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Report of the Secretary and Treasurer.

In presenting this, the third Annual Report of the "New Jersey Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions," it seems but necessary briefly to state that at the two meetings, held during the past year, the attendance and the interest shown have served greatly to encourage and stimulate the women of the Diocese to press forward in their good work.

At the annual meeting, held in Grace Church, Plainfield, on November 6th, 1877, forty delegates and numerous friends of the cause, listened with much pleasure to addresses made by Bishops Clarkson, Spalding and Garrett, and afterwards to a touching appeal by Mrs. Schereschewsky for the perishing heathen in the "far distant land of China." At the suggestion of the rector a second service was held in the evening, at which several interesting addresses were delivered by the Missionary Bishops to a large and interested congregation.

The semi-annual meeting was held in Christ Church, South Amboy, on May 16th, 1878, at which there were fifty delegates present and a larger number of parishes represented than ever before.

The reports of the work accomplished during the year were then read, and are herewith presented; the total results being as follows:

Domestic and Diocesan Missions.....	\$2,325 02
Indian Missions.....	594 65
Foreign Missions.....	224 43
Freedmen and Mormons.....	107 57
Elizabeth Branch.....	299 96
 Total.....	 \$3,551 63

At this meeting Mrs. Robert Bowne was elected one of the Vice-Presidents, to take charge of the work for Mexico. It is earnestly requested that all the parish societies sending contributions to the Mexican League, should report the same to Mrs. Bowne, at Elizabeth, that they may be duly acknowledged and included in our Diocesan work.

The following amounts have been received and expended, during the year, for printing, postage, &c.:

May 17th, 1877, to balance on hand.....	\$5 86
May 17th, 1877, collection.....	15 40
Nov. 6th, 1877, " 	22 22
 Total,	 \$43 48

DISBURSED.

From May 17th, 1877 to May 16th, 1878, by cash for printing, stationery and postage.....	\$42 05
 Balance in Treasury.....	 1 43

There are now thirty-three parishes working with the Society, eight of which have handed in their names during the past year.

CHARLOTTE M. TAYLOR,

Secretary and Treasurer.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.,

May, 1878.

Diocesan and Domestic.

Report of the Diocesan and Domestic Branches of the New Jersey Branch Woman's Auxiliary.

MOORESTOWN,

TRINITY CHURCH.

1 box to a missionary in North Carolina.

Value,..... \$36 00

WESTFIELD,

GRACE CHURCH.

1 box to a missionary in N. Texas.

Value,..... \$13 00

SOMERVILLE,

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

1 box to a missionary in Tennessee.

Value,..... \$90 00

NEW MARKET,

HOLY INNOCENT'S CHURCH.

1 box to a missionary in North Carolina.

Value,..... \$60 00

And surplice and stole to a missionary in West New York, by a lady.

Value,..... 25 00

Total, \$85 00

NEW BRUNSWICK, CHRIST CHURCH & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

1 box to the Diocese..... \$161 68

1 box to Cuba..... 75 00

Total, \$236 68

ROSELLE, ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

1 box to the Diocese.

Value,..... \$55 00

PRINCETON, TRINITY CHURCH.

1 box to a missionary in Colorado.

Value,..... \$100 00

Mite Chest collection..... 13 00

To Bishop Garrett..... 50 00

Total, \$163 00

SHREWSBURY, CHRIST CHURCH.

1 box to a missionary in Georgia.

Value,..... \$100 00

TRENTON, TRINITY CHURCH.

1 box to a missionary in Texas.

Value,..... \$100 00

Special offerings for diocesan work from ladies in the Diocese.

Amount,..... \$47 50

SOUTH AMBOY, CHRIST CHURCH.

1 box to a missionary in Kansas.

Value,..... \$125 00

ELIZABETH, ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

1 box to a missionary in Kansas.

Value,..... \$150 00

MT. HOLLY, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

1 box to a missionary in Wisconsin.

Value,..... \$200 00

ELIZABETH,	CHRIST CHURCH.
Vestments to Bishop Elliot, W. Texas.	
Value,.....	\$38 00
BURLINGTON,	ST. MARY'S CHURCH.
1 box to a missionary in Alabama.	
Value,.....	\$133 55
Papers and money to "Sister Eliza" of Col..	10 00
Mite Chest collections	37 73
Total,.....	\$181 28
PLAINFIELD,	HOLY CROSS CHURCH.
1 box to a missionary in Texas.	
Value,.....	\$141 00
BEVERLY,	ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.
1 box to a missionary in W. Michigan.	
Value,.....	\$105 28
1 box to missionary in North Carolina.	
Value,.....	106 84
Total,	\$212 12
PLAINFIELD,	GRACE CHURCH.
For Bishops Garret and Spalding.....	\$171 00
2 boxes to the Diocese.	
Value,.....	71 00
A communion service to a missionary in Minnesota,	
by a lady.....	8 00
Mite Chest collections.....	101 44
Total,.....	\$351 44
Total receipts in boxes and money.....	\$2,325 02

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH TIFFANY.

PLAINFIELD,
May, 1878.

The Indian Missions.

The Vice-President in charge begs to submit the following report.
Amount of cash received and boxes distributed:

SOMERVILLE,	ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
For Rev. Mr. Emmegahbawh, White Earth, Minn., 1 barrel.	
Value,.....	\$50 00
RUMSON,	ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.
For Yankton Agency, Dakota, 1 box.	
Value,.....	\$100 00
MT. HOLLY,	TRINITY CHURCH.
For Rev. D. W. Hemans, Santee Agency, Nebraska, 1 box.	
Value,.....	\$56 90
SALEM,	
St. John's.....	\$10 00
RAHWAY,	HOLY COMFORTER.
For St. Paul's School, Yankton, Dakota, 1 box.	
Value,.....	\$35 00
RAHWAY,	COL. F. W. STERRY.
For St. Paul's School, Dakota, 1 box castile soap.	
Value,.....	\$6 00
RAHWAY,	MISS TERRILL.
For Spotted Tail Agency, (Parish of the Holy Comforter,) 1 box Christmas articles.	
Value,.....	\$5 00
TRENTON,	ST. MICHAEL'S S. S.
For St. Paul's School, Dakota, 1 box.	
Value,.....	\$50 00
BEVERLY,	ST. STEPHEN'S S. S.
For St. Paul's School, Dakota, 1 box.	
Value,.....	\$29 18

BEVERLY,	ST. STEPHEN'S S. S.
Yearly offering for the education of Phillip Delona, candidate for Holy Orders,	
Cash	\$66 13
TRENTON,	ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.
Industrial Society for St. Paul's School, Dakota, 1 box.	
Value,.....	\$64 44
BURLINGTON,	ST. MARY'S CHURCH.
For Dakota Prayer Book.	
Cash,.....	\$8 00
PERTH AMBOY,	ST. PETER'S CHURCH.
1 box for Rev. Mr. Emmegahbawh.	
Value,.....	\$50 00
PRINCETON.	TRINITY CHURCH.
For Indian work.	
Cash,.....	\$50 00
Four Cassocks.....	15 00
Total,.....	\$594 65

The Vice-President is pleased to call *special* attention to the work done, by the Sunday Schools of "St. Michael's, Trenton," and "St. Stephen's, Beverly," for the past two seasons, also to thank the parishes which have so generously responded to her appeal.

The following extract from a letter of Bishop Hare of Niobrara, showing the great progress in our Indian Mission, is herewith appended :

"Only about fifteen years ago, Indian Missions were about unknown in our church. A revolution has taken place within that period, and there has grown up in Niobrara alone—not to speak now of work done among the Oniedas of Wisconsin, and the Chippewas in Minnesota—a mission whose short history has witnessed the Baptism of of over 2,200 persons ; the confirmation of nearly 1,000 ; the erection of 14 churches, of three boarding school buildings and five parsonages, the admission of 16 native candidates for Holy Orders, and the ordination of six Natives to the sacred ministry. To-day the staff of workers numbers twelve clergymen, twelve catechists and twelve women helpers.

There are 120 children gathered in the boarding schools, and about 600 in actual attendance in day schools, and congregations of Indians assemble every Sunday in the different churches and chapels.

It is interesting to observe too, that all this increase has been *clear gain*. While the Indian work has been drawing upon the resources of the church, to an amount which has averaged about \$50,000 annually, for the past six years, other branches of the work have not lost as the Indian has gained; an evidence by the way, of what *some are so slow to learn* that different parts of work for Christ are mutually helpful, at least not mutually antagonistic."

MRS. DELANCEY CLEVELAND,
Vice Pres't, Indian Missions.

PAULINE MACKINNON,
Secretary.

May 16th, 1878.

Foreign Missions.

The Vice-President for the Foreign Field begs leave to make the following report:

A printed appeal, with enclosed leaflets, concerning the college in China, and scholarships, has been sent to all the clergy in the Diocese. My hopes have not been realized as no response to the leaflets has been received. In looking through the Treasurer's report, in the "Spirit of Missions," for the past two or three months, I find that contributions have been sent to the Foreign Field for scholarships, &c, but no report has been sent to me.

I wish this defect could be remedied, and that the Secretaries of the Women's Societies, in different Parishes, would send me the report of their work, otherwise my Vice-Presidency for Foreign Missions is merely an empty title. I trust that hereafter that this request will be remembered.

FREEHOLD,	ST. PETER'S CHURCH.
Through Mrs. Vought towards the payment of Miss	
Fay's salary in China.....	\$33 00
TRENTON,	ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.
Towards the College in China	\$70 00

For the Yokoyama Society in Alexandria, Va., to the
 Rev. Mr. Yokoyama's work in Japan \$25 00

Reported at Fall Meeting from

PRINCETON,	TRINITY CHURCH.
For Louisa C. Tulhill's scholarship, China.....	\$40 00
TRENTON,	ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.
One suit, scrap-book and books.	
Value,.....	\$45 43
TRENTON,	TRINITY CHURCH.
Mite Chest.....	\$6 00
SALEM,	
St. John's.....	\$5 00
Total.....	\$224 43
TRENTON,	Respectfully submitted,
May, 1878.	CLARA J. REED.

Freedmen and Mormons.

The Vice-President of the work for Freedmen and Mormons, in the New Jersey Diocesan Branch of "the Woman's Auxiliary" to the Board of Missions, respectfully submits:

For the Freedmen.

FREEHOLD,	ST. PETER'S CHURCH.
A box. Value,.....	\$48 57
WOODBURY,	CHRIST'S CHURCH.
For Mr. Mites.....	\$40 00
MT. HOLLY,	WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS OF ST. ANDREW'S.
A box of clothing for the children of Mrs. Jennings's School.....	\$14 00
A box of books for St. Mary's Hall.....	\$5 50
Total,.....	\$107 57
	MRS. E. S. LANSING.

Elizabeth Branch.

The Elizabeth Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, was organized about a year ago.

There were then enrolled 120 names, which afterwards increased to 136; but having lost some by death and removals, we now number 128 members.

Our contributions, through the mite boxes, for the last six months have amounted to \$112.08. Considerable interest has been manifested in preparing a box of clothing for the Cape Palmas Orphan Asylum, which was valued at about \$20, though the intrinsic value was far greater, as denoting a spirit of love for the Master's work.

At the Fall Meeting was reported, as gathered from the mite chests, the sum of \$76.86. Total for the year \$299.96.

Our Secretary being called from home, desired me to forward to your meeting this report.

ELIZABETH,

May 15th, 1878.

S. H. CLARK,

President.

The following practical suggestions, relative to their work were made by Mrs. Tiffany, to the Ladies of the Society.

The Reports just read are a summary of the year's work. Let us hope that the Great Head of the Church will kindly regard our efforts, forgive their imperfections, bless them to us as to others, and finally cause them to redound to His Glory.

Being brought directly in contact with many of the Parish branches, I receive suggestions of new methods of work, also have an opportunity to perceive our needs as well as our gains. It seems desirable we should devote a while to the consideration of these matters for our mutual improvement and encouragement, as we all confess to be beginners, and cheerfully accept help from one another.

In this time of financial depression we could scarcely look for receipts equal to those of last year. Our good Bishop, who remarkably exemplifies the proverb of Solomon ("a word in season how good is it.") wrote some very cheering words for us. "We cannot

expect" he said "to make as good a report every year as was made at the last Convention, but if we can keep the wheels moving till the tide turns, we shall be all ready for the prosperous days which must come sometime." We thank him for this encouragement, and can assure him the wheels must continue to move because their motive power is in the hearts of the women of our Church, and there the fires burn warmly and brightly, unextinguishable we believe, because lighted by the spirit of God, the source of all Christian love and activity.

I have the pleasure of again recording, as was done last year, the addition of several new parishes to our band of workers, and from others the expression comes to me, "we wish we could do more, but individual parish burdens press heavy on us." As will probably always be the fact, our sympathy will be called forth more readily for those near us than for those far removed, consequently this past winter our efforts have been specially directed to the Domestic Missionary field. This is greatly owing to the fact that boxes of clothing which are the chief feature of this Association are not often required for the Foreign Fields. I trust, however, the Woman's Auxiliary of this diocese, will never accept the narrow, unscriptural view of duty, that we hear often expressed, that perishing men in Africa and China have no claims on us, while we have such pressing needs at our very doors. Surely, when abounding grace has been so freely and abundantly provided for abounding sin, we scarcely have a right to define the limits of the knowledge of that grace.

The interesting work of the reformation of the Mexican Church being now in charge of the Foreign Department of the Board of Missions, we as a Branch Auxiliary to that Board may rightfully claim a representation of the Mexican work in this Society. The Mexican League is now represented in sixteen dioceses and at its last meeting reported an increase of more than eight thousand dollars over the amount collected last year. The League, has always, in this diocese several parish branches, and it is earnestly to be hoped the interest in it may steadily increase. I would propose to you a simple plan of adding a Vice-President to our present number, who shall have charge of the Mexican department, all parish branches reporting through her to our two general meetings.

I am glad to tell you also, that during the past winter, two parishes in this diocese have generously contributed towards the Cuban Mission, which for us is an outgrowth in quite a new direction. Each new object presents its pressing needs, and offers its sweet at-

tractions, but as parish societies we must make our selection, and do perhaps in a limited way only, according to the abilities and resources given us. But, though our hands be unable to lift the burden, what shall confine the heart's sympathy, or forbid its expression for every noble effort, having for its object the extension of the Saviour's Kingdom?

It has been suggested to me that one of our needs is the establishment of a permanent fund, and though the proposal of it at this time may seem premature, yet I think a beginning may even now be made, so that at our Autumn Meeting this proposition may have taken a definite shape. You can readily appreciate what would be the convenience of such a provision in circumstances where we, as a Society, desire to respond to appeals for aid requiring money only, and therefore not proper work to be given to parishes, where the greater part of the workers are able to give the results of the needle only.

At the General Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, held in Boston, last Autumn, the question was proposed: "How shall small parishes be interested in missionary work?" and probably the same question has often been asked by others not then present. Those parishes which stand aside, because they may do but little, fail to realize how essential they are to the growth and prosperity of the entire work. They are asked to call to mind St. Paul's beautiful and forcible description of Christ's body, the Church: "Diversities of gifts but the same Spirit; differences of administration but the same Lord; diversities of operation but the same God which worketh all in all." In the missionary body, as in the Church, one part may not say to another, "I have no need of thee," for there must necessarily be incompleteness in the whole, without the efficient operation of its several parts. Commonplace as the remark may be, it is nevertheless too true, that our inability to do great things often prevents us doing anything. I think the work among the Freedmen and Indians may be so developed among us, as to give opportunity of effort to those parishes that have heretofore deeply felt their lack of ability to join us. It is well known to you all that the materials used for garments, for the Indians and Freedmen, are of the most inexpensive kind, and that second hand clothing is particularly acceptable. An outlay of five dollars only by a society, for new material, together with what second-hand articles might be contributed, would constitute a box of real value to the recipients.

Surely there is no parish in the Diocese unable to make this small

outlay. The cost of forwarding a box to the Freedmen or Indians may reasonably be urged as an important consideration, to obviate which difficulty, I would propose that such articles be sent to the Vice-President of the department for which they are designed, to be sent by her to the mission field, when a sufficient amount shall be collected from several parishes to fill a box. This plan will give additional responsibility to the Vice-President, but I hope the good accomplished will compensate for the labor expended. The cost of forwarding such boxes being borne by the general Society, we again see the need of such a fund as has been proposed. This arrangement is not designed to relieve parish Societies able to transport their own boxes, but to open the way and lighten the burden for those who would otherwise feel unable to work with us. After all said and done, the money estimate of our work is of small value, compared with the grand object which should ever be uppermost in our minds, to make this missionary work the cementing bond of union of the women of the Church.

Turning from this more general view, permit me to say something regarding the preparation of boxes in its direct effect on those engaged in it. This, I think, should be made a means of education to the entire parish, and to accomplish this, even the poorest must be made to feel an interest. This may seem to you an unnecessary caution, but there is sometimes a temptation to prepare a missionary box quickly and with the least individual labor, by those who can give money and hire work, rather than follow the slower but better method to enlist the services of the poorest women in the parish, who will gladly contribute their share of work at the weekly Sewing Society. I cannot agree with those who condemn utterly the Sewing Society as being an occasion for gossiping, scandal and so much that is injurious to ourselves and others. It is what the people who compose it make it. We carry into it the same weak human natures which we carry with us into all our occupations in life, and it remains with us whether it shall prove the devil's workshop, for the fabrication of evil, or the garden where the seeds of love shall be planted to bring forth in the end a rich harvest of good works. Let no unworthy spirit of rivalry influence our efforts, remembering we are not business machines competing with one another, but loving disciples of one Master, striving to do the best with the talent he has given, be it great or small. Sometimes we become so absorbed in the machinery of an organization, that we have need to be reminded, it is only a means to an end. And it becomes us to consider thoughtful-

ly the vastness and dignity of the work to which the missionary is pledged, and the honor conferred on us in having a share in its accomplishment.

We need, I think, in our Parish Societies, more intelligent information regarding the missions of our Church. To acquire this, there must be, as in every other department of knowledge, systematic, careful reading and investigation. Ignorance on these subjects in Christian women of leisure and education is inexcusable. Certainly were part of the hour of meeting, or the weekly society, devoted to the dissemination of missionary items, much that is objectionable at these meetings might be forestalled.

Above all, we need to be praying as well as working women. In consideration of our holy pledges, as baptized members of Christ's Church; in consideration of our deep responsibilities as Christian women enjoying so many gracious and heavenly influences; in consideration of the great and noble work God has put into our hands, for our accomplishment; I beg you to supplicate often the Throne of Grace, and to see to it that the sweet incense of prayer continually arise for those who are as sheep, having no Shepherd, and for those who, amid pressing earthly needs and discouragements, seek to lead these straying sheep to the heavenly fold.

It is sometimes said, there is a great lack of information among the women of this Diocese, respecting the Woman's Auxiliary, its objects, &c. If this ignorance exist, it is desirable to know to what it is attributable. It is certainly not owing to any lack of circulation of printed matter respecting the Society. If the rectors of the New Jersey parishes were asked, they would tell you with sorrow, they had been flooded with reports, circulars and letters emanating from this same Woman's Auxiliary. Their quiet study hours by day invaded, their dreams by night disturbed by its aggressiveness, its importunities. Truly, had we not the Bishop on our side, we might feel forced to yield, but we shelter ourselves under the comfortable belief, that even if the inclination of these good rectors prompted, neither their courage would suffice on the one hand, nor their gallantry so diminish on the other, as to allow them to resist their Bishop, and what is worse still, the combined force of the women of this Diocese.

The true definition of repentance is sorrow for a fault and promise of amendment.

As a Society, we do express great sorrow for any annoyance we may have given, but beyond this we are incorrigible, for we do not promise amendment for the future. Kind Rectors, next Winter we doubt not we shall again come knocking at the doors of your parishes, begging for admission. Admit us, hear us patiently, interest your people in our work, give us a "God Speed" and the day shall come when you must acknowledge that helping others less favored, your parishes have received a rich blessing in return, in increased activity, enlarged benevolence and extended Christian sympathy.

