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Report of the Secretary.

The "New Jersey Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, held its regular semi-annual meeting in St. Michael's Church, Trenton, on Wednesday, May 17th, at half-past ten o'clock.

The Ante-Communion Service was read, Bishop Scarborough, Rev. Dr. Twing, and Rev. Wm. H. Neilson, Rector of St. Michael's Church, taking part. After a short address by the Bishop the Holy Communion was celebrated.

At the conclusion of the service the business meeting was called to order, the President, Mrs. Tiffany, taking the chair.

The reports of work done in the different departments of the Society during the past year were then read, showing the following result :

Diocesan and Domestic Missions.....	\$2,181 53
Indian Mission.....	355 59
Freedmen and Mormons.....	578 40
Foreign Missions.....	149 79
Elizabeth Branch.....	111 02
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Total.....	\$3,376 33
Amount raised last year.....	\$2,239 01
Increase.....	\$1,137 32

At the suggestion of Mrs. Tiffany and with the approval of Bishop Scarborough, the subject of incorporating in the work of the Society the system of the "Mite Collections" in aid of the debt of the Board of Missions, was then brought up for discussion, and it was unanimously

Resolved,—That "the Secretary be requested to prepare a circular to be sent to each Rector in the Diocese, requesting him to appoint in his parish some lady to take charge of these 'Mite chest or five cent collections,' and to report the amount so raised to the Secretary of this Society. In those parishes where such a system is already in working order, the Secretary will simply request that the collections be reported to her."

These reports are to be sent in each Spring and Autumn, previous to the regular meetings of the Society, of which due notice will be given. The money will be received by Miss Julia C. Emery, 21 Bible House, New York.

The direct object of this plan is to relieve the indebtedness of the Board of Missions, and is not a substitute for any work now doing. By it, it is proposed to obtain additional contributions of one, two, three, four or five cents per week from those who already give liberally and from those who have not heretofore given at all. It is capable of being moulded in each parish to the particular form best suited to its usefulness there. It gives to persons of the smallest means and to children an opportunity of contributing, and secures systematic effort, without which missionary work oftentimes becomes ineffectual in its results.

The duty of the Treasurer appointed by the Rector is first to obtain pledges from the members of the congregation, and then to secure the regular weekly or monthly payment of the same, this requiring on her part earnest industry and painstaking. Though there be much detail in the work the result will prove its worth.

It seems proper that this should become the legitimate work of the "Woman's Auxiliary," in order that organizations should not be *unnecessarily multiplied*.

CHARLOTTE M. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.,
May, 1877.

Diocesan and Domestic.

In behalf of the "New Jersey Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions," the President taking charge of the Diocesan and Domestic departments, begs leave to present the following report of work done during the past year:

MOORESTOWN,

TRINITY CHURCH.

Forwarded, Jan. 31st, to Rev. R. S. Nash, Fort Worth, Texas,—a box containing personal clothing and household articles.
Value,.....\$63 00

SALEM,

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Forwarded Nov. 20th, to Rev. Wm. A. Schubert, of Penn's Neck, a box containing clothing for children.
Value,.....\$76 00
Also, cash,.....17 00

Total,\$93 00

BEVERLY,

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Forwarded in March, to Rev. Wm. A. Schubert, of Penn's Neck, Mattresses and clothing.
Value,.....\$132 50

MOUNT HOLLY,

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

Forwarded Dec. 15th, to Marquette, Michigan, a box containing clothing, bedding and books.
Value,.....\$225 00

NEW BRUNSWICK,

CHRIST CHURCH & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Forwarded in December, to Rev. G. Stewart, Minnesota, a box containing clothing for entire family.
Value,.....\$240 00

PRINCETON,

TRINITY CHURCH.

Forwarded in November, to Rev. Wm. A. Schubert, of Penn's Neck, a box containing clothing.
Value,.....\$85 00

Also in December, to Sister Eliza, (Miss Barton,) of Denver, Colorado, a box of clothing.

Value,.....45 00

Also a shawl to a Deacon, in the same Missionary field.	
Value,.....	8 00
Also in Feb., to the Domestic Board of Missions, through this Society, a cheque for,	30 00
Also Mite Chest collection for debt of the Board of Missions,.....	46 00
Total,.....	<u>\$214 00</u>
FREEHOLD,	ST. PETER'S CHURCH.
Forwarded in March, to the Rev. Oliver Wilson of Cheneyville, Louisiana, a box containing personal clothing.	
Value,.....	\$60 00
NEW JERSEY,	A CLERGYMAN
Of the Diocese forwarded to a brother clergyman of the South, a coat.	
Value,.....	\$10 00
SOUTH AMBOY,	CHRIST CHURCH.
Forwarded in April, to the Rev. J. W. Sellwood, of Oregon City, a box of clothing.	
Value,.....	\$90 00
VINELAND,	MRS C. A. WELLMAN.
Forwarded a coat and muff to the children of a clergyman in the Diocese.	
Value,.....	\$10 00
SOMERVILLE,	ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
Forwarded Feb. 16th, a box to the Rev. Andrew D. Drummond, Miss., containing suit and family clothing.	
Value,.....	\$82 85
RAHWAY,	HOLY COMFORTER.
Forwarded in April, to the Rev. J. W. Sellwood, Oregon City, a box containing personal clothing.	
Value,.....	\$78 25
ELIZABETH,	TRINITY CHURCH.
Forwarded in March, to a clergyman in the Diocese, a box of clothing.	
Value,.....	\$55 00
Also in April, to Rev. Mr. Waterman, Missouri, a box of household articles and clothing.	
Value,	115 00
Also a box to Minnesota.	
Value,.....	60 00
Total,.....	<u>\$230 00</u>

PLAINFIELD,

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Forwarded in March, to a clergyman in the Diocese, a box of clothing.

Value,	\$75 00
Also to Rev. Wm. A. Schubert, a shawl.	
Value,	10 00
Also to Rev. Mr. Morris, of Dakota, a clerical coat.	
Value,.....	15 00
Total,.....	<u>\$100 00</u>

WESTFIELD,

GRACE CHURCH.

Forwarded in May, to the Rev. Mr. Morris, of Dakota, a box of clothing, &c.

Value,	\$8 00
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BURLINGTON,

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Forwarded January 2d, to Rev. W. H. Washburne, of Fort Fairfield, Maine, a box of clothing and household linen.

Value,	\$154 20
Also clothing for students of Burlington College.	
Value,.....	10 00
Total,.....	<u>\$164 20</u>

MOUNT HOLLY,

TRINITY CHURCH.

Forwarded in April, to Dakota for Rev. Mr. Morris, a box of clothing, &c.

Value,.....	\$70 00
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PLAINFIELD;

GRACE CHURCH.

Forwarded in March, to the Rev. Mr. Jessup, of Pass Christian, Mississippi, a box containing clothing and surplice.

Value,	\$180 00
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To this report must be added some amounts not included in the printed report of last Spring, in order that the parishes shall have full credit for work accomplished, viz:

PRINCETON,

TRINITY CHURCH.

To a clergyman,.....	\$40 00
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FREEHOLD,

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

To the Rev. Mr. Gadsden, of South Carolina, a box of clothing.	
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Value,.....	\$91 23
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Making an aggregate of:

Moorestown,	Trinity Church.....	\$63 00
Salem,	St. John's.....	93 00
Beverly,	St. Stephen's.....	132 00
New Brunswick,	Christ Church and St. John's.....	240 00
Princeton,	Trinity.....	254 00
Freehold,	St. Peter's.....	151 23
New Jersey,	A clergyman of the Diocese.....	10 00
South Amboy,	Christ Church.....	90 00
Vineland,	Mrs. C. A. Wellman,.....	10 00
Somerville,	St. John's.....	82 85
Rahway,	Holy Comforter.....	78 25
Elizabeth,	Trinity.....	230 00
Mount Holly,	St. Andrew's.....	225 00
"	Trinity.....	70 00
Burlington,	St. Mary's.....	164 20
Westfield,	Grace.....	8 00
Plainfield,	Holy Cross.....	100 00
"	Grace.....	180 00
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	Total.....	\$2,181 53

ELIZABETH TIFFANY.

May 17th, 1877.

PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY.

The Indian Mission.

The Vice-President taking charge of this branch in submitting this report, feels greatly encouraged with the increase of interest manifested during the last six months, and trusts there will be no abatement of the zeal in this, the great recognized work of the Church.

The needs of this Mission are daily increasing, owing to the massing of the Sioux Indians under Spotted Tail; this giving double duty to the Mission workers, crowding the chapels and schools to their utmost capacity, increasing the expenses, and calling for additional assistance.

An appeal has been made to this branch of the Indian Mission by Mrs. Graff, Secretary of the Indian's Hope, Philadelphia, for the Hinman Memorial, which is submitted to your kind consideration.

The following amounts, in cash and boxes, have been distributed:

ROSELLE,	ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.
For St. Mary's School Santee.....	\$15 50
BEVERLY,	ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.
For Rev. Mr. Rogers, under Bishop Hare.....	\$52 00
BEVERLY,	ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.
From Sunday School, for the Niobrara storeroom, 1 box.	
Value,.....	\$50 09
TRENTON,	ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.
Proceeds of a fair held by the Young people.....	\$50 00
SHREWSBURY,	CHRIST CHURCH.
For St. Paul's Mission for boys, Dakota, 1 box.	
Value,.....	\$105 00
NEW BRUNSWICK, CHRIST CHURCH AND ST. JOHN'S THE EVANGELIST. 1 box.	
Value,.....	\$78 00
PLAINFIELD,	A LADY.
Through Mrs. Tiffany,.....	\$5 00
Total,	\$355 59

In addition to the boxes and money reported, there have been acknowledged in the "Spirit of Missions," during the past winter from the Diocese of New Jersey, other contributions for Indian Missions amounting to \$283.76, sent probably by many parishes, which have not yet realized that this organization is now in working order, and the most appropriate and convenient channel through which to forward their donations.

According to the report of the Indian Commission, of the 266,000 Indians in the United States, (Alaska not included,) 104,818 now wear citizen's dress. Since 1868 the number of houses occupied by Indians has increased from 7,476 to 55,718, of which 1,702 were built last year. Schools have increased during the same period from 11 to 344,—and Teachers from 134 to 437. The number of pupils was then 4,718, now they number 11,338. There are 187 Churches on the Indian Reservation, and 27,215 Indians are church members. The area of land cultivated in 1868, was 54,207, and in 1876, it had increased to 318,194 acres.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MRS. DELANCEY CLEVELAND,

Vice-Pres't, Indian Department.

PAULINE MACKINNON,

Secretary.

May 17th, 1877.

Freedmen and Mormons.

The Vice-President taking charge of the work for the Freedmen and Mormons, in the New Jersey Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, to the Board of Missions, respectfully reports, having written individually to all the Parishes in the Diocese, (except a few so very feeble as to seem useless,) making urgent appeals for the branches of work committed to her care. In response, letters of interest and sympathy were received from those unable to assist, either from inability, or from being pledged to other branches of the Missionary work.

From Christ Church, Woodbury, a box was sent valued at \$30.

From Trinity Church, Princeton, a box valued at \$30, to Mrs. Roberts, the wife of a young Deacon recently ordained, for whom Dr. Crummel made an urgent appeal for assistance. This box was sent to Washington, D. C., where Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are assisting Dr. Crummel, in his great Mission among the thousands of colored people, who flocked there as to a Mecca after the war.

From Princeton, also contributions were received for a box for Mrs. Jennings, to the amount of \$22.90.

From St. Peter's, Freehold, a contribution was received also for Mrs. Jennings, valued at \$20.

From St. John's, Salem, a box was sent to Mrs. Jennings, not only of intrinsic value, but each article so judicious, and suitable in material, pattern and execution, that it deserves especial mention as being a model box. Its sterling value being increased by the exquisite folding and packing of the offerings. It was valued at \$94.50.

From St. Andrew's, Bridgeton, a nice box was also sent to Mrs. Jennings, prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Benj. Hartley, formerly a Missionary on the African Coast, and was valued at \$81.

From St. Mary's, Burlington, two boxes were sent to Mrs. Jennings, valued at \$300.

In explanation of so large a proportion of assistance being sent to Mrs. Jennings, her needs were so great, comprising not only the wants of her own and her son's household (the latter being a licensed lay-reader) but a school of seventy or eighty almost destitute pupils

in an almost destitute community. By this concentration of efforts, her needs have been supplied and more accomplished than by scattering scanty offerings over a wider field. Hundreds have been taught to read and write, and have been instructed in holy living, through this Mission, thirty-six having been baptized last month.

In Mount Holly and Middletown work is in progress for the Freedmen, but not yet sent off.

Nothing has been done for the great work among the Mormons in this branch, though the letters of Bishop Tuttle and his helpers elicited expressions of interest and promises for the future.

The following is the aggregate of boxes sent off:

Woodbury, Christ Church, 1 box.....	\$30 00
Bridgeton, St. Andrew's, "	81 00
Salem, St. John's, "	94 50
Freehold, St. Peter's "	20 00
Princeton, Trinity, 2 boxes.....	52 90
Burlington, St. Mary's, "	300 00
 Total.....	 \$578 40

Respectfully submitted,

MARY LANSING.

Foreign Missions.

The Foreign work through the New Jersey Branch of the Womans' Auxiliary can report but little accomplished during the past winter.

In the early part of the season an appeal was sent to every clergyman in the Diocese. Many of the letters were never acknowledged. It is only hoped that the echo of the appeal is still lingering in the minds of the clergy and that soon their parishes will be aroused to the important duty of scattering the Gospel seed on distant shores.

Information has been received of the organization of two Missionary Societies, which is somewhat encouraging. One at Elizabeth embraces all the churchmen of the city. The Rev. Stevens Parker writes—"we organized with sixty-five members, and are daily increasing in numbers."

St. Michael's parish, Trenton, has also formed a "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," and has been much encouraged with the result of the "five cent collections." The Treasurer at the first

quarterly meeting reported \$29.43, which will be appropriated for African Missions. At the first public meeting in April, Bishop Penick made an earnest appeal to a large congregation.

The following amounts have been received during the year:

PRINCETON,	TRINITY.
Through Mrs. Conover.....	\$40 00
FREEHOLD,	ST. PETER'S.
Through Mrs. Vought.....	\$15 50
FREEHOLD,	ST. PETERS.
Second offering through Mrs. Vought.....	\$22 85
TRENTON,	ST. MICHAEL'S.
Centennial offering from S. School.....	\$25 34
TRENTON,	ST. MICHAEL'S.
Part proceeds of a fair by S. School.....	\$14 67
TRENTON,	ST. MICHAEL'S.
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	\$29 43
MOORESTOWN,	TRINITY.
A poor widow for Miss Neilson's salary.....	\$2 00
Total.....	\$149 79

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA J. REED,
Vice-President taking charge of Foreign Dept.

The Elizabeth Branch of the "Woman's Auxiliary" report the following collections:

For Mexico.....	\$8 04
" " Trinity Parish.....	1 00
" " China.....	3 45
" " Duane Hall.....	17 97
" " Mrs. Schereschewsky's Mission.....	4 20
" " Indian Mission.....	5 00
" " Foreign Missions.....	32 78
" " Domestic Missions.....	38 58
Total.....	\$111 02

MATILDA L. ARDEN,
Treasurer.

Of the N. J. Branch of "Woman's Auxiliary" the Treasurer reports:

May 2d, 1876, to balance on hand.....	\$13 82
" " Collection at meeting.....	14 00
Total receipts.....	\$27 82

DISBURSED.

From May 2d, 1876, to May 17th, 1877, by cash for sta-	
tionery, printing, &c.	\$21 96
May 17th, 1877, balance in Treasury.	5 86

CHARLOTTE M. TAYLOR.

President's Address.

Allow me, ladies, in reviewing the work of the past year, to offer to you a few words of thanks and congratulation; thanks for your cordial acceptance of the work proposed to you, and congratulation upon its successful accomplishment.

Every case in this Diocese which has been presented to us has received relief; also you have heard in the reports just read the efficient work done in other parts of the Domestic field, including the Indian, Freedmen and Mormon departments.

To myself, and I trust to you also, the preparation of boxes for clergymen in the South has been a peculiar pleasure; for in these days of party strife in our country, what may so efficiently tend to break its power as the manifestation of the Spirit of our Divine Master, who, in his boundless love, ignored all differences of race and condition, and to whom all were one in Christ Jesus.

What has been done in the Foreign department by the women of this Association, deserves special commendation, owing to the fact that this branch of labor requires more, particularly the raising of money, which is accomplished with greater effort oftentimes, than that required for the preparation of boxes of clothing for the Missionary.

If we apply to our Society the principle, in this the second year of its existence, that growth is the chief evidence of life, we shall have reason to feel encouraged. Not only is the aggregate amount of work accomplished, computed by dollars and cents, greater than that of last year, but it is cheering to know that parishes small in numbers and resources have this winter, for the first time, identified themselves with our work. The individual burdens of a parish are sometimes urged as a plea for declining Missionary effort, but let such remember that much may be accomplished with but small outlay of money where there is the active brain to plan, and willing

THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
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A preliminary meeting of the ladies of the Diocese, was held at Elizabeth, on December 8th, 1875, to consider the formation of a Diocesan Missionary Society.

Miss Emery, Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, addressed the meeting, explaining the great need of system and order necessary for the perfect working of the Missionary cause, and the strong desire felt by those interested in the work, to establish branch societies, thus dividing the labor, interesting the many, and spreading throughout the country a more thorough knowledge of the great work yet to be done.

A second meeting was called at New Brunswick, on January 5th, 1876, at which Bishop Scarborough presided. The Society was formed and the work divided in the following manner.

President.

MRS. SCARBOROUGH.

Vice Presidents.

MRS. ELIZABETH TIFFANY,
Diocesan and Domestic Missions.

MRS. FREDERICK W. FOOT,
Missions to the Freedmen and Mormons.

MISS CLARA J. REED,
Foreign Missions.

The lady delegates were requested to use their influence in forming Missionary Societies in the Parishes they were representing. It was arranged that all communications, applications for work, and the like, should be sent to the Vice Presidents, at the head of the different departments; and that all Missionary work done in the Parish Societies should be *regularly reported to them*.

At a third meeting, held in Burlington on May 2d, 1876, (although the society had been in existence but a few months,) the report of the Missionary effort was most encouraging. Thirty-one Parishes had expressed their willingness to work, with and under the organization.

Mrs. Tiffany, Vice President of the Diocesan and Domestic Missions, reported that eighteen boxes had been sent out, seven of which went to Missionaries in the Diocese, and were valued at \$822.16.

Christ Church and St. John's, New Brunswick, sent 3 boxes, value,	\$305.30
St. Stephen's, Beverly, sent 1 box, value	100.00
St. Paul's, Rahway, 1 box and cash	117.00
Trinity, Moorestown, 1 box	14.00
Christ, South Amboy, 1 box	56.00
St. Peter's, Freehold, 1 box	28.00
Trinity, Mt. Holly, 1 box	24.86
St. Peter's, Perth Amboy, 2 boxes	62.00
St. Michael's, Trenton, 2 boxes	200.00
St. Mary's, Burlington, 2 boxes	500.00
Holy Cross and Grace, Plainfield, 1 box and cash	200.00
Grace, Plainfield, 1 box	85.00
Total	<hr/> \$1,742.16

Doubtless other boxes have been sent, but the Vice President has failed to receive any report of them from the Parish Societies.

Mrs Delaney Cleveland reported in behalf of Indian Missions,	
St. John's, Salem, 1 box and cash.	\$67.50
St. Michael's, Trenton, Mothers' Meeting Mite-chest	1.35
Total	\$68.85

Miss Reed reported in behalf of Foreign Missions,	
Christ Church, Woodbury, collection	\$35.00
Christ Church Guild, Woodbury	11.00
Trinity, Princeton, for Salary of Female Teacher	32.00
St. Mary's Hall, Burlington	13.00
St. Michael's, Trenton, Scholarships	80.00
Total	\$171.00

This, with a box before reported from Christ Church, Shrewsbury, \$213.00, and a collection taken up at the meeting for incidental expenses, of \$44.00, makes the total offering from the Woman's Auxiliary for this Diocese since December, 1875, \$2,239.01.

CHARLOTTE M. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

Plainfield, N. J., May 25th, 1876.

fingers to ply the needle. The Church, like the individual, is never more blessed than when her sympathies give themselves expression in acts of love towards others.

I need not tell you how earnestly I desire the advancement of the interests of this society, and I think what we need to ensure its success, is a more general representation of the Parishes at our two meetings, occurring in the spring and autumn. I know there are many women in this Diocese, whose presence would not only add encouragement and interest to these gatherings, but who would return to their homes and parishes filled with Missionary zeal, and ready to impart to others the needed inspiration to carry forward the good work. Doubtless in many cases the expenses of the journey make it impracticable for persons to attend these meetings, and to obviate this difficulty I would offer the suggestion that each parish, society make an appropriation for the special purpose of sending two or more delegates to each meeting. I hope that this matter will receive thoughtful consideration, for I believe that such an appropriation would ultimately be productive of as much good as the same amount devoted directly to Missionary purposes.

When this society was organized the special work designed for it, was the preparation of boxes of clothing for Missionaries and their families, but the question arises whether or not this original design precludes the extension of its work in other directions.

Several months since a lady of Philadelphia, with the sanction of our Bishop, proposed to us the adoption in the parishes of this Diocese, of the Mite Chest system, towards relieving the indebtedness of the Board of Missions. The matter was left for the consideration of this meeting, and I hope to have it decided by you to day, so that no time may be lost in carrying the plan into effect if it be deemed a legitimate work for us.

What new avenues of usefulness God will open to us in the future, will depend on our willingness to follow His leadings. We need the eye of faith and the heart of love, first to discern, and then to embrace each opportunity to advance His Kingdom. To-day we separate for a season of rest. When we meet in the autumn to resume our work, may it be with a deep appreciation of the words used by a faithful Missionary, speaking of the cause so dear to his heart.—“The time is short, and the King’s business requireth haste.”

ELIZABETH TIFFANY.

Plainfield,
May 17th, 1877.

