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TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONTANA BRANCH OF
THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, JUNE 1, 1894.

The following sums have been contributed during the year for Missionary objects:

St. James', Bozeman:		
General Missions.....	\$ 15 00	
Bishop Brewer scholarship.....	5 00	\$ 20 00
Trinity, Madison Valley: General Missions.....	5 00	5 00
Incarnation, Great Falls: Bishop Brewer Scholarship...	5 00	5 00
St. James', Dillon:		
Missions in Montana.....	25 00	
Hospital at Anvik, Alaska.....	8 00	
Scholarship, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa.....	25 00	
Bishop Brewer scholarship.....	5 00	
Mr. N. Gaither, colored work.....	20 00	
Two bundles clothing—one to Good Physician Hospital, Columbia, S. C., one to Mr. Gaither, Hopkinsville, Ky.....	8 70	
Junior Auxiliary:		
Alaska, bundle.....	8 00	
Colored work, bundle.....	2 00	101 70
St. John's, Butte:		
St. John's Guild:		
Apron sent to Auburn, Maine.....	1 50	
Episcopate Fund.....	23 50	
Junior Auxiliary:		
Doll, Hospital, Helena.....	6 00	
Missions to Indians.....	24 20	
Woman's Auxiliary:		
Domestic Missions.....	18 80	
Bishop Brewer scholarship.....	5 00	79 00
St. Peter's, Helena:		
Junior Auxiliary:		
Missions in Montana.....	6 50	
Woman's Auxiliary:		
Missions in Montana.....	50 00	
Domestic Missions.....	36 85	
Foreign Missions.....	36 85	
Bishop Brewer scholarship.....	5 00	
Box sent to Dr. Glenton Hospital, Anvik, Alaska...	29 85	165 05
"G." Domestic Missions.....	5 00	5 00
Total.....		\$380 75

The following sums have been raised for Parochial objects:

Billings, St. Luke's Guild.....	\$	130	00
Livingston, St. Andrew's Guild.....		111	80
Glendive, St. Matthew's Guild.....		915	85
Philipsburg, The Guild.....		441	50
Granite, St. Mary's Guild.....		90	25
Deer Lodge, St. James' Guild.....		177	70
Anaconda, St. Mark's Guild.....		651	75
Butte: St. John's Guild.....	\$	189	71
Junior Auxiliary: for Christmas.....		10	50
Dolls for Children's Home.....		4	00
Dress		1	50
Great Falls, The Guild.....		461	15
Miles City, Ladies' Aid of Emanuel Church.....		154	50
Kalispell, Christ Church Guild.....		277	70
Madison Valley, Trinity Guild.....		26	55
Missoula, Ladies' Guild.....		551	75
Bozeman, Ladies' Guild of St. James' Church.....		195	00
Dillon, St. James' Guild.....		34	58
Fort Benton.....		129	40
Virginia City, St. Paul's Guild.....		108	70
Neihart, Ladies' Guild.....		22	40
Helena:			
Altar Guild.....	\$	135	00
"Sunshine Circle," Daughters of the King.....		1	90
Ladies' Guild.....		300	00
Total.....		436	90
Total.....	\$	5,123	19
Recapitulation:			
General Missionary objects.....	\$	221	20
Diocesan Missionary objects.....		111	00
Value of boxes.....		48	55
Total Missionary objects.....	\$	380	75
Total Parochial objects.....		5,123	19
Total.....	\$	5,503	94

Although the amount raised this year by the women of Montana is less than last year, yet taking into consideration the great financial depression, we have no need to feel discouraged over what we have done.

In comparing the sums total of this year and last we find that while we are \$1,226 behind for parochial objects, our missionary total is only \$76 less; showing that while the hard times have affected us to some extent in our home work, they have not hardened our hearts to the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. Helena is the only parish which

has fallen off this year in missionary work, and this is explained in a great degree by the fact that three of its most zealous workers were away the greater part of the year.

Great Falls has joined in the missionary work this year for the first time, and we hope the good rector will give us a little of the same energy which he has so bountifully expended on the St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

Bozeman and Dillon have done more this year than last, the latter place nearly doubling their offering, while the Auxiliary in Butte have raised three times as much as they did last year.

All this is most encouraging, and shows us what can be done when a few faithful women put their shoulders to the wheel and determine that they will follow their blessed Master's last command. In the morning lessons of the Church year at this time we read how the women were last at the Cross and first at the grave, and that their reward on the resurrection morning was "the first sight of the Risen Lord, and the first words from his lips, 'All hail, be not afraid, go tell my brethren.' Does not this show to us the position He assigns to us in His Church, not to preach or baptize, not to break the Bread of Life, not with authority to bind or loose, or to commission others, but simply to tell the good news." "Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King. Tell it out among the highways and hedges at home." And all through the centuries since, many good women have heard these words and obeyed them.

In most of the reports mention is made of sewing for the poor in their own towns, showing that we are beginning in the right way with charity at home, but we must remember that nothing is said about it stopping there.

One pleasant feature of our work this year has been the raising of the African scholarship, which we hope to name after our good Bishop. This general work, to which all the parishes and missions can contribute a little, serves to bind us together and make us feel that we are one family, working together for the one great cause.

This scholarship of \$25.00 we have pledged ourselves to raise for five years, so the little heathen child may have a chance to grow up and become firm in the faith of our blessed Master. This money was raised so easily and by only five places, that the Managers of the Auxiliary suggest that another general object be taken up, so that each parish or mission may have a chance to give something, and it is thought it would be well for us to help our Bishop, and let him suggest what work in Montana needs our aid the most. The Managers also suggest the advisability of a general box for some portion of the mission field, to which any woman in Montana, whether living in a parish or away from such privileges, may send one or more garments, as she feels able. It is an old saying that "many a little makes a muckle," and it is as true as it is old. How much we could accomplish for missions if each woman in Montana would do a little, and if the time should ever come the next report would be that

each woman had done a great deal. For good habits, like bad ones, grow stronger by using them, and there is no luxury like the luxury of giving.

The love of humanity which our Saviour brought into the world has been a growing force during all these nineteen centuries, and is stronger to-day than ever before. "Each man for himself and the devil take the hindmost" is found out to be not only unchristian, but poor policy. It does hurt us in many ways if there is dirt and filthiness in the bodies and minds of any of our fellow-citizens, and the lives of the American people can never be what they should be until the whole world is living up to the highest Christian standard, and that cannot be done until every man and woman do their share in this great work.

My friends, it is not the clergy that must do this work; that would be impossible. They are our leaders. We are the ones to work. With our Great Captain at our head, our Bishops and clergy for our generals and captains, why will not we, the Church Militant, fight on with more vigor against the world, the flesh and the devil, until every corner of the world has heard of our blessed Saviour, until the Golden Rule is the rule of every life, until God's will is done on earth even as it is in heaven?

MARY R. P. HOOKER, *Secretary.*

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