings very much.

We have added to the number of books this year forty-two new titles. The majority of these are on personal religion and mission study, which seem to be the type of reading which is most in demand.

The main work of this year has been the getting ready of a new catalogue, which is now off the press and may be obtained by writing to the Library at the Church Book Shop, 83 So. Ninth St., Room 207. This is a new address, just across the street from the old location, on the second floor.

If there is any way in which the Library may be of help to you, please do not hesitate to write and ask for it. Remember that it is YOUR library, supported by YOU and here for YOUR use, and the only cost is the postage if the books are mailed. Get a catalogue, and check through it. In it you will find many books which will help you not only in your church work, but also in your daily living. And last, but not least, use it to spread the joy of religious reading among your friends.

Financial Statement

Receipts:

Balance on hand May 1, 1931.....	\$.16	
Received from Mrs. Lincoln.....	100.00	
Received from fines and postage.....	4.31	
		<hr/> \$104.47

Disbursements:

For books	\$ 71.30	
Postage	1.45	
Phone listing	1.50	
Insurance	2.00	
Miscellaneous	1.20	
		<hr/> 77.45

Balance on hand..... \$27 02

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE H. HANZLIK, Librarian.

REPORT OF FIELD WORKER AND EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY

I am reporting my work as a Field Secretary, inasmuch as it includes the work of two departments of work, that of Field Worker and Educational Secretary in the Diocese.

I did not resume my work as Educational Secretary until the first of December, having been detained through illness in my family.

I then sent out the outlines of the new plan of work

suggested at the Triennial, with program and reading lists appended.

The first of January the year books on the study book for the year, "Christ Comes to the Village," went out—containing added program suggestions for Lenten meditations and helpful books for reading.

I am glad to be able to report a decided increase in the interest of Auxiliary study—nearly all parishes reporting some type of study at least during Lent.

I have given forty-two talks in separate parishes, held teachers' institutes in St. Paul Deanery and group parish institutes at Rochester, Owatonna, Red Wing; held six Lenten study groups for St. Paul Deanery at St. Mary's Church, Merriam Park.

I have visited all parishes, outside the Twin Cities, with three exceptions, some of these two times. Visited isolated families in the country, shut-in members living in small towns; and have written over two hundred letters.

I am taking this opportunity to thank the Deanery Presidents and Secretaries, the rectors, and Guild and Guild Auxiliary Presidents for their kindly and loyal co-operation.

I should like to urge very strongly that you consider the re-districting of the Deanery groups of parishes. Smaller group divisions would give us more than nine workers—presidents, secretaries, and in each of the divisions I should hope to have a strong committee for the isolated work—so that in the interim between the visits of the Field Worker, the work would be carried on.

This new arrangement is necessary if we are to have a working method for the carrying out of active diocesan plans, for the linking together of all the parishes.

Faithfully,

LAUREL BACH.

REPORT OF ADVANCE WORK PROGRAM

Amount of Pledges.....	\$1,506.00
Amount Paid in.....	486.55
Paid Mrs. Bach for Salary.....	\$ 225.00
Paid Mrs. Bach for Expenses (\$60.00 expended,	

\$22.50 on hand to finish work this spring).....	82.50
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	\$ 307.50
Balance on hand.....	179.05
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	\$ 486.55
Parishes contributing	44
Letters written	47

MRS. W. H. D. REES,
Chairman and Treasurer of
Advance Work Program.

REPORT OF CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

Diocese of Minnesota—Year 1931

The material offered for distribution by the Church Periodical Club during the past year has been of much better quality than heretofore. This urges us to a new motto—Quality not Quantity. Magazines and books which have been hoarded in attics are not welcomed even by remote mission stations. Why not keep things moving? Many parishes have given boxes or lockers for the use of the Club and here is deposited reading matter to be sorted to fit the needs of the various institutions to which it is to be sent. The reports of the 26 active parishes gave the names of institutions to which reading had been given. The list includes poor farms, sanatoriums, orphanages, old people's homes, jails and hospitals. In distributing locally, much is saved in transportation charges—and many contacts are made—which increases the real efficiency of the Church.

Attention is to be given to rural work the coming summer, and all Secretaries are urged to make small bundles of assorted magazines and to give them out at isolated farm homes where reading matter is scarce. Bundles of reading are planned for highway crews and trainmen at round houses.

Many paid subscriptions for magazines are sent to missionaries. The Diocese is taking special interest in two missions where small libraries are being started—one of these is in the highlands of Missouri and the other in the mountains of Virginia.

A number of parishes have appointed new Secretaries for the work and the interest in the Club was increased. Many small parishes where the Club is not organized have collected

and sent material to the Diocesan Director for distribution. The reports show the following to have been distributed: Bibles, 26; Prayer books, 246; books, 404; S. S. material, 3,980; odd magazines, 10,108; Christmas cards, 30,910; picture cards and calendars, 2,842; miscellaneous 19,807. Entire expense, \$241.39.

MARGARET DENSMORE,
Diocesan Director.

MINNESOTA BRANCH LITTLE HELPERS

Report for 1931

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1st, 1931..... \$.30

Towns:

Austin	\$ 6.05
Hastings	5.00
Morton, Birch Cou'ee Indian children of Bishop Whipple Mission.....	1.75

Minneapolis:

St. John's	8.55
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St. Paul:

St. Mary's	23.25
St. Philip's	2.25
Special Gift96

Total Offering, 1931.....	47.81
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Grand Total	\$ 48.11
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Disbursements

Postage	\$.96
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Missions:

Little Helpers' Bed, St. Agnes' Hos- pital, Raleigh, N. C.....	\$ 5.00
Japanese Kindergartens	40.85
*Font for a church in the mission field	1.00

Total	46.85
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Balance on hand December 31, 1931 (in First National Bank, St. Paul, Minn.)..... .30

Grand Total \$ 48.11

ALICE L. HELSON,

Diocesan Director of
The Little Helpers.

*Note: A message from the Department of Religious Education, New York, is as follows:

"The object for the Special Font Fund for 1932-33 has been chosen in conference with Dr. Wood, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Missions, and is a font for the mission at Fukui, Japan."

REPORT OF THE BISHOPS' GUILD

1932

The Bishops' Guild has had a fine year and one, we feel, of advance. Several things have contributed to this feeling of accomplishment:

To our care of the vestments of the Bishop of the Diocese, we have gladly added that of those of the Bishop Coadjutor. With this growing work we have also acquired this year valuable assistance in the members of the Altar Guild of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul, who have already turned over to Bishop McElwain two pairs of beautifully made sleeves, and that of a skilled worker in embroidery from St. Luke's Church, Minneapolis.

There is an increasing understanding among the churches which are replacing partly used articles with new, that the Guild is able to place almost anything which they are not using in some church which longs for proper furnishings but has less means.

There are also much more frequent requisitions which reach us for various articles.

The net results of these two facts, this year, have been the transferring of a beautiful sterling silver communion service and glass cruets, originally presented to Gloria Dei Church (now discontinued) by the Misses Anna and Sofia Lovstad in memory of their mother to St. Mark's Mission, Tracy, where the Rev. O. H. Aanestad is awakening new interest and hope.

A pair of small but beautiful alms basins, sent by the Altar Guild of Rochester, Minnesota, transferred to Anoka.

A fair linen from the Guild to Tracy and one to the church at Sleepy Eye.

And a dorsal remade and dyed from material given by the Altar Guild of St. Mark's, Minneapolis, to be used at Lake Benton.

We would urge every church which has furnishings or altar linens or hangings not in use to think of the Bishops' Guild as a clearing house and means of communication with those who may be glad to use them.

The following statement is from September 1, 1931, to September, 1932:

Receipts

Cash on hand September 1, 1931.....	\$ 57.91
Receipts for Work:	
Bishop Thurston Guild, materials.....	1.75
Altar Guild, Calvary Church, Rochester, credence cover	7.50
St. Mark's Church School, material for sleeves, Bishop Keeler	9.00
St. Mark's Altar Guild, veil.....	4.00
St. Mark's Altar Guild, fair linen.....	10.00
St. Mark's Altar Guild, glass for pall.....	1.00
St. Mark's Altar Guild, four crucifer's vestments	12.00
Donations:	
St. Luke's Altar Guild.....	10.00
St. Paul's Altar Guild.....	10.00
Gethsemane Auxiliary of Guild.....	10.00
Dues of members	4.50
Total	\$137.72

Disbursements

Miscellaneous	\$ 6.50
Dues to Associated Altar Guilds.....	2.00
Veil, Burse, Stole	16.00
Materials for Bishops' vestments and altar linen....	83.69
Total	\$108.19
Balance on hand.....	\$ 29.53

JESSIE STEVENS CROUSE,
President Bishops' Guild.

REPORTS OF DEANERY PRESIDENTS

REPORT OF ST. PAUL DEANERY, 1931-32

From the reports of the various branches of the W. A. in the St. Paul Deanery all the many activities were taken care of this year in a very satisfactory manner. Many reported increased active membership and many a more united work of Guilds and the W. A. This is the end to which we are all striving, the bigger and broader vision for all women instead of the chosen few.

There were two meetings held in the Deanery, the fall meeting at St. John's, St. Paul, and the spring meeting at St. John's, White Bear. Both were well attended and all gained help and inspiration from the speakers. From our fall offering we gave ten dollars to Mrs. West for her supply work, and from the spring offering we will send a delegate to the Summer Conference at Northfield, and gave ten dollars to Mrs. West.

Our Educational Secretary, Mrs. Tricker, carried on her work and gave freely of her time and effort. The Lenten study group, under the leadership of Mrs. Bach, met every Monday morning during Lent at St. Mary's, Merriam Park. Though the group wasn't as large as the previous year, the leaders attending gained much uplift and help in presenting the study book, "Christ Comes to the Village," to their own groups. We hope to continue this work the coming year. The officers for 1932-1933 are the same as before except for our new Educational Secretary, Mrs. Bancroft of Stillwater.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. J. C.) NELLIE FULTON,

President.

REPORT OF FARIBAULT DEANERY

Faribault Deanery met in Waseca, October 8, 1931. The women have studied, "Christ Comes to the Village," and "Building a Christian Nation."

Janesville has paid the Episcopate Fund of \$48.00 and Mission Pledge of \$50.00 to the Diocesan office.

All parishes and missions in the Deanery with the exception of two were heard from.

The Deanery has contributed to the following:

Diocesan Mission	\$ 125.18
National Mission	155.84
To Field Worker.....	60.00
Budget	77.00
U. T. O.....	249.24
Church Home	9.00
C. P. C.....	5.00

REPORT OF MINNEAPOLIS DEANERY

The first of the three regular meetings of the Minneapolis Deanery was held at St. Andrew's Church in Minneapolis October 26th with Miss Marston, National Representative for the Educational work, as the speaker who talked to us on "Adult Education." Bishop Keeler was also present and addressed us briefly, assuring us of his constant interest in our work. While tea was served the women had an opportunity to meet and visit with Bishop Keeler.

The second meeting was held at All Saints' Church, February 15th, with Mrs. Biller of St. Cloud as speaker. She gave us a most interesting and informal talk on the Value of Rural Work which was of particular interest now that the Auxiliary as a whole has placed Mrs. Bach as a Rural Field Worker. Interest in the work was apparent from the number of women who talked with Mrs. Biller while tea was served by the women of All Saints'.

On April 11th, at St. Paul's, the third regular meeting was held, being an all-day meeting with the business session and election of officers in the morning. Rev. Knickerbocker led the devotions. Bishop McElwain then gave a brief but vivid explanation of the deficit in the treasury of the National Church, plans for its removal, and urged the women to accept their responsibility in this effort.

Mrs. George Allen, President of the Diocesan Auxiliary, was a most welcome visitor and inspired us with her presence and the message she gave us.

The annual reports of the officers of the Deanery and the Presidents of the Auxiliaries were given followed by the election of officers. The new officers elected were:

President.....Mrs. E. C. McConn, St. Luke's.
 Vice-President..Mrs. Paul Nickel, Bishop Whipple Memorial
 Recording Secretary and Treasurer.....
Mrs. George Ludcke, St. John's
 Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. N. Hanchette, St. Andrew's

Following a delightful luncheon served by the women of St. Paul's Church to about two hundred and twenty women we enjoyed the second of two special days sponsored by the Deanery of Minneapolis this year. Mrs. F. A. Habersham of Los Angeles, sent out by the Speakers' Bureau of the National Council, gave us a most delightful afternoon with her charming informal talk and splendid pictures of Alaska and Japan. About three hundred women, many from outside Minneapolis, took advantage of this privilege and we believe it to be a most splendid and vital missionary effort. Special thanks for the success of this event are to be given to Mrs. G. A. N. King of Gethsemane Church who had charge of the publicity and to the women of St. Paul's Church for their hospitality.

The first of these two special days was on December 14th when Miss Bertha Conde conducted a quiet day and meditations in Gethsemane, reaching about four hundred women and many men. The success of this meeting should be attributed to another Gethsemane woman, Mrs. Victor Adams, who had charge of the arrangements, and to the Gethsemane women for their hospitality, and also to the Rev. Mr. Pardue for his most gracious co-operation.

The attendance at the regular meeting has averaged about seventy, with the average number of parishes represented as twelve. The offerings taken have amounted to \$71.00 with a balance on hand of \$4.94, making a total of \$75.94.

Mrs. West for Supply Work.....	\$ 10.00
Church Home Membership.....	3.00
Mrs. Biller for addressing Meeting.....	5.00
Church Federation Dues.....	5.00
Expenses of Educational Secretary.....	10.00
Mrs. Habersham	15.00
Expenses of Corresponding Secretary.....	1.00

	\$ 49.00
Balance	26.94
Expenses of Educational Secretary to Conference	14.00

Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 12.94
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Through the efforts of Mrs. West, Diocesan Supply Secretary, all but two Auxiliaries have done box supply work. This report, as well as that of the U. T. O., will be reported by the Secretary for this work.

The Educational Secretary, Mrs. Oas, has worked diligently and so effectively that all but two of the parishes have

had study classes of some kind during the year. Twelve out of the twenty Auxiliaries in the Deanery have promised, or have already given, support for our Rural Worker and nearly all are raising funds to send a delegate to the Summer Conference.

Until we can report every parish taking part in every branch of the work, every parish with a delegate to the Deanery and Diocesan Meetings, we know there is work to be done and so in leaving the Presidency of the Minneapolis Deanery, I leave a work which is far from finished, but which is most heartening by its sturdy growth and which will flourish with the new impetus of fresh ideas and loving devotion from our new President, Mrs. McConn.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL M. LOCKWOOD.

REPORT OF MANKATO DEANERY

Perhaps many of you do not realize that as far as acreage is concerned the Mankato Deanery is the largest in this Diocese, extending from Belle Plaine on the north, to Jackson, which is 12 miles from the Iowa state line, on the south, and west to Pipestone, east to Wells. We have 22 parishes but there is but one large one at Mankato. I was pleased when sending out return cards to hear from 13 of them. Mrs. West reports nine of these reported that were doing the supply work sent out by Mrs. West, some were doing missionary work in their own parishes and a few were doing outside work as well. Of these 22 parishes but four have resident rectors and many have but one service a month; the number of Guild or Auxiliary members is small but I feel that they are doing good work and will be encouraged this year to renewed efforts now that they have our beloved Bishop Coadjutor to visit them and talk over their problems and help solve them whenever possible. Mrs. Bach has given them added zest in the work of the Guild and Church by her visits.

Our Deanery meeting was held at Blue Earth on Friday, October 9th. We were surprised as well as delighted to have Bishop McElwain as well as Bishop Keeler with us and they celebrated the service of Holy Communion at 10:30 assisted by Rev. Rice who is resident rector at Blue Earth. Both of the Bishops gave most inspiring addresses and told much that was instructive to us about the Triennium which was at

Denver. We were so pleased to be able to have our Diocesan President, Mrs. Allen, with us this time and her interesting and instructive talk on the Triennium was much enjoyed. Mrs. Bach not being able to be present, Mrs. Lockwood, President of the Minneapolis Deanery, who was also at Denver, gave her impressions of the meeting. Mrs. West had reports on her work and as she had recently been at Birch Coulee she also told us about the work there. Mrs. Collins, our U. T. O. Treasurer, not being present, Bishop Keeler spoke briefly about the importance of each one of us keeping our little blue box always in sight so that the coins would be put in often, and of the wonderful work done by this means.

The election resulted in Mrs. A. B. Cheadle of Jackson for President; Mrs. B. F. Pay of Mankato, Vice-president; Miss Mayme Kurstad of Wells, Secretary; Mrs. Max Kretchner of St. Peter, Treasurer.

Luncheon was served at noon by the Presbyterian ladies at their church and after the afternoon session, tea was served by the Blue Earth ladies at their Guild Hall. Closing prayers were said by Rev. Harold Whitehead of Fairmont.

I am glad to report that the Mankato Auxiliary want us to come there for our Deanery meeting this fall, and as it is more accessible than most of our places are, we should have a large attendance.

JESSY CHEADLE,
President.

REPORT OF WILLMAR DEANERY

The annual meeting of the Willmar Deanery was held October 28, 1931, in Gethsemane Church, Appleton, and in spite of the heavy rain, was well attended, 19 from Litchfield, 13 from Willmar, 8 from Benson, 4 from Montevideo and 15 from Appleton.

Bishop Keeler, assisted by Rev. W. E. Harmann of Litchfield, administered Corporate Communion at 10:30 A. M. It was Bishop Keeler's initial visit in the Deanery and the Bishop urged us to take heart and work with more courage. The meeting was charged with enthusiasm and the opportunities open to us. Miss Marston, the National Educational Secretary, spoke on the educational work for the year. Mrs. Crouse reported on the United Thank Offering and the presentation at Denver. Mrs. West talked of the need of the

Supply Department, and was given the offering of \$15.50. Miss Thomas urged our reading of The Minnesota Missionary. As a result, four Auxiliaries: Willmar, Litchfield, Appleton and Benson, have had program meetings and read "Christ Comes to the Village" and "Building a Christian Nation." Eight Auxiliaries have done box work; Montevideo sending two allotments. Benson Auxiliary-Guild has subscribed for The Minnesota Missionary for every family connected with the Church. Willmar has completed the payment on a thousand dollar note and celebrated by burning the note at a Guild meeting.

Each Auxiliary in the Deanery pledges a definite amount toward the parish budget and sponsors all parish activities, helping materially the Altar Guild, Church School and the Young People's Fellowship. The United Thank Offering for 1931 from eight parishes was \$66.32.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET D. HUDSON,

President.

REPORT OF WINONA DEANERY

The annual meeting of the Winona Deanery was held in October in Calvary Church at Rochester. Bishop Keeler was with us for the first time and was one of the principal speakers who told us of the Triennial Convention. Others who brought back interesting things from Denver were Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Lockwood and Miss King.

I was much pleased to get so many answers to my request for reports. While there is no time to give these reports, I want to say they are all doing Auxiliary work such as giving to the U. T. O., Box Supply and Social Service work, giving to the Advance Work; some mentioned study classes. Many of the smaller parishes are struggling to keep their churches open. I feel the Deanery parishes are more interested because they are attending these meetings and co-operating in reports. We hope for a large attendance at our annual meeting at Wabasha in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN A. FRIEDRICH,

President.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT

This report is neither adequate nor fair, for out of 110 questionnaires sent out, only 24 parishes sent in a report. From these few reports, however, it is evident that a great deal of Social Service work is being done in our Diocese. At the last annual meeting, a new department of the Auxiliary was created and this next year, that S. S. department will begin its work and in May, 1933, this report will be worth reading.

Space will not permit the printing of the reports which were mailed into the Supply Secretary. Every single report told of jails and hospitals visited, food and clothing for needy families distributed. The reports also told of how the Auxiliaries were co-operating with civic organizations in organized relief. A great deal of Social Service work has been done through the Church Periodical Clubs.

St. John's the Evangelist, St. Paul, does a tremendous amount of S. S. work through her St. Margaret's Guild; St. Mark's, Minneapolis, through her Wells Memorial Settlement House and Gethsemane, Minneapolis, through her full-time Social Service worker.

The following parishes sent in glowing reports of Social Service work done by their Auxiliaries:

Red Wing	Anoka
Wabasha	Jackson
Rushford	St. James
Belle Creek	Pipestone
Albert Lea	St. Matthew's, Minneapolis
Cannon Falls	Holy Trinity, Minneapolis
Marshall	St. Mark's, Minneapolis
Redwood Falls	St. Thomas', Minneapolis
Owatonna	St. Matthew's, St. Paul
Janesville	Messiah, St. Paul
Northfield	Litchfield
Dundas	

FARIBAULT DEANERY

PARISH	United Thank Offering	Budget and Dues	SUPPLY WORK	
			National	Diocesan
Albert Lea	\$ 8.13	\$	\$ 20.00	\$ 8.00
Austin	27.15	15.00	25.00	25.00†
Dundas	1.00	15.00	11.00	5.00
Elysian			*	
Faribault	126.96	45.00	54.10	
Janesville		2.00	20.00	
Northfield	15.86	5.00	25.00	10.00
Owatonna	15.00	10.00	58.12	5.00
Waseca	9.60	15.00	14.58	5.00
Waterville			14.85	3.00**

MANKATO DEANERY

Blue Earth		2.00	30.00	
Belle Plaine			†	
Fairmont	11.00	12.00	24.00	10.00
Good Thunder			6.00	
Henderson			12.75	
Jackson	20.73	2.00	28.60	17.00
Lake Benton			16.00	
Lake Crystal	2.10		*	2.00
Le Sueur	2.00		8.50	
Le Center			9.60	
Luverne				
Mankato	31.14	25.00	25.00	
New Ulm			20.00	
Pipestone	10.00		15.00	5.00
Redwood Falls	5.00	2.00	18.00	
St. Peter	8.63	2.00	*	
Slayton			8.80	
Sleepy Eye			20.00	
St. James			15.00	
Tracy			10.00	
Wells			*	
Windom	19.05	3.00	26.00	5.00
Worthington			17.00	

MINNEAPOLIS DEANERY

Minneapolis:				
All Saints	31.95	10.00	66.27	2.00
Bishop Whipple Memorial	4.15	2.00	37.00	
Gethsemane	292.68	50.00	126.00	10.00
Holy Trinity	34.87	8.00	21.00	18.00†
St. Andrew's	33.35	2.00	21.00	4.00
St. Ansgarius				
St. James	2.25		15.00	5.00
St. John's, Linden Hills	58.20	12.00	53.00	
St. Luke's	81.92	20.00	205.82	30.00
St. Mark's	209.04	150.00	170.74	52.45
St. Matthew's	10.00	15.00	26.00	1.00
St. Paul's	418.86	75.00	102.15	11.00

PARISH	United Thank Offering	Budget and Dues	SUPPLY WORK	
			National	Diocesan
St. Stephen's .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bishop Thurston's Branch...	.....	2.00	.....	.....
St. Timothy's .....	.....	.....	12.00	.....
St. Thomas'	17.50	2.00	20.00	.....
Anoka	8.26	2.00	22.00	10.00
Becker .....	.....	.....	19.00	.....
Elk River .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Excelsior	5.00	.....	15.00	.....
Fridley	1.00	.....	18.00	5.00
Zimmerman .....	.....	.....	9.60	.....
Minneapolis Deanery	15.00	.....	.....	.....

ST. PAUL DEANERY

St. Paul:				
Ascension .....	.....	5.00	18.00	.....
Christ Church	86.17	.....	51.54	.....
Church Home Branch.....	32.53	.....	.....	.....
Epiphany	20.25	.....	15.00	.....
Messiah	2.77	.....	30.40	34.95†
Back Pay .....	.....	35.00	.....	.....
South St. Paul.....	.....	6.00	21.00	.....
St. Clement's	214.37	35.00	160.69	5.00
St. James'	5.00	2.00	*	5.00
St. John the Evangelist.....	530.00	150.00	290.00	55.00
St. Mary's Merriam Park....	85.75	30.00	95.00	3.00
St. Matthew's	39.33	20.00	33.00	16.00†
St. Paul's on the Hill.....	72.25	22.00	81.00	5.00
St. Peter's	33.30	15.00	.....	‡
St. Philip's	8.55	5.00	20.89	.....
St. Paul Deanery.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....
Basswood Grove	25.50	.....	.....	.....
Hastings	25.50	16.00	41.00	5.00
Rush City .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stillwater	119.24	35.00	95.00	5.00†
White Bear	52.38	20.00	30.00	.....
Highwood Park	6.41	2.00	.....	.....
Farmington .....	.....	.....	14.00	.....

WINONA DEANERY

Belle Creek	3.95	2.00	6.00	5.00
Cannon Falls .....	.....	.....	20.00	3.00
Chatfield	11.60	3.00	20.00	3.00
Dakota .....	.....	.....	12.50	.....
Dresbach .....	.....	.....	20.00	.....
Frontenac .....	.....	.....	12.00	.....
Kasson .....	.....	.....	19.00	10.00
Kenyon .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lake City	42.65	10.00	28.00	5.00
Mantorville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mazeppa .....	.....	.....	15.00	.....
Pine Island .....	.....	.....	20.00	3.00
Prairie Island .....	.....	.....	12.00	.....

PARISH	United Thank Offering	Budget and Dues	SUPPLY WORK	
			National	Diocesan
Red Wing	139.40	20.00	65.00	33.00
Rochester	37.50	40.00	109.60	.....
Rushford .....	.....	2.00	19.00	5.00
St. Charles .....	.....	.....	10.00	.....
Wabasha	31.00	.....	22.50	2.00
West Concord .....	.....	.....	12.00	5.00
Winona	10.00	40.00	54.06	5.00

WILLMAR DEANERY

Appleton	7.00	3.00	30.00	2.00
Benson .....	.....	2.00	15.00	.....
Birch Coulee	15.00	.....	.....	45.00
Hutchinson .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olivia .....	.....	2.00	31.50	5.00
Montevideo .....	.....	.....	33.00	.....
Litchfield	12.25	3.00	5.00	30.00
Morton .....	.....	.....	20.00	.....
Willmar	14.17	2.00	30.00	.....

*Not reported.

†Misunderstanding.

‡Large box.

**Also box to Birch Coulee.

FIFTY YEARS OF PROGRESS

An Historical Sketch of the Minnesota Branch of the
Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council
of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

1882-1932

By Elizabeth Paine Palmer

PREFACE

It is impossible within the limits of anything less than a volume to give in detail an adequate history of the Diocesan, Deanery, and Parish activities of the Minnesota Branch. Hence, a general treatment which does not satisfy the writer, has been adopted as the alternative. This necessitates the omission of personal references to the majority of those "who have borne the burden and heat of the day." Let those who have given of their best in this work count themselves among the great majority whose reward is in the success of the organization so dear to their hearts. It has been a joy to see it thrive and grow and reach its present level, probably the highest and broadest—if not the deepest—it has ever known. The best doubtless is yet to be. In the words of Miss Julia Emery:

Through all the years of the Woman's Auxiliary, the officers at headquarters have chiefly depended upon the voluntary service so unstintedly given and which no earthly record can ever show, which diocesan and parochial officers have rendered. Choice women—choice by reason of their Christian character, their Churchly zeal, their quick or studious intelligence, their ability to plan and to do large things—have repeatedly been placed in the care of Auxiliary work in parish or diocese and have not failed their trust. . . . There are other such women now whom the call to responsibility would awaken to service.

Detailed information in regard to the history of the Minnesota Branch will be found in the following sources:

An article by Mrs. Cora R. Brunson, in celebration of the Fifteenth Anniversary, in the Year Book for 1896-1897.

A review of the first twenty years in the Year Book for 1901-1902, and of the first twenty-five years, in the Year Book for 1906-1907, both by Mrs. Hector Baxter.

The Year Book for 1927-1928, was issued as a memorial tribute to Mrs. Baxter, whose active life work for the Auxiliary, first as Secretary-Treasurer, then as President, covered a quarter of a century, and who continued her interest and effort in its behalf for the remainder of her life as an Honorary Officer.

A short account of the history of the Gavel, and of Father Gear's Cross, prized possessions of our Branch, will be found also in the Year Book for 1927-1928.

"The Church in Saint Paul," by the Rev. William C. Pope, 1911, contains interesting articles by Miss Kathrene S. Sleppy on The Woman's Auxiliary, the Interparochial Missions Class, and the Junior Auxiliary, pages 140-146. In the same volume is a short article, (pages 207-209) on "Miss Carter's Lace School," and one on The Little Helpers (pages 248, 249).

A List of the Diocesan Presidents and of the Annual Meetings of the Branch are given in the Year Book 1928-1929.

The Year Book for 1931-1932, like all that have preceded it, is full of valuable reports of work accomplished. The writer of this article depends upon these current reports to give a vivid picture of present conditions and to supplement this sketch.

Acknowledgment of indebtedness is hereby made to articles and reports in the Minnesota Missionary and Church Record, which for the years before 1890 furnishes the only sources of information as to our Branch, except the Secretary's Minutes, and a little in the Diocesan Journals.

The same can be said for the two years, 1925-6, and 1926-7, when the publication of the Year Book was unfortunately omitted.

Information with regard to the National Woman's Auxiliary was obtained from "A Century of Endeavor," written by Miss Julia Chester Emery to commemorate the first hundred years of mission work in our Church; also from an article by Miss Emery, celebrating the Jubilee of the National Woman's Auxiliary, printed in the Spirit of Missions for July, 1920; and from a biography of Miss Emery by Miss Margaret A. Thomes.

INTRODUCTION

For the sake of a clearer understanding of the development and problems of the work in this Diocese, it seems worthwhile to review briefly the conditions that led to the formation of our National Woman's Auxiliary to the then Board of Missions, and the methods employed by its pioneers.

From the beginning of the Christian Era, women have been active in Church work, and it is doubtful if any parish worthy of the name in these United States was without a Parish Aid Society or Woman's Guild of some sort in 1871. Each of them worked primarily for the welfare of its own parish. In different parts of the country, a few neighboring parish societies had banded together locally to help a common cause that appealed to them, such as the Indians or the colored people, and a few parishes, through personal contacts, had become interested in the foreign field.

The largest of these groups was organized in 1868 by the Rev. Dr. Alvi T. Twing, Secretary of the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions, and had for its object the supplying of clothing and other necessities to our more than 150 missionaries in the domestic field. It was known as The Ladies' Domestic Relief Association, with headquarters in New York, and scattering parish branches in seven other states.

At the General Convention in Baltimore, in October, 1871, the growing conviction that the work of women in our own Church should be organized for more efficient service, crystallized in two resolutions, unanimously adopted, recommending that immediate steps be taken by the Secretaries of the Board of Missions to that end.

There already existed Women's Boards in the Congregational, Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, and Presbyterian Churches, that had shown the value of such national organizations of Christian women. Without such organization in our own Church there could be no general plan of work, and some parts of the mission field would surely be neglected.

When the Ladies' Domestic Relief Association did not feel equal to becoming the nucleus of such a national body, the Board of Missions appointed Miss Mary A. Emery to organize its Woman's Auxiliary, and sent a letter to rectors throughout the Church, "announcing her appointment as General Secretary, and asking their co-operation by the appointment of a Secretary in each parish. . . . To the 1,500 letters sent out, some 300 favorable replies were received. This, with the delicate and tactful work of Miss Mary Emery

in dealing with existing societies of women throughout the Church, was the beginning of the Woman's Auxiliary." (Life of Julia Chester Emery, p. 21ff)

Miss Mary Emery's first effort was to get in touch with all such societies and "to organize them along diocesan and parochial lines." Her work began January 2, 1872, in the Bible House, New York City, and the original policy of organization established by her was so simple and satisfactory as to need no change during these subsequent sixty years. "No written constitution seemed necessary," and even today there are few By-Laws. Each diocese and parish, however, was encouraged to adopt a constitution if desired, and to employ methods suitable to its needs.

"A group of women in any parish, doing missionary work of any sort, could call itself a parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. These branches taken collectively in any diocese, reporting to a general officer or board of officers, formed a diocesan branch. These diocesan branches in turn reported to Miss Emery, and taken as a whole formed the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. All baptized women in the Church were potential members, and all who took any part in praying, working, or giving, for missions were considered active members." The method of organization reminds one of a federation of clubs, formed for mutual benefit,—uniting for greater efficiency—while each local branch is largely free to pursue its own chosen work. This method of joining the Woman's Auxiliary remains essentially the same even at the present time.

When Miss Mary Emery resigned in March, 1876, to become the wife of Dr. Twing, her younger sister, Julia Chester Emery, was appointed to succeed her as General Secretary, and served in this capacity for forty years! During her term of office a branch of the Auxiliary was established in every diocese and missionary jurisdiction, both at home and abroad, with scattering branches also in Europe. A marvelous record!

Upon her resignation in 1916, Miss Grace Lindley, who had assisted her for eight years was appointed her successor for three years, till the next Triennial, and has been re-elected at each subsequent Triennial, and is still nobly carrying on the work. The organization is most fortunate in having been guided through all these years by three such devoted and able Christian women. Each of them in turn went around the world, visiting our missions and the branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in the orient and islands of the sea, and elsewhere, so far as possible.

Ever since the very first contacts, the Auxiliary has never entered a diocese without the approval of the bishop, nor a parish without the consent of its rector. Both courtesy and the spirit of the Episcopal Church require this. Were expediency, however, the only ground, this approach is shown to be most wise; for where the Auxiliary has thrived with a friendly rector, it has languished under a less friendly successor, whose lack of sympathy was probably due to misunderstanding the aims of the organization, or to a previous unfortunate experience with some of its officers—who, in common with church members generally, are decidedly human, and not always well-informed or wise.

THE MINNESOTA BRANCH

Organization. The organization meeting of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was called by our first great Bishop, Henry Benjamin Whipple, to meet in the afternoon of June 14, 1882, in the Guild Room of Christ Church, St. Paul, of which the Rev. Mahlon Norris Gilbert, was then Rector, who later became our beloved Bishop Coadjutor. Twenty-four delegates were present. The St. Paul churches were represented by two from Christ Church, two from the Church of the Good Shepherd, and four from the Church of St. John the Evangelist, and the Minneapolis churches by four from Gethsemane and one from St. Mark's. Two each came from Ascension Church, Stillwater, St. Mark's, Lake City, St. Peter's, Shakopee, and St. John's, Moorhead, and one each from Grace Church, Sauk Center, St. Paul's, Brownsville, and St. Paul's, Duluth—for the Diocese of Minnesota then included the entire State. The names of those present will be found in Mrs. Hector Baxter's review of the first twenty-five years of the history of the Branch, in the Year Book for 1906-7, together with many other items of interest concerning the early years that for lack of space cannot be repeated here. It was a most important and inspiring meeting with addresses by Bishop Whipple, the Rector, and Miss Cornelia Jay—Chairman of the Foreign Committee of the New York Branch—"who began as early as 1875 to issue her pamphlets and catechisms on the Foreign Mission fields," thus becoming a pioneer in the field of missionary education. From that day to this Headquarters has sent us of its best, and whenever possible our Executive Head has honored and inspired us with her presence. On this occasion, Miss Julia C. Emery wrote us an interesting letter, that was read together with one from Mrs. Rochester of Cincinnati.

The officers chosen for the ensuing year, 1882-1883, were: President, Mrs. Charles E. Mayo, of Christ Church, St. Paul; First Vice President, Sister Annette Relf, of Gethsemane, Minneapolis; Second Vice President, Mrs. Susan L. Hill (sister of Bishop Whipple), of Faribault; Secretary, Mrs. William B. Folds, of St. Mark's, Minneapolis; Treasurer, Mrs. Elbert Nixon, of Ascension Church, Stillwater.

An annual meeting was decided upon, the first to be held the following June, at the time of the Diocesan Council. Meantime the officers were authorized to meet and draw up a constitution, and send a copy of the same to each parish in the Diocese. This was done promptly,—St. Paul's and Christ Church, St. Paul, and St. Mark's and Gethsemane, Minneapolis, each contributing one dollar to cover the cost of printing.

Early Years. At the Guild House in Faribault, in the afternoon of June 7, 1883, occurred the First Annual Meeting. The attendance was small, but a full set of officers was again elected. The report of work done included boxes sent by Christ Church, St. Paul's Church, the Church of the Good Shepherd, and the Church of St. John the Evangelist, all of St. Paul, and by St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Ascension Church, Stillwater, and Trinity Church, Caledonia, to the total value of \$1,123.40, besides \$14.75 in cash.

At the Second Annual Meeting, also held at the Guild House in Faribault, in the afternoon of June 12, 1884, the attendance was so small that Bishop Whipple recommended holding future meetings in the Twin Cities, as more central, and changing the date of the annual meeting to early fall, before the season's work began. He also advised reducing the number of officers to two,—a President and Secretary-Treasurer. This in spite of the fact that there was an increase of over \$440 in the value of the boxes reported sent, and over \$35 more in cash contributions. Also, St. Mark's, Lake City, had been added to the list of those sending boxes. The Bishop's suggestions were all adopted and proved beneficial.

The first special meetings were held in 1884,—one at St. Paul's Church, St. Paul, October 6, and the other two days later in St. Mark's, Minneapolis. Both were called that the ladies might hear Mrs. Twing (formerly Miss Mary Emery), who since the death of her husband in 1883 had been made Honorary Secretary of the National Woman's Auxiliary. Both these meetings began with the Holy Communion. The offerings, amounting to \$19.58, were sent to Miss Julia Emery and by her divided between the Hospital at Tokio and Domestic Missions. This was the first recorded gift sent

from our Diocesan Branch to missions outside the Diocese.

The annual meeting held in Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis, September 30, 1885, opened at 10:30 A. M. with the Holy Communion, Bishop Whipple celebrating, and every annual meeting held since then has made this service of first importance. At this meeting there was the largest attendance yet, sixteen parishes being represented, including Northfield, Hastings, and Red Wing in addition to those previously mentioned. There was also an increase of over \$600 in the value of boxes sent,—the combined value of boxes and cash contributed amounting to \$2,278.82. This was the more remarkable, since during that year the one elected president had been unable to serve because of illness, and there had been but one active officer, the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Folds, of St. Mark's, Minneapolis.*

Officers. Until 1890 the two officers seem to have sufficed. But at the annual meeting of 1891, the two officers were "authorized to divide the Diocese into Convocations," the President of the Branch to appoint managers in the Convocations with the title of Vice President. Miss Sybil Carter's name appears as Vice President of the Northern Convocation with Mrs. D. M. Baldwin of Red Wing as Vice President of the Southern. These two convocations correspond to the present dioceses of Duluth and Minnesota. Through the appointment of these two Vice Presidents (with their assistants), it was hoped to bring the distant parishes into closer touch with those more centrally located,—the same idea which has since actuated the Deanery movement. In the following year, 1892, Mrs. Dennis Follett became Vice President of the Central Convocation, there being then three convocations in the Diocese. After 1895, these Vice Presidents were elected instead of being appointed by the President.

The Year 1895. This was a momentous year for our Church in Minnesota, for in October the General Convention met in Minneapolis at Gethsemane Church, the great meeting of the National Woman's Auxiliary being held in Christ Church, St. Paul. During the Convention, the Missionary Jurisdiction of Duluth was set apart, and in the division of the Diocese we lost the helpful branches of the Northern Convocation. Our President, Mrs. Cora R. Brunson, helped to organize the Auxiliary in the new Missionary Jurisdiction during the first year of its separate existence.

*NOTE: Mrs. Folds served from the beginning for two years as Secretary and the following six years as Secretary-Treasurer. Later she was United Offering Treasurer and Vice-President.

After the separation we maintained the Central and Southern Convocations, later changing boundaries to form a Northern, Central, and Southern Convocation within the present Diocese. From 1901 to 1908 the names Minneapolis, Saint Paul, and Faribault Convocations were substituted.

The Deaneries. Feeling the need of still smaller subdivisions as an aid to work (the convocations never having proved satisfactory), in 1909 the Minnesota Branch finally decided to follow the lead of the Diocesan Council by electing directors of our work in the six Deaneries of Faribault, Mankato, Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Willmar, and Winona. For over twenty years the Deaneries have remained essentially the same, though at present there is a plan to subdivide one or two of the larger ones. The Deaneries are working satisfactorily, and have practically settled the difficult matter of subdivisions.

The responsible officer of each Deanery was at first called Vice President, and elected at the Annual Diocesan Meeting, but since 1924 has been dignified by the term Deanery President. Each Deanery now elects its own President, and at the annual meeting she gives a condensed report of work done in her deanery during the previous year. From the first, this office has carried with it membership on the Executive Board.

Additional Diocesan Officers. These have been added gradually as needed. In 1898 it became necessary for the Secretary-Treasurer to have an assistant, and two years later the office was divided into Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, the duties of Treasurer being included with those of the Corresponding Secretary. In 1900 a Fourth Vice President was added to the list, and in 1901 a separate Treasurer was elected. In 1902 the Diocesan Auxiliary honored itself by establishing the custom, which has since prevailed, of asking the wife of each of our bishops to serve as an Honorary President. That year the names of Mrs. Whipple and Mrs. Edsall headed the list of officers. It was very recently decided, in accordance with the custom of other organizations, to honor the retiring Diocesan President temporarily as an Honorary President.

Educational Secretary. What are known as Heads of Departments have been added to the Executive Board one at a time, beginning with Miss Mary C. Smith as Educational Secretary, in 1912. Religious Education had been encouraged in many ways from the first, by program meetings, inter-parochial classes, inspiring addresses, etc., and in the second Year Book, 1892-3, the President emphasized the importance of Mission Study "in order to work and give intelligently"—

but only since 1912 has one member of the Executive Board given her undivided attention to fostering it. She has announced the books chosen for that year for particular study, suggested collateral reading, conducted normal classes for training leaders of parish study groups, and visited deanery and parish meetings to inspire and guide. The special Mission Study books used in our own Church since 1901 have been selected, or sometimes written for the purpose, by our own missionaries or church workers, but there has been much co-operation with other mission boards,—many denominations often studying the same text-book at the same time. The subjects are planned to cover periodically—about once in seven years—the whole mission field, both domestic and foreign.

Loan Library and Book Shop. In 1915-16, Mrs. F. E. Olney was appointed Assistant to Miss Smith, "to relieve her of official correspondence, leaving Miss Smith more free to direct the increasing numbers of Study Classes." The following year Mrs. Olney's duties were enlarged as "Custodian of Literature," and in the Year Book of 1919-20 she is recorded as Librarian of the Loan Library, financed by the Diocesan Branch. When more room was needed, in 1924, the Library was moved from her home to quarters in the business district of Minneapolis, and a varied stock was offered for sale in what was now known as the Book Shop. For over three years the Book Shop thrived under the auspices of the Executive Board, but it then seemed best for the Diocesan Auxiliary to retire from business, and to leave the ownership, as well as the management, in the hands of Mrs. Olney.

The Book Shop is now (1932) located up-stairs at 83 South Ninth Street, Minneapolis. It still houses the Loan Library of the Woman's Auxiliary, and is under the management of the present Librarian, Mrs. Louise M. Hanzlik. The books are largely of a religious or missionary character, including biography, and are especially helpful in Bible or Mission Study, or in reading for the cultivation of spiritual health and strength. Subject to a few of the usual library rules, they are free to any member of the Auxiliary, the clergy, and others, except for the payment of necessary postage by those unable to call at the Book Shop. Out of its Budget, the Executive Board appropriates annually one hundred dollars for additions to the Library, which is still under its care.

The Supply Secretary. From the very beginning, the box work (now known as the Supply Department), has been an inseparable part of the Woman's Auxiliary,—perhaps its

major activity. The work was always in charge of one of the leading officers and was an exacting care. As Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. B. F. Beardsley was the last one to do double duty. A separate Supply Secretary had long been needed to meet the growing demands of the work, and the Board gladly welcomed Mrs. C. E. Elmquist when she was elected to the office in November, 1925.

The Need for the Box Work. In the early days it was necessary to help out the meagre salaries of many of the clergy by sending family boxes of clothing and household supplies. In recent years the Church has endeavored with some success to raise the minimum of clergy salaries to a living wage, with a view to eliminating ultimately the need of personal boxes. However, at the General Convention in Denver, in 1931, the missionaries urged that the boxes be continued, as they are unable to buy for themselves satisfactorily in their remote stations,—a positive proof of the value of the boxes. Institutions, such as hospitals, orphanages, and mission schools, need much help of this kind and will continue to do so indefinitely. Because of international tariffs, the boxes are limited for the most part to the domestic field, which, however, includes the inhabitants of Alaska, Hawaii, and Porto Rico, as well as the mountain whites, Indians, etc., on this continent.

Since the box is virtually a part of the stipend of the missionary, or of the appropriation to the institution, it is thought fairer to undervalue rather than to overvalue its contents,—as had sometimes occurred when left to the judgment of the parish branch. Accordingly since the World War, a standard of values has been worked out at Headquarters, along Red Cross lines, in accordance with which all boxes are now valued. No credit is given for second-hand clothing or supplies, though such, if in fine condition, may be included, without reporting them for credit. The reduced valuation of each box makes it difficult, if not impossible, to compare present box reports with those of former years. Under a special Supply Secretary the number of parishes and missions working for the Supply Department has increased wonderfully. Interesting reports of this and other departments will be found in the current Year Book.

Growth of the Organization. The increase in the number of leaders required for the work is one indication of the growth of the work itself. There are now sixteen hard-working elective officers that form the Executive Board, in contrast with the two officers who were sufficient fifty years ago. In the early days meetings of the officers were

held irregularly—then before each diocesan meeting—and later quarterly—in the homes of the members. More frequent meetings of the Board became necessary, and the number was gradually increased until, for some years past, an all-day meeting has been held monthly in the Twin Cities, except for one or two months during the summer. In addition to the Executive Members of the Board, there are important Standing Committees and other workers—appointed, not elected—besides the Co-operating organizations, all doing valuable work for or through the Auxiliary, and giving most interesting reports at the Executive Board and Diocesan Meetings.

Yearly Diocesan Meetings. Instead of one yearly Diocesan Meeting, there are now three,—the Annual, the Semi-Annual, and the Mid-Winter. Formerly the Semi-Annual Meeting occurred at the same time and place as the Diocesan Council. The first was held in St. Paul's Church, St. Paul, June 7, 1894, and a Semi-Annual Meeting has been held yearly ever since. The attendance, however, has so increased that the Semi-Annual can no longer be entertained by the parish acting as host to the Diocesan Council. Together with the increased attendance there has been a steady growth of interest in the meetings. A meeting in Mid-Winter was first called for the afternoon of January 23, 1896, to receive the report of the Committee of Arrangements for entertaining the National Gathering of the Woman's Auxiliary in 1895, and to discharge the Committee. Forty-seven were present at Christ Church Guild Room—including Bishop Gilbert—and the meeting proved so interesting that a Mid-Winter Meeting has been held annually ever since, and has often been the most inspiring meeting of the year, because of its comparative freedom from routine business. All yearly Diocesan Meetings are now all-day meetings, beginning with the Holy Communion.

Revision of Constitution. All this growth and change has made necessary a revision of the Constitution about every ten years,—the latest revision, that of 1928, having already been amended.

Present Extent of the Work. Figures are usually misleading. The tabulated report in the Year Book for 1930-31 gives the latest available data, and an approximate idea of the present activity of the Branch. It shows that of all the parishes and missions, including the weakest,—according to the Diocesan Journal numbering 114 at the outside—nearly 100 are doing something through the Auxiliary in the form of mission work, either Diocesan or National—including the United Thank Offering.

Financial. Naturally the overhead expenses and commitments have increased with the growth of the organization both in the diocese and nationally. With the aid afforded by various other ways of raising money, the annual dues of one dollar for each parish continued the same from 1882 to 1914. They were then increased to two dollars and remain the same today. The revised Constitution of 1928 also accepts annual dues of twenty-five cents from individual members unable to join a parish branch; for, in common with the Church as a whole, the Auxiliary endeavors to reach, not only the most remote parishes, but also individuals scattered in this broad land who are deprived of all Church privileges. The above dues, when paid, make a parish, or an individual, a member in good and regular standing in the Diocesan organization. This amount, however, is far from covering the expense per parish of the Diocesan Auxiliary. A review of its regular expenses follows.

Scholarships. At the annual meeting at St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis, in 1889, two scholarships were established, in honor of Bishop Whipple and Bishop Gilbert, for the Jane Bohlen School in Wuchang, China, now known as St. Hilda's. These scholarships at first amounted to forty dollars each, but on account of the depreciation in the value of silver, were increased in 1918 to seventy-five dollars each. When Mrs. Cora R. Brunson (who had been a most efficient Diocesan President for twelve consecutive years) was about to resign in 1898—to become a missionary herself—the annual meeting, held that year at Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis, founded in her honor a fifty dollar annual scholarship at St. Mary's Hall, Shanghai, China. These three scholarships, amounting to \$200.00 annually, have always been regarded by the members as a first lien on the income of the Diocesan Auxiliary.

National and Provincial Dues. In order that the Minnesota Branch may be a member in good standing of the National and Provincial organizations, the Executive Board is now bound to pay annually twenty-five dollars to the expense account of the National Executive Board, and twenty dollars towards the expense of the branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Sixth Province to which we belong. This Province includes the eight states of Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota. The Woman's Auxiliary of this Province was organized at the time of the meeting of the Provincial Synod in the Twin Cities in October, 1914. It was again entertained in Minneapolis in Gethsemane Church in September, 1927. Two members of the Auxiliary in this Province represent us on the National Executive Board of sixteen members which meets

quarterly in New York City at the same time as the meeting of the National Council. From September, 1922, to October, 1925, Minnesota was honored by having Mrs. George H. Prince of St. Paul help to represent the Province in this capacity. She brought us in close touch with the National point of view. During this triennium (1931-1934), the Woman's Auxiliary of this Province has undertaken the cost of educating a young woman for work among the deaf, and Minnesota has pledged \$100.00 for the triennium towards this, and has paid the first installment. Each of the ten dioceses in the Province is doing the same.

Opportunities for Contact and Inspiration. Once in three years the Diocesan Branch is privileged to elect five delegates to the National gathering of the Woman's Auxiliary held at the time and place of the General Convention of the National Church. In order not to limit this representation to the wealthy, it was decided some years ago to pay the equivalent of the necessary expenses of two delegates—since one could hardly be expected to go alone—and the Branch for its own good must be represented. The amount is carefully estimated at the reduced rates allowed, and then spread to allow as many as possible to go, by some paying their own way in part, and others paying entirely. In this way it has been possible to send our full delegation of five, who bring back reports of the many important meetings which it would have been impossible for any two delegates to cover. Since the institution of the Budget, we have been represented by a smaller number of delegates at the Auxiliary meetings of the Sixth Province, held in the two years intervening between triennials. At the Provincial Meeting to be held in September, 1932, at Casper, Wyoming, we hope to be represented by one or two who must finance themselves, due to the present depleted condition of the treasury. Naturally only active members are eligible to the honor of representing the Diocese on these occasions, and the more active, the more eligible.

Local Expenses. None of the Executive Board receives a salary, but the expense of postage and stationery for all departments, the printing of the Year Book and lists of parish and diocesan officers, and of the diocesan letters, and programs, besides a very limited amount for traveling expenses of officers within the Diocese, including that of Deanery Presidents attending the monthly meetings of the Board, plus the necessary expenses of speakers from away at our Diocesan Meetings, would alone warrant increasing the dues, but no one wishes to do this. Struggling missions could not afford more, and it becomes the duty, as well as the privilege, of the branches in the self-supporting parishes to provide what is

needed over and above the dues.

Response to Appeals. In the early days, missionaries and bishops made frequent pleas for worthy causes at the Diocesan meetings, and generous pledges in response were made by delegates present in behalf of their branches,—and also personal pledges. Some of these delegates were unable, however, to carry home with them the thrill of the moment so as to arouse equal enthusiasm at the next parish meeting, and the parish often felt that its delegates had been over generous. Appeals became so frequent that a change was necessary.

When the Budget was established in 1923, it was decided to consider a response to all general appeals as one of the duties of the Executive Board, to be met so far as possible from the Budget. The Treasurer's annual report includes such disbursements under the item "Gifts," the annual total varying in recent years from \$255 to \$562.

Ways of Meeting Expenses. Red Mite Boxes. In 1887, Miss Julia Emery suggested the Red Mite Boxes to increase the funds available for missions,—the owner of each box agreeing to place therein at least two cents each Sunday, and to send or bring the contents each year to the Annual Meeting. Minnesota at once adopted the suggestion, and \$532 was returned the first year. The amount given annually during the years just before 1919 was about \$1,500.00. Because of the great amount of missionary work in Minnesota, Miss Emery allowed us to keep all of the first year's offering, and agreed to an equal division of subsequent Red Mite Box offerings between Diocesan and General Missions. That for General Missions was sent to Headquarters in New York City, and we were allowed to suggest the purposes for which it should be used. Out of this half, the scholarships were paid. While the amount received from the mite boxes increased, the proportion sent to Headquarters varied from two-thirds, during the period from 1895 to 1902, to one-third from 1902 to 1919. The amount retained covered the necessary expenses of the Branch, and considerable missionary work in the Diocese. Following the reorganization of the General Church in 1919, and the consequent adjustment of parish budgets to the pressure of the Nation-Wide Campaign, the amount received from the boxes was so reduced that only enough could be sent to New York to cover the scholarships, the part retained being insufficient to meet the needs of the missionary work in this Diocese depending on the offering.

Gaylord Memorial. From 1887 to 1919 (over thirty years), the Red Mite Boxes plus the dues had financed the

regular work, and the Diocesan Branch had to feel its way for a substitute. Of the temporary expedients to eke out the inadequate receipts during the continued use of the Red Mite Boxes (with diminishing returns), perhaps the only one needing mention is the plan known as the Gaylord Memorial in honor of a former president of the Branch. This included Class A, B and C pledges by which each parish promised to give annually for three years a certain sum to help pay scholarships, expenses, etc. These three-year pledges came to an end at about the time that the use of the Red Mite Boxes was discontinued.

Budget Plan. In this crisis, by authority of the Annual Meeting held in St. Mark's, Minneapolis, in October, 1923, the President, Miss Gertrude A. Norrish, appointed a committee to consider other means of raising money for general expenses of the Diocesan Branch, and for Church extension, and to report to the Executive Board. The plan accepted was based upon the average amount contributed by each parish branch during the preceding three years (including dues, mite box returns, etc.), and each was asked to pledge a similar amount for the coming year. The success of one year's trial warranted the renewal of the pledges for a period of three years. It has since been twice renewed for a three year period and will be brought up for further consideration. This is known as the Budget plan, and the \$1,250 per year requested is a very modest sum considering the many demands upon it. When the full amount is received, the Executive Board is able to plan the year's work with confidence and meet expenses with careful planning, but any reduction makes it difficult for them. The sum is not large enough to be relied on for anything in the way of Church extension, either within or without the Diocese.

Specials. From the very first we have had interests for which special sums were raised. Many of these have had to do with the Indians in Minnesota. Some will remember the support given to Miss Sybil Carter and her assistants, in their efforts to teach lace making to the Indian women for a number of years during the 1890's. This industry, while successful in many ways, did not prove to be the profitable means of livelihood, that was hoped for, and it was gradually abandoned. After Miss Carter's death, in 1908, the sum of fifty dollars was given for many years as a memorial to her, in the form of a scholarship in an Indian school in South Dakota. Money was also sent to Mrs. Cora R. Brunson to encourage her similar work among the natives in Hawaii, the Indians near Los Angeles, and her other missionary work.

Besides the boxes, of food, clothing etc., sent from the

beginning to our Indians at White Earth, Cass Lake, and Birch Coulee, the Diocesan Branch assisted in furnishing a secretary, when needed, to Miss Susan Salisbury, niece of Bishop Whipple, who for the greater part of her life—as Thank Offering worker under the National Woman's Auxiliary—was a mother to the Indians at Birch Coulee. During 1927 to 1929, the Auxiliary generously aided Archdeacon Couper in his successful efforts to raise a fund by which running water was provided in her home for the comfort of her declining years. Recently, through the efforts of our tireless Supply Secretary, Mrs. D. R. West, electric lights have been installed to brighten the home, mission house, and chapel of St. Cornelia, at Birch Coulee.

In October, 1914, the Diocesan Auxiliary gave a scholarship of \$1,000.00 to Saint Mary's Hall, Faribault, in memory of Grace Harmon Edsall—beloved wife of Bishop Edsall—who for over ten years had been Honorary President of the Minnesota Branch, and very active in its work.

For three years, beginning in 1919, we financed two Traveling Secretaries, one in behalf of the work of the Branch, the other for the Thank Offering.

The Diocesan Branch also helped to furnish and manage **Bishop Gilbert Hall** as a home for Church Girls at the University of Minnesota, and for a time during 1920-1921, supported Miss Alden Hewitt as a worker among the Church students at the University.

In honor of the Golden Jubilee of the National Woman's Auxiliary, all its Branches united to raise \$50,000.00, to be known as the **Emery Fund**,—the interest to be used for the care of retired women missionaries, or those at home on furlough, who often are ill or needing rest with no home to go to. When presented at the Portland Triennial in 1922, \$93,000.00 had already been raised, and the fund will always be an open one. To this fund Minnesota contributed \$1,558.35.

During the following triennium we were asked by the National Board to help raise the **Bishop Tuttle Memorial** to provide two buildings: Windham House in New York City, to be a home and training center for women graduates preparing for church work; and the Bishop Tuttle School in Raleigh, North Carolina, "for training young negro women for Christian leadership." The Minnesota Branch gave to this fund \$1,650.00, in 1925 at New Orleans.

Toward the **Corporate Gift** for Advance Work, 1926-8,—another undertaking of the National Woman's Auxiliary—our Branch met its pledge for \$1,000.00, and also gave to

Bishop McElwain \$500.00 for the aid of worthy students for the ministry in this Diocese.

At this point many will expect a report of the contribution from the women of this Diocese to the **Rebuilding Fund of St. Luke's Hospital**, Tokio, Japan, which was raised under the chairmanship of Mrs. McElwain, in 1928-9, with the Auxiliary taking such an active part. While we cannot claim this as a Special Fund of the Auxiliary, we will record its gratifying total of \$4,307.96.

In 1929, a fund of \$543.00 was raised by our Branch, which covered the expense of choir stalls and tablets in the **Chapel at Fort Snelling**, in memory of the first Chaplain at the Fort—our own beloved Episcopal Missionary—the Rev. Ezekiel Gilbert Gear. The furnishing of the Chapel was an interdenominational undertaking, and there were other gifts from our own Church.

This list of special funds raised by our women is by no means complete. Space forbids mentioning many amounts given for worthy objects both within and without the Diocese. Because of the depression, during this triennium and that preceding, the National Body made no request of us for special funds. However, the Diocesan Auxiliary, in 1930-31, raised \$1,500.00 to help the Diocese meet its pledge toward the **Advance Work** of the National Church, and at present is financing Mrs. Bach's rural work in the Diocese as part time field worker.

United Thank Offering. At the Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, in New York in 1889, there was instituted **The United Offering**,—to be presented at each Triennial by the members of the organization. It was to be a gift of gratitude for blessings received, and since 1919 has been called **The United Thank Offering**, to stress this thought. Its scope was also enlarged to include all the women of the Church—whether active or not in the Auxiliary—so that all may have the help of using the Blue Mite Boxes, and the joy of sharing in this gift of gratitude. The contents of the Blue Boxes are collected by the Parish United Thank Offering Treasurer, and presented in each parish at a Corporate Communion service of the women, and then sent to the diocesan U. T. O. treasurer, and by her forwarded to the National Treasurer.

The Minnesota Branch did not share in the first United Offering of \$2,188.64 in 1889, but contributed \$353.00 to the \$20,353.00 presented at Baltimore in 1892. The first offering was divided equally, to build a church in Anvik, Alaska, and

to send Miss Lovell as missionary to Japan. The next two offerings, totaling \$76,550.00, were constituted a Missionary Episcopate Fund, the interest on which has paid the salary of the Bishop of Alaska ever since 1898. Subsequent offerings have been used largely for the training and support of women missionaries in both the Home and Foreign Field (known as United Thank Offering Workers)—though a fixed sum is also used regularly for mission buildings.

In September, 1928, Minnesota's first Diocesan United Thank Offering Presentation was held in Christ Church, St. Paul, with Bishop Rowe of Alaska as speaker. The church was filled, and it was a thrilling moment when the amount of the offering was announced as \$10,438.59, passing the goal of \$10,000.00 which had been sought for eight years. At a similar service, held in Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis, prior to the General Convention in Denver in 1931,—with both Bishop McElwain and Bishop Keeler addressing us—the offering for the three years was again, in spite of the hard times, well over \$10,000.00. The National United Thank Offering, of which ours was a part, first passed the million mark when presented in 1928 at Washington, and again when presented in Denver three years later.

Our Work not pre-eminently Financial. It hardly seems fitting to have spent so much time discussing finances. It has been done solely so that each parish may have as clear an understanding of such matters as the Executive Board itself. The work of the Woman's Auxiliary is not pre-eminently the raising of money—so often the criterion in judging the success of an organization. The Educational side, with its consequent broadening of sympathy with all humanity, is more typical of the organization, and is the basis of any financial efforts. Inspiring it all is the spiritual atmosphere of its meetings and services—for even the smallest parish meeting, and every session of the Executive Board, opens with prayer, including a special collect written by Bishop McElwain for the work in the Diocese.

At our general meetings we have been informed and inspired by very many bishops and missionaries from both the home and foreign field. In 1912, at our Annual Meeting, Bishop Tuttle, while Presiding Bishop of the Church, preached to us from the text, "Come over into Macedonia and help us," declaring that women were auxiliary to Christ all through His life, and that we are continuing that work. Besides their presence and help at every Diocesan Meeting, all the Bishops of this Diocese have encouraged and inspired us, by holding special services—Quiet Days among them—and have helped in many ways with sympathy and advice.

During and since the World War, the Auxiliary has assisted to the limit of its ability, both in the Diocese and in the Nation, in the great spiritual endeavors of our National Church, viz.: The Pilgrimage of Prayer in the summer of 1917; The Advent Call in the early winter of 1918, and The Bishops' Crusade of 1926. The active part in the Pilgrimage and the Crusade devolved largely upon our Diocesan officers, but many of the members took part in the Advent Call.

In recent years the Minnesota Branch has been especially active in working for the success of the annual **Minnesota Summer Conference for Church Workers** with gratifying results. The department of Woman's Work has been largely in their hands.

Summer School of Missions. Since 1907, we have co-operated in the Twin Cities with the Inter-denominational Summer School of Missions in its annual week of educational and inspirational meetings, and many parishes throughout the Diocese have shared in its observance of a special Day of Prayer (now nation wide) at the beginning of Lent.

Co-operating Organizations. The Co-operating organizations: The Church Periodical Club, The Baby Branch or Little Helpers, and the Bishop's Guild (mentioned in chronological order of formation in the Diocese), each deserves an article by itself, but mere mention must suffice. However, the work of the Church Periodical Club is so closely associated with that of the Auxiliary in this Diocese, that many do not realize that it has an independent national organization, and works differently in other dioceses. The Minnesota Branch is most happy to assist in such a noble work.

Junior Auxiliary. The Junior Auxiliary was started in this Diocese about the same time as the Church Periodical Club (1891). It included the young girls of Church School age, and was more a daughter than a co-operating organization. At first it progressed slowly and required much nurture, but by 1911 it was thriving, having thirty-two branches. With the radical changes that took place in the General Church about 1919, the national Junior Auxiliary ceased to function as a distinct organization,—the attempt being made to combine its work with that of the Church School. Results have not been satisfactory in Minnesota, and at present there is in prospect the revival of the Junior Auxiliary in this Diocese.

Changes of the Year 1919. Since the Woman's Auxiliary is strictly an Auxiliary, every vital change in the government of the General Church affects it. Until 1919, it had been

Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, but when in that year The National Council was established by the General Convention at Detroit, and the Board of Missions became one of the Departments of The National Council, the women asked the privilege of becoming Auxiliary to The National Council in all its Departments. This request was granted for the time, until the plan of the Church Service League—with which the women were experimenting—should be tested and tried. So far as we know, outside the Diocese of Massachusetts, the League has seemed better adapted to large city churches than to the smaller parishes or to general diocesan use. Meanwhile the Auxiliary as a whole is endeavoring to live up to its new responsibilities by not only aiding the missionary, educational, and financial undertakings of The National Council, but also doing more in the way of social service and rural work.

The Minnesota Branch began immediately in 1919 by appointing a chairman of a Social Service Committee which did good work for some years. After an interim—during which only individual or parochial social work was carried on—there is now to be a Secretary for Social Service, and also a Secretary for Rural Work, who will be members of the Executive Board, through the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution at the Annual Meeting of May, 1932. This gives promise, through improved organization, of greater accomplishments in these lines in the future. We are still working toward a realization of all the suggestions made in 1919. One of these that was most helpful asked each parish to include in its program of work something for the Parish, the Community, the Diocese, the Nation, and the World,—a Five-fold Field of Service, which has broadened our outlook and efforts. Anything that concerns the welfare of the Church as a whole is now of moment to the Auxiliary as an organization in its desire to help.

As an echo of the spirit of the Triennial Meeting of 1919, may be quoted the concluding paragraph of an article written over ten years ago by Miss Julia C. Emery, in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the National Body.

"In the new Woman's Auxiliary it remains to show that home is a mission field, that everyone may be a missionary, and that every work done for the love of Christ, and in obedience to His word, hastens His Kingdom's coming."

It has been said that, if this country is ever to become truly Christian, it will probably come through experience in the mission field. Therefore, in our effort for those near at hand, let us not allow the pendulum to swing too far from the original work of the Auxiliary to the Board of Missions—for

we must include earnest work for distant Mission fields, if only to recharge our batteries for the work at home. The Motto of the Minnesota Branch, adopted in 1914, is as true today as it was in the time of Solomon:

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

HISTORICAL DATA

LIST OF THE PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Charles Edward Mayo (Caroline Eliza Fitch)
From June 14, 1882, to June 12, 1884.
Also from Sept. 30, 1885, to Sept. 20, 1887.

NOTE: At the annual meeting, June 12, 1884, at Bishop Whipple's suggestion, the number of officers was reduced to two—President and Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. E. H. Holbrook, Jr., was elected President, but was unable to serve, and Mrs. William B. Folds, Secretary-Treasurer, directed the work until the election in September, 1885.

Mrs. Cora R. Brunson (Cora R. Parsons)
From Sept. 20, 1887, to Oct. 4, 1899.

Mrs. Hector Baxter (Cornelia Barns)
From Oct. 4, 1899, to Oct. 21, 1914.

Mrs. Herbert C. Theopold (Anna L. Cole)
From Oct. 21, 1914, to Sept. 23, 1920.

Mrs. Edson S. Gaylord (Louise March)
From Sept. 23, 1920, until her death, Feb. 11, 1921.

Miss Gertrude A. Norrish (then Vice-President)
From Feb. 11, 1921, to Dec. 18, 1923.

Miss Katherine A. King
From Dec. 18, 1923, to Dec. 31, 1926.

Mrs. Francis L. Palmer (Elizabeth E. Paine)
From Jan. 1, 1927, to May 22, 1929.

Mrs. George J. Allen (Emma Viola Potter)
From May 22, 1929 —

LIST OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS

1st—The first Semi-annual Meeting was held at 2 P. M. on June 7, 1894, "in the parlor of the First Baptist Church, St. Paul," on the afternoon of the second day of the Diocesan Council held at Saint Paul's Church, St. Paul—the ladies of St. Paul's Church being the hostesses. Over 75 women were present, from 22 parishes.

NOTE: The custom of holding the Semi-Annual on the afternoon of the second day of the Diocesan Council prevailed for many years. If there were no parish house to accommodate the Auxiliary, rooms or a church were secured through the courtesy of a neighboring church of another denomination. From 1910 on it was usual to hold an adjourned meeting the following morning in the church (after the close of the Council), beginning with the Holy Communion. Gradually this developed into an all-day meeting held at some other time and place than the Diocesan Council. This has been the custom since 1922.

2nd—June 5, 1895, at the Guild House, Faribault.

3rd—June 4, 1896, Gethsemane Parish House, Minneapolis.

4th—June 3, 1897. Park Congregational Church, St. Paul, Ladies of St. John the Evangelist being hostesses.

5th—June 2, 1898. Parish House of St. Mark's, Minneapolis.

6th—June 7, 1899. Guild House, Faribault.

7th—June 6, 1900. House of Hope, St. Paul, ladies of Christ Church as hostesses.

8th—June 5, 1901. Parish House of St. Paul's Church, Winaona.

9th—June 4, 1902. Guild House, Faribault.

10th—May 27, 1903. Loring Hill Congregational Church, ladies of St. Paul's Church, Minneapolis, hostesses.

11th—May 25, 1904. Parish Room, Church of St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul.

12th—May 24, 1905. Presbyterian Church near Christ Church, Red Wing.

13th—May 31, 1906. Gethsemane Parish House, Minneapolis.

14th—May 23, 1907. House of Hope parlors, ladies of Christ Church, St. Paul, hostesses.

- 15th—June 3, 1908. Gethsemane Parish House, Minneapolis.
16th—May 26, 1909. Guild House, Faribault.
17th—May 25, 1910. Park Congregational Church, St. Paul, ladies of St. John the Evangelist, hostesses.
18th—May 30, 1911. Guild Hall, St. Paul's Church, Winona.
19th—May 22, 1912. Parish House, St. Paul's Church, Minneapolis.
20th—May 28, 1913. Parish Room, Church of St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul.
21st—May 27, 1914. Guild House, Faribault.
22nd—May 26, 1915. Gethsemane Parish House, Minneapolis.
23rd—May 24, 1916. Parish Room, Church of St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul.
24th—May 23, 1917. St. Paul's Church, Minneapolis, using St. Mark's Parish House the first afternoon.
25th—May 22, 1918. Christ Church, St. Paul, using Assembly Hall of Y. W. C. A. for first afternoon.
26th—May 28, 1919. Baptist Church, Faribault, ladies of Cathedral Parish as hostesses.
27th—May 26, 1920. St. Paul's Church, Minneapolis.
28th—May 25, 1921. First Methodist Church, St. Paul, ladies of St. Clement's as hostesses.
29th—May 24, 1922. Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis.
30th—May 23 and 24, 1923. Calvary Church, Rochester.
31st—May 14 and 15, 1924. St. Paul's Church, Winona.
32nd—May 20 and 21, 1925. St. John's Church, Mankato.
33rd—May 20, 1926. St. Mark's Church, Lake City.
34th—May 12, 1927. Ascension Church, Stillwater.
35th—Nov. 7, 1928. St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis.
36th—Oct. 25, 1929. Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis.
37th—Oct. 16, 1930. Church of St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul.
38th—Oct. 14, 1931. St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis.

LIST OF MID-WINTER MEETINGS

1st—Jan. 23, 1896. Christ Church, St. Paul.

NOTE: The first Mid-winter meeting was called to receive reports from committees that served during General Convention in the fall of 1895, and to discharge the committees. It met in the afternoon, Bishop Gilbert and 47 women being present. The interest was so great that it was decided to hold a Mid-winter afternoon meeting each year.

2nd—Jan. 13, 1897. St. Paul's Church, St. Paul.

3rd—Jan. 12, 1898. Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis.

4th—March 8, 1899. Christ Church, St. Paul.

5th—Jan. 10, 1900. Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis.

6th—Jan. 8, 1901. Church of the Good Shepherd, St. Paul.

7th—Jan. 21, 1902. St. Paul's Church, Minneapolis.

8th—Jan. 13, 1903. St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis.

9th—Jan. 20, 1904. St. Paul's Church, Minneapolis.

10th—Jan. 27, 1905. St. Peter's Church, St. Paul.

11th—Jan. 29, 1906. St. Mary's, Merriam Park, St. Paul.

12th—Jan. 20, 1907. St. Clement's, St. Paul.

13th—Jan. 20, 1908. Holy Trinity, Minneapolis.

14th—Jan. 27, 1909. Ascension Church, St. Paul.

15th—Jan. 22, 1910. St. Mary's, Merriam Park, St. Paul.

16th—Jan. 11, 1911. Holy Trinity, Minneapolis.

17th—March 18, 1912. St. Mary's, Merriam Park, St. Paul.

18th—Feb. 20, 1913. St. Peter's Church, St. Paul.

19th—Feb. 4, 1914. All Saints' Church, Minneapolis.

20th—Jan. 26, 1915. St. Matthew's Church, St. Paul.

21st—Feb. 3, 1916. St. Paul's on the Hill, St. Paul.

22nd—Feb. 9, 1917. Epiphany Church, Hamline, St. Paul.

23rd—Jan. 11, 1918. St. John's, Linden Hills, Minneapolis.

24th—Feb. 5, 1919. Holy Trinity, Minneapolis.

25th—Jan. 22, 1920. St. Mary's, Merriam Park, St. Paul.

26th—Feb. 2, 1921. Church of the Messiah, St. Paul.

27th—Jan. 25, 1922. Christ Church, Red Wing.

NOTE: This was the first Mid-winter meeting held outside the Twin Cities, also the first Mid-winter meeting held for all day, hence beginning with the Holy Communion. The attendance was small,—85 from 19 parishes. All subsequent Mid-winter meetings have been held for all day.

28th—Jan. 31, 1923. As the Diocesan Council was meeting at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, the Auxiliary met at 10:30 at Plymouth Congregational Church, St. Paul, and at 2:00 P. M. at St. John's Church Club House.

29th—Jan. 30, 1924. Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis.

30th—Jan. 27, 1925. Christ Church, St. Paul.

31st—Jan. 26, 1926. Epiphany Church, Hamline, St. Paul.

32nd—Jan. 25, 1927. St. Mary's, Merriam Park, St. Paul.

33rd—Jan. 19, 1928. St. John's, Linden Hills, Minneapolis.

34th—Jan. 25, 1929. St. Clement's Church, St. Paul.

35th—Jan. 22, 1930. St. Luke's Church, Minneapolis.

36th—Feb. 4, 1931. St. Paul's Church, Minneapolis.

37th—Jan. 27, 1932. St. Clement's Church, St. Paul.

LIST OF ANNUAL MEETINGS

A list of the first forty-seven Annual Meetings was published in the Year Book for 1928-1929. The following are added to complete the list for the fifty years:

48th Annual—St. Luke's Church, Willmar, May 21, 1930.

49th Annual—St. Paul's Church, Winona, May 27, 1931.

50th Annual—Christ Church, Austin, May 19, 1932.

INFORMATION

DIOCESAN MEETINGS

There are three Regular Diocesan meetings yearly: The Annual, in May, with election of officers; the Semi-Annual, in October; the Mid-Winter in January.

BOARD MEETINGS

The third Friday of each month at the St. Paul Town and Country Club.

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