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Report of the Secretary and Treasurer.

The New Jersey Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions has held, as usual during the past year, its annual and semi-annual meetings, at both of which the attendance was large and much interest shown. The third annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly, Oct. 24th, 1878. Forty delegates were present, and eighteen parishes represented. The Society received with great regret the resignation, in consequence of removal from the Diocese, of Mrs. Delancy Cleveland, as Vice-President of the Indian Missions. It was unanimously

Resolved ; That, in the resignation of Mrs. Cleveland, the Society loses a most devoted and zealous worker, whose cheerful service has been appreciated by all the members of the organization who now seek this opportunity of expressing their sense of admiration for her work, regret for her loss, and hope for her usefulness and success in whatsoever field the Divine Master calls her to serve and to labor.

The annual election served to re-instate the old officers, with the exception of Mrs. Ewan Merritt, who was elected to the Vice-Presidency of the Indian Missions, and of Mrs. S. A. Clark, as Vice-President of the Domestic Missions.

Whereas ; At the usual meetings the collection was given in to the hands of the Treasurer, and so far had failed to meet the demands for the general expenses of the Society, it was, therefore,

Resolved ; That the Parish Societies be requested to ask from their members an annual subscription of twenty-five cents each, to establish a fund for the expenses of the Society and the forwarding of boxes for parishes unable to do so.

Addresses were made by the Rev. Mr. Thackara, Rev. Dr. Crummell, and the Rev. Mr. Flack.

The semi-annual meeting was held at St. John's Church, Elizabeth, on Thursday, May 15th. After morning prayer, addresses were made by the Rector and the Bishop, followed by the Rev. Abbott Brown, Secretary of the "Mexican League," introducing Pedro Aquilar, a Mexican boy of fourteen, who made a touching appeal for the orphanage in his native land.

At the calling of the roll fifty-two delegates were present, and twenty parishes represented; the largest number which has as yet been recorded.

The reports of the work accomplished by the different branches of the Society were read with the following result:

Domestic Missions.....	\$1,426 10
Diocesan ".....	590 56
Indian ".....	469 05
Freedmen and Mormons	275 50
Elizabeth Branch.....	279 41
Foreign Missions.....	145 03
Mexican League.....	804 77
 Total	 \$3,990 42

In looking over the reports for the four years of the Society's existence, a steady increase in the amounts raised is easily perceived, namely:

1876.....	\$2,239 01
1877.....	3,376 33
1878.....	3,551 63
1879.....	3,990 42
 Total for four years.....	 \$13,157 39

For the general expenses of the Society the following sums have been received and paid out:

Balance from last year.....	\$1 43
Received at May meeting	28 46
" " Oct. "	21 04
Mrs. Such	5 00
Mrs. J. R. Watson.....	5 00
St. John's, Salem.....	5 00
A Friend.....	25
St. Stephen's, Beverly.....	5 00
St. Mary's, Burlington.....	2 75
Trinity, Princeton.....	5 00
Christ Church, Woodbury.....	7 00
 Total.....	 \$85 93

EXPENDED.

To Secretary for postage and stationery.....	\$2 45
To Miss Reed, "	1 75
To Mrs. Tiffany "	8 23
To Printing Reports.....	22 50
To Expenses of speakers, Oct. meeting.....	19 25
To Mrs. Lansing, for freight on box.....	5 00
To Printing notices	2 50
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Total.....	\$61 68
Cash on hand to balance.....	\$24 25
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	\$85 93

CHARLOTTE M. TAYLOR,

Secretary and Treasurer.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.,

May, 1879.

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Secretary and Treasurer.

Domestic Missions.

Report of the Domestic Branch of the New Jersey Branch Woman's Auxiliary, for the Winter of 1878-79.

BURLINGTON,

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

1 box to a missionary in Mississippi.

Value..... \$60 52

NEW MARKET,

HOLY INNOCENT'S.

1 box to a missionary in Tennessee.

Value..... \$40 00

NEW BRUNSWICK,

CHRIST AND ST. JOHN'S PARISHES.

1 box to a missionary in Kansas.

Value..... \$120 58

MT. HOLLY,

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

1 box to a missionary in Iowa.

Value..... \$138 00

SOMERVILLE,	ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
1 box to a missionary in Tennessee.	
Value.....	\$60 00
PLAINFIELD,	GRACE CHURCH.
2 boxes for a missionary in Mississippi.	
Value	\$90 00
SHREWSBURY,	CHRIST CHURCH.
1 box to a missionary in Mississippi.	
Value.....	\$80 00
SOUTH AMBOY,	CHRIST CHURCH.
1 box to a missionary in Mississippi.	
Value.....	\$42 00
SALEM,	ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
1 box and money to a Divinity student.	
Value.....	\$30 00
PRINCETON,	TRINITY CHURCH.
1 box to a missionary in Kansas.	
Value.....	\$100 00
ELIZABETH,	TRINITY CHURCH.
2 boxes.	
Valued respectively.....	\$60 00 and \$40 00
ELIZABETH,	ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
Four boxes, sent respectively to missionaries in Montana, Delaware, Virginia and South.	
Valued	\$200 00
	150 00
	140 00
	75 00
Total amount	<hr/> \$1,426 10

Respectfully submitted by

SARAH H. CLARK.

For all these boxes most thankful letters have been received. One missionary writes: "The boxes sent to me since I commenced my missionary work, have been a great comfort, spiritually as well as physically. They have made me realize more fully the great bond of brotherhood in the Christian family, and that it is a living faith, which I am endeavoring in my feeble way to proclaim to those who

have forgotten that God made men brothers." Another box reached its destination the day before Christmas, and the letter acknowledging it says: "We had the happiest Christmas of our lives, and the surplice was worn for the first time on that day." Another writing out of the fulness of a grateful heart, says: "We are so glad to be the recipient of such useful things, just the things which we needed, that we do not know how to express our thanks to you all in such fitting terms as will convey anything like an adequate idea of our heartfelt appreciation of your kindness and efforts to suit our wants. The Divine Master, who said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive,' will confer the greater blessing upon your generous hearts, while He permits us to share this blessing with you, though in an inferior degree." One perfectly satisfied, writes: "I am more grateful to you and to the good ladies of St. John's than any words can express. My heart is full of gratitude, and I am sure God will bless you all for your great kindness to me and mine. The clerical suit and all the clothing is most excellent, and all that I could desire." Another writes, "I am particularly pleased with the surplice, it is just what I need. I pray God it may not cover an unthankful servant, for His mercies and His bounty have been showered upon me. While I enjoy the gift itself, and shall take pleasure in the acceptable use of the articles, my heart is made more glad by the thought that there are those of Christ's family who not only *can* but *do* help His servants, as well with their hands and means as with their sympathy and prayers. You cannot understand, perhaps, the encouragement this fact gives me. For you are living in the heart and centre of a busy, zealous, and tireless church life,—but if you could see the apathy and indifference that are manifested in religious matters throughout much of our Southern country, you would understand why I speak thus. I shall make my surplice and my suit of clothing a standing *text* for several good people, to show what can be done when the love of Christ constraineth us."

Are not our hearts stirred up to desire a double portion of work for our Divine Master when we read such thrilling words? May another year find us more diligent in this labor of love for those who so richly deserve all the encouragement in our power to bestow.

In making up a report of the last six months, some thoughts have occurred to my mind in connection with the result of our winter's work. Do we, as a Society, really understand the meaning of the so-called Woman's Work? It may, perhaps, be within the memory of some of us, when woman's sphere was expected to be enclosed

within the walls of her own home. Few indeed were the opportunities fifty years or more ago for the outside development of woman's energies. Now, however, times have changed. Though perhaps, never so undervalued as our sister's in Eastern heathen lands, yet ridicule, if not rebuffs, met the efforts of many of our sex in philanthropic or other social labors. Now that it is fairly conceded there are duties and influences which an earnest Christian woman ought to employ or exert for her Master, the first difficulty has been overcome. But other questions arise which show there may still be misunderstanding in regard to the methods for most efficient work. Shall we mention a few of them? Let us premise that each woman who desires to work in our Auxiliary is a consecrated soul. She knows then that each day her powers are lent her for work in that Master's service whom she delights to honor. Will not her first enquiry be "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Then comes the answer to her petition. "I will guide thee by Mine eye." So each morning finds her laying at His feet all her service. We know that home, its dear cares, its daily routine, to bless and comfort the dearest objects of our love has been always the first duty, but we earnestly desire to fill up all our time for God, to work with every power for the best good of all about us, and to God's glory. We would gladly work for the poor, for "the poor ye have always with you," saith our Saviour—also for souls less favored in the knowledge of the glorious Gospel we enjoy. Can we find time for all these? Most assuredly, if God points out our way. Have we not been spasmodic in our efforts? If not the proper term, may I explain my meaning? In old-fashioned housekeeping, when everything was in its own place, and every housekeeper knew her daily work, we find a system which covered the whole year. There were certain months for spring and fall cleaning, certain times when the various garments of the family were looked over and new ones planned; certain days when pickles, preserves, and other condiments were made, so that when each year ended all these invariable duties had been accomplished. But with work in parishes and societies, does not the whole burden fall between Advent and Easter? What becomes of the time that should be consecrated to missionary duties in the other six months? True, the weather may tempt us to a state of rest or inactivity, and yet may there not be a part of each day which we cannot call our own? If we could systematize as our mothers did, might we not find many moments in which to work for Jesus? Particularly in this branch of the work, our care of Domestic Missions, which relates to the

making up of boxes of clothing for the families of missionaries. Might we not find much accomplished towards the garments we have undertaken to prepare for winter? In some places arrangements have been made to pack a box in the fall as well as spring. The case is laid before the women of the Parish, the family wants are noted, each promises her share of work, and during the leisure hours of summer, thought is given to the object and work done for it. Then when societies meet in the autumn, it is an easy matter to pack the articles and despatch the box to its destination. Not alone is it our desire to be a helpful Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, but also to enlist the interest of every woman in every parish in missionary work. Not only the wealthy, who have abundant means at their command, but also the humblest Christian, whose time and skill are the talents given for the Master's work. This has been tried with great success in one of the Parishes of our own Diocese. A Mother's meeting undertook to make an outfit of clothing for a missionary's family. Everyone was encouraged to take part—the fine seamstress as well as the plain knitter, and last but not least, the laundress had her skill called into requisition. All were delighted to find that they could help, and although little money was given, the result pleased and cheered every woman, who had, many of them, taken time from their sleep, all that was available, to enjoy the pleasure of helping others.

When we, as a Church, recognize the truth of St. Paul's assertion that "we, being many, are only one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another," the secret of success in our Woman's Auxiliary will be obtained. Then we shall appreciate the aid of every woman, and in encouraging all to work with us, show the force of the same Apostle's reasoning when he tells us "the eye cannot say unto the hand I have no need of thee, nor again the head to the feet I have no need of thee. Nay much more, those members of the body which seem to be more feeble, are necessary."

Let it be hereafter the first duty of each member of our Auxiliary to interest at least one another in the missionary work, and all to remember that the "night cometh when no man can work."

SARAH H. CLARK.

ELIZABETH, N. J.,

May 14th, 1879.

Diocesan Report.

Contributions of money and clothing to Diocesan work, as follows:		
MT. HOLLY,		TRINITY CHURCH.
1 box.		
	Value,.....	\$82 05
1 box.		
	Value,.....	\$29 42
NEW BRUNSWICK,		CHRIST CHURCH & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
1 box.		
	Value,	\$61 59
MOORESTOWN,		TRINITY CHURCH.
1 box.		
	Value,.....	\$52 00
SALEM,		ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
1 box from Miss Mecum and family.		
	Value,.....	\$50 00
	Money per Mrs. Dr. Thompson.....	\$8 00
PRINCETON,		TRINITY CHURCH.
Money.....		\$15 00
MT. HOLLY,		ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.
Clothing.		
	Value,.....	\$10 00
	Money per Mrs. Merritt.....	\$10 00
BEVERLY,		ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.
1 box.		
	Value,.....	\$173 45
1 box.		
	Value,.....	\$13 80
PLAINFIELD,		HOLY CROSS.
1 box.		
	Value,.....	\$75 25
PLAINFIELD,		GRACE CHURCH.
Clothing from Mrs. Medina and family.		
	Value,.....	\$10 00
Total.....		\$590 56
Respectfully submitted,		
MRS. DEXTER TIFFANY.		
PLAINFIELD,		
May 15th.		

Indian Missions.

The following is the report received from different Parish branches of work accomplished from November, 1878, to May, 1879.

PRINCETON,	TRINITY CHURCH.
For White Earth, Rev. G. A. Gilfillan.	
1 box.....	\$34 00
PERTH AMBOY,	ST. PETER'S CHURCH.
From four ladies for Mrs. Swift.	
1 box.....	\$19 00
RAHWAY,	HOLY COMFORTER.
For Bishop Hare.	
1 box.....	\$61 98
MIDDLETOWN,	CHRIST CHURCH.
From two ladies.	
1 box.....	\$8 00
RIVERTON,	CHRIST CHURCH.
1 Christmas box.....	\$6 00
RIVERTON	
With Package from Miss Rhies and Mr. White of Mt. Holly.	
1 barrel.....	\$60 00
BRIDGETON,	ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.
SALEM,	ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
Together, 1 box.....	\$50 00
ELIZABETH,	TRINITY CHURCH.
To Rose Bud Agency.	
1 box.....	\$80 00
From S. S. Class to Santee.	
1 box, no value given.	
BEVERLY,	ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.
One box to Miss Ives.	
Yanktown Agency.....	\$24 68
Sunday School for "Philip Delauria".....	\$66 00
BURLINGTON,	ST. MARY'S HALL.
Part of Easter collection for Rose Bud and Yanktown Agencies.....	\$48 50
ELIZABETHPORT,	GRACE CHURCH.
Cash.....	\$00 64

MT. HOLLY,	ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.
From a poor colored woman.....	\$00 25
From a lady, for freight on barrel.....	5 00
FLORENCE,	ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.
For William Welsh Memorial.....	\$5 00
 In boxes.....	\$343 66
In cash.....	125 39
 Total.....	 \$469 05

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EWAN MERRITT,

Vice-President.

May, 1879.

Freemen and Mormons.

The Vice-President of the work for Freedmen and Mormons, in the New Jersey Branch of "the Women's Auxiliary" begs leave to report :

BEVERLY,	ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.
A Christmas box for Dr. Crommell.....	\$27 50
WOODBURY,	CHRIST CHURCH.
For Mr. Miles, Va., 1 box.....	\$50 00
MT. HOLLY,	TRINITY CHURCH.
Christmas box to Petersburgh, Va.....	\$60 00
SOUTH AMBOY,	CHRIST CHURCH.
1 box to Miss Pearson.....	\$30 00
Christmas box to Miss Pearson.....	20 00
FREEHOLD,	ST. PETER'S CHURCH.
1 box for Mr. Miles.....	\$20 00
BURLINGTON,	ST. MARY'S CHURCH.
1 box for the Misses Crommell.....	\$25 00
PLAINFIELD,	GRACE CHURCH.
1 box for Rev. Mr. Cook.....	\$14 00

ELIZABETH,	ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
Christmas box for Miss Pendleton's School.....	\$4 00
FLORENCE,	ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.
To the Rev. Mr. Ogden.	
1 box.....	\$25 00
Total.....	\$275 50

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EDWARD S. LANSING.

BURLINGTON,

May, 14th, A. D. 1879.

With great thankfulness for whatever has been done, in however small a way for the work among the Freedmen, committed to my care in this Diocese; I am yet saddened by the huge disproportion, in the interest awakened and manifested in this as compared with other branches. Lacking no loving interest for those branches myself, and desiring "no drought on them, but much dew on this." I am still appalled, as I said before, at the disproportion of interest between these branches. When we consider the few thousands of Indians comparatively, and the tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands, yes, millions, five millions of the African race in the very heart of our country; and that *no more*, I think a little less, was contributed for missionary purposes among them last year, than for the Indians—this disproportion comes home to us in a very practical way (I do not mean by our own Diocesan Branch, but by the Church of America.) Many of the reasons are palpable. There is none of the romance of the Indian about this poor race; nothing that kindles the poetry of nature, and "makes the whole world kin." Nor is there the flesh and blood tie, that calls forth our sympathy for the Missionary work in the Domestic Field. Neither do we catch so distinctly the ringing cry of our dear Lord: "Go, teach all nations," as in the Foreign field. Another reason, less acknowledged and so very absurd as to cause a smile, exists, and exerts its influence—political prejudices! If from any body of workers, these would seem wholly secluded, surely it would be from the "Woman's Auxiliary," but they do creep in, unconsciously perhaps, and we are constantly met with an undefined distaste, and half concealed repugnance to the work. A shrinking as from committal to some

fanatical enthusiasm for the liberated slave. Dear friends, this ought not so to be. We have nothing to do with the question of slavery or emancipation. It is not our vocation to deal with such points. Here are five million souls, whose human nature, our dear Lord assumed as well as ours, for whom he gave His sacred life and passion as really as for us, for whom He opened the sacraments of grace as surely—and for whom “He ever liveth to make Intercession.” He will surely require them at our hands, not as a hard Master, but counting all as done unto Himself. “If the labor ~~terrifies~~, the reward invites.” What compassionate tenderness in His tone when He says: “Take these children and nurse them for me and I will give thee thy wages,” and such wages—the most blessed—“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these little ones, ye have done it unto me.” Let us beware lest at that day He say “I was hungry, thirsty and poor, and ye ministered not unto me.”

These facts stand out so clearly before every thinking Christian, I should not have embodied them except as a prelude to the encouragements in the field, which have not, perhaps, forced themselves upon your convictions as strongly. No field, it seems to me, has yielded so much fruit from so small an outlay; as for instance, the blessing upon Mrs. Buford’s work is wonderful as an Arabian tale. What a picture upon which to feed our faith is that solitary woman in the midst of a colored population, embittered not only by the common antagonism of the races, engendered by circumstances, with which we are too sadly familiar, but banded together under a leader, to whom they yielded implicit obedience, as to a superior, whose gospel was literally hated to the whites. This lone woman entered their schools and taught with them, when she found she could not gather them to herself, made herself one of them, binding them by the invincible band of sympathy, and inspiring them with such trust and confidence, that heart after heart was softened, and at last the barriers of hatred and prejudice of opposing belief fell before the magic touch of a love born of Christ—A love that had first consecrated and sanctified her own life—A flame that burned inwardly before it burned outwardly. They were convinced by her holiness, by the intensity of her prayers and deeds, and by the severity of her mortifications, manifesting the very presence of the Master. “They took knowledge that she had been with Jesus.” That He was within her, blessing her abundantly as she “did what she could.” They felt the power of a supernatural life; a life deep down in the sacred heart of Jesus. With great wisdom she did not try to mould her work, but

let her work mould her. Hoping, perhaps, only to help a little class, in less than four short years by the blessing of God, which never fails such efforts, this organization, with its two thousand precious souls, forty or fifty ministers and Bishops, with twenty-five or thirty Sunday schools, have asked admission within the Holy Church, to be sheltered within our Mother's arms, and to be fed with the living streams of sacramental grace flowing from her breast. When your heart feels cold toward this people, call to mind their old Bishop's pitiful cry in asking admission: "We are children," he said, "who have wandered far from home, and now poor, blind and starving, we come to you and beg you to give us one little corner in the poorest land of the old Home Farm, and if you will only let us in we will grub up the hedgerows, and make some good corn yet." It is not often we see such great results, but this is a faithful type of what one person can do—who is all for God—who begins by sanctifying her own soul—and then keeps within her own appointed sphere.

She asked aid—not a large sum to build a lofty church—but an inexpensive, comfortable log building, to take the place of the miserable log hut in which this great work was done, with its open floor, and half covered roof and old smoking stove, round which these poor creatures huddled for warmth, many of them with only one thin garment on, never complaining or staying away; alas, she adds "they leave more desolate homes behind." The money for this, thank God, was sent her, and now she proposes to use the building for a school as well—and to teach it herself—though the cares of home and wife and motherhood are upon her, for she says, "they know not the voice of a stranger." She asks aid for this, and an industrial department which she wished to add to it, attributing the extremity of their poverty and destitution to the ignorance and idleness of their woman; their ignorance of all womanly work. Oh! how this cry comes home to our woman's hearts, accustomed to regard the house-wife as the husband's domestic trust, knowing all must go wrong if that fail. Surely we will not forget in our well ordered homes that move like the rythm of a poem, to send her the womanly implements needed for this Industrial School, and arm and equip them with the weapons of the house-wife wherewith to keep the wolf from the door. She says "how I wish some rich parish would take this struggling school under its fostering care." I think it will cost \$300 or \$400 a year to supply it.

Her other call is for aid in her self-instituted nursing Sisterhood, for the relief of the sick. She proposes to keep on hand to lend bed-

ding, and to supply medicines and comforts. Every woman knows what her needs will be, and must admit her calls are most modest and judicious. The alms asked to fulfill the needs of these workers in the South are so small it seems hardly possible there can be any lack, and yet in February there came to us such a thrilling story of a work among these poor people—greatly blessed of God—where a great Sunday School was successfully taught without books or any helps but Faith and Love—literally “taught of God.” Its great problem practically solved how to contrive to pass the knowledge in the teacher’s mind, into the minds of the scholars, with no medium but the voice. Exhausting all the old primers and spelling books, they betook themselves to old newspapers to teach the alphabet. One or two lads learned to read largely from the first page of an old “New York Tribune,” and one old man cherishes yet an old, torn and dirty “*Republican*,” which came from some unknown corner of the world as his gate into the mysteries of “larnin.” The faithful priest writes “Our young ladies tear down the posters and showbills in the streets to get large letters to teach the alphabet, and you may sometimes see a little girl laboring away with a pair of scissors, at a brick wall covered with advertisements, to get the letters she lacks to teach her A, B, C class,” “Young and old,” he adds, “are begging for the Lord’s own words in His own Book, when even our last alphabet is gone.” What a treasure the old school books lying on the lumber shelves in many a garret would be to them. Again, dear friends, this ought not so to be. It is hard to make bricks without straw. But that it would trespass on your time and patience, I should love to dwell on each and every Mission work, and Missionary working, so faithfully and silently in their unsung heroism, among this physically and spiritually impoverished people. The Seminary at Raleigh with its great work of preparing a colored priesthood is very near the heart and vitally important.

The names of Mrs. Miles, Miss Pendleton, Miss Pearson, Mr. Cook and Mr. Jennings are familiar to you as household words, and upon them you have bestowed substantial and loving tokens of your remembrance. We cannot work heartily for a person or cause without learning to love that person or cause. I cannot close without one little word for Dr. Cromwell. His faith and patience are alike invincible, though his trumpet-toned appeals for his 43,000 colored people in the city of Washington, meets with such small response.” The better class of colored people from all the South flocked thither, after the war, as to a Mecca. Howard University has sprung up,

and a great work done, yet for three years Dr. Crommell has been making almost superhuman efforts to build a church at the cost of \$16,000. \$11,000 has been raised, and it is enclosed. At Easter-tide a bazaar was opened for the sale of contributed articles, to secure funds for flooring, pewing and furnishing. But that his faith is planted on the Rock that cannot tremble, he would have fainted long since on the outposts of the Capitol, pleading for his poor people to ears that will not hear.

The frightful temporal dangers and penalties that will come upon us if we do not hear and heed, cannot be dwelt on here. One hardly dares think where that Zion organization over which Mrs. Buford has written "Conquered by Love," would have ended e'er this. Dr. Crommell demonstrated eloquently at our last meeting the impossibility of any organization "without a book," having a permanent existence, or even a moderate existence, without change; and in private conversation he told me of their seemingly natural rebound to their old Fetish. The fact was too sadly true that up to the time of the war slaves were freshly imported, enough to keep up a constant infusion of the old superstitions. Oh! my dear friends, this organization is only the type of many others in which this tendency is not a suspicion, but a patent fact. Can we be unwilling or neglect to carry to this Fetish-fearing people the glad tidings of great joy that the Incarnate Lord has snatched this beautiful world from the power of the devil, and they need no longer sacrifice to him, but pay the worship of children to Christ Jesus, our King.

We owe much to a race that has given us saints from whose life and writings we drink to-day as from a fountain-head. A race from whom came Simon the Cross Bearer up the hill of Calvary. Let us blazon on our shield God's unfailing words, "Ethiopia shall stretch out her hands to God," and "from beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, they shall come over unto Thee, they shall be Thine."

Let this "New Jersey Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions" do more for this down-trodden race this coming year. We are well organized, all the wheels run smoothly. Let not a voice come from the mouth of the Lord as of old, "Behold the wheels, but where are the living creatures and the noise of the wings which touch one another and the moving fire among them."

MARY LANSING.

May 15th, 1879.

Foreign Missions.

The Vice-President of the Foreign Field begs leave to present the following report:

PRINCETON.	TRINITY CHURCH.
From a member of the Woman's Missionary Association of Trinity Church through Mrs. Conover	\$25 00
ELIZABETH.	TRINITY CHURCH.
Through the Woman's Auxiliary Branch, reported by	
Mrs. Clark	\$40 00
SOUTH AMBOY.	CHRIST CHURCH.
From Ladies' Mite Chests, reported by Mrs. Post.....	\$10 03
TRENTON.	ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.
From "Foreign Missionary Association," for payment on their pledge for College in China.....	\$70 00
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Total.....	\$145 03

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA J. REED.

Trenton, May 14th, 1879.

Elizabeth Branch.

The Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary in Elizabeth, respectfully reports that since the semi-annual meeting in Mount Holly, there have been two meetings of the Elizabeth Branch; on Dec. 18th and Feb. 5th. At the December meeting, twenty-four members were present. At the February meeting, thirty-eight members answered to their names.

In accordance with a suggestion from the President, the members of the Woman's Auxiliary organized a Sewing Society last October to meet every Tuesday in St. John's Chapel, and prepare boxes of clothing for the different Missionary Stations to be sent to them at Christmas. The children of the Church in Elizabeth were asked to contribute from their own possessions, toys, books, &c., to be sent in the boxes. To this request the children of the various parishes responded generously. A box containing children's garments, books,

toys, soap and other useful articles valued in all at \$62.25, was sent to Bishop Hare's Mission at Yankton Agency; and another box containing the same sort of articles but in smaller number was sent to Bishop Tuttle's Mission in Salt Lake City, value \$20. The Secretary has received acknowledgments of the safe arrival of the boxes, and the great pleasure given by their contents.

The Sewing Society adjourned for the holidays but early in January resumed their labor of love. They have just sent off a box for the Freedmen under Mrs. Buford's care containing much the same sort of articles as in the other two boxes and valued at \$40. The Sewing Society adjourned on Tuesday, May 6th. until the Fall. The Treasurer reports as collected from the Mite Chest dur-

ing the year, the sum of.....	\$157 16
Value of boxes	122 25
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Total.....	\$279 41

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZA G. HALSEY,
Secretary.

Mexican League.

Received by the Mexican League during the past year, from—

Mrs. Derkheim, Elizabeth	\$1 00
Mrs. S. A. Clark, Elizabeth	1 00
Trinity Church, Mount Holly.....	30 00
Mrs. A. E. Woodruff, Rahway	1 00
St. Paul's School, Rahway	34 78
Christ Church, Woodbury.....	5 00
St. Michael's, Trenton	25 50
St. Michael's Mexican Band	49 60
St. Michael's Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	23 20
St. Michael's, through Mrs. Colson, of Woodbury.	2 70
St. Paul's Church, Trenton	9 62
St. John's, Elizabeth, collection	277 39
St. John's, Elizabeth, Willing Workers.....	220 62
Aquilar League, Plainfield	18 00

Aquilar League, Plainfield.....	\$21 00
Ladies of Trinity Church, Matawan.....	7 50
Mrs. Swift.....	5 00
Mrs. G. C. Watson.....	5 00
Trinity Church, Woodbridge.....	5 00
Mrs. H. B. Merrill	20 00
Mrs. Ewan Merritt, Mount Holly.....	20 00
Collection at W. A. Meeting, through Mrs. Such..	18 00
Miss Bristol, Elizabeth.....	1 00
Mrs. Snyder, Elizabeth.....	2 11
Cake sold at meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary....	75
 Total	\$804 77

MRS. ROBERT BOWNE,
Vice President.

The following paper was read by Mrs. Neilson, of Florence, N. J:

It is always a great pleasure to me to attend the meetings of the New Jersey Branch of the Women's Auxiliary. I have been invited to prepare a paper, to read to-day, in reference to our missionary work. And while I accept the invitation with pleasure, I do it with diffidence, because there are so many here present so much wiser and more competent than myself.

The women of this Diocese may well be proud of their organization, their officers, and of what they have already done. Experience is our best teacher; we are all of us learning to be helpful in the great missionary cause; some of us have been longer at the lessons than others, and it is only because I have had the pleasure of being a worker so long that I am encouraged to speak to you to-day. I began to work before the Ladies' Domestic Missionaay Relief Association was formed in New York. The Woman's Auxiliary is its successor in organized missionary enterprises. I believe that they only who knew the difficulties that they encountered before its day fully appreciate it and it's most lovely and accomplished Secretaries, the Sisters of Emery. When the first one was married, some of us thought that ruin was at hand, but we have learned that the younger Sister lacks nothing that made her predecessor invaluable, and the longer we know her, the better we love her. At first some of the parishes viewed the Auxiliary with distrust, but each year brings it new allies, and we feel sure that we are not too sanguine when we are anticipating the day when it will have a branch in every parish in the land.

As I represent among you one of the poorest Parishes in the Diocese, I will confess to you that I have given much thought as to how

the small and feeble Parishes can best help in this blessed work, for the dear Lord's sake, and I will tell you of my conclusions. I am very sure, however, that they are neither new nor startling. They may, however, offer some suggestions. When we contrast the most of what we do in this Diocese with that which is done in the large cities, it is evident that our work must be of quite a different character. Many of the wealthy Parishes spend more money on their missionary boxes each year than this whole Diocese can afford to do. But does money represent the whole value of the work? I think not.

There is no service so easily rendered as for those who have plenty of money, to give it freely, perhaps without its costing them sacrifice of any kind, but I am sure, that the gift, be it ever so large, may not be compared in value, to the time, that so many good people will steal even from their rest, to give to the Lord, for His faithful servants, in labor "which proceed of love." There is not one of us who may not help forward His work, and I am one of those who believe that what is done in our country parishes, is to the whole Church, a very great blessing. People who are busied in comforting those, who are far distant from them, grow to be very tender to those who are near, and how sincerely the bond of the brotherhood of the Christian family, must be strengthened when we can spend and be spent for those, whom having not seen, we love, for the sake of the dear Elder Brother of us all. At no time, it seems to me, do we realize more fully, than after we have dispatched a Missionary Box, filled with the results of months or weeks of our best labors, the words of the Lord Jesus, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

I want to advert here, to the great propriety of our sending always, all the underwear and household articles laundered, and so, ready for immediate use. The wife of a missionary once wrote to me, (the Secretary of a Parochial Society) in her gratitude, on the receipt of a box: "When I saw that every article was washed and ironed, I simply wept. You, who in your Eastern homes, are living with a plentiful supply of water, always at hand, cannot appreciate how much it is to me, to have all those sheets and pillowslips, those table-cloths, napkins, and towels, and those dozens of underclothes ready to my hand. Water is scarce here, and carried in buckets from a little distance, to our home, by my husband to me the only hand maiden;" Perhaps there is not one housekeeper present, who does not realize the value of what this poor woman only emphasizes. It is sad to know that the omission of so trifling an additional cost, or effort on our part, can mar the satisfaction at the receipt of any box. Before I pass to speak of other work than the preparation of boxes, I want to say a word for the needs of our hospitals, and this will furnish a hint for our poor Parishes; because it requires comparatively small outlay. Lint, bandages, hospital shirts, bedgowns, are perpetually in demand. Every one can pick lint and roll bandages, collect old linen, and make the needed garments, and there should not be a hospital at home or abroad lacking such necessities.

I think that all will admit that the most fascinating duty of the

members of the Auxiliary is, certainly, that of preparing missionary boxes; the fear is that we begin to think that it is all that we have to do, which would be quite a delusion. I often wonder, whether we are sufficiently alive to our Diocesan Missions. Some of our clergy are missionaries in everything but in name, and then we have our Diocesan Missionaries, too. Are all their needs supplied? Pray, let us inquire earnestly into this and if the work lacks some of the romance of that which is farther away, never let us forget that our charity must *begin* at home, though it may not end until it has compassed the world.

There are scholarships to be supported in our Schools and Mission stations among the Freedmen, the Mormons, and the Indians. In China, in Japan, in Palestine, in Africa, and in Mexico, the support of a child in them varies in cost from \$25 to \$60 a year, it may be, that but few of the Parishes could furnish this sum in addition to their other Missionary work, but it would seem, as if four or five neighboring ones might unite in the support of one. It is such a truly good work to care for the children. I have just read in a leaflet, of "a gentlemen who took a friend over his farm to look at his herds, who was much impressed with the quality of his sheep, and inquired as to the cause of their superiority, Oh! he replied: I always take care of my Lambs!" And so, we must take care of the Lambs of His flock, if we may hope that the sheep of His pasture be what He would love to have them be. May we not also aid in the support of the lady helpers, in the Missionary field, their stipends are very small, perhaps, this Diocese might care for one. And we women, who are enjoying the comforts and happiness of our homes, might thus have our substitute in the field.

A custom prevails in some Parishes, to ignore any request made by our Missionaries for books. I have known good people, who shudder at the thought of physical suffering, say with perfect apathy: "This man asks for such and such books, *of course*, we can't send them," and why should he have everything in the way of clothes, and be denied books, when by a little effort on our part to collect the money, he could have them.

I would rather supply books than anything else, they are at once the most delightful companions, and the truest of friends, and I beg to enter a plea for the men who ask for them. "I have not had a new suit of clothes for six years," wrote one of them, "but I do so truly need some books," (naming the volumes), "that if I must choose between the two, I say send the books." It sounded to me like the voice of the sentinel on the outpost, saying: "My uniform is all shabby and worn, but my arms need to be renewed, pray send me more, even if I must still look weather beaten." Would we keep the soldiers of the Cross, ever ready to do battle against the enemy, they must be well furnished with weapons, with which to repel every assault upon the faith once delivered to the Saints. They cannot go from our Theological Schools, to enter upon their life long work, at stipends so small, that they may but barely subsist upon

them, and have at hand the means to supply themselves with books, in every profession books are held to be indispensable. And we surely must look to it, that they be not denied to our clergy. Besides starvation of the mind is as sad as bodily hunger.

One other thought and I am done. I often ask myself at the meetings of the various Branches of the Auxiliary, which I gladly attend, where are our young people? And to all the young that I see here to-day, let me say how heartily we welcome you. The older ones among us are passing along the journey of life, so that we shall soon have reached its usual limit. If our young friends are not to take up the work with us what will become of it when we must lay it down? In many places the young girls have guilds or societies of their own, and while I commend them for it, my preference would be to have the younger ones unite with their seniors, so that they may supply what may be lacking for want of experience.

And now, in conclusion, you will ask me how can we obtain the means for all this work, in addition to what is required for our boxes. The support of scholarships and lady helpers and the supply of books needs only money. It seems to me that this can always be obtained, in small sums, from the many, rather than in seeking larger ones from a few. I am sure that we are all of us too prone to disregard trifles, in contributions; they are troublesome to collect, but they must always be cherished for the sake of those who give them. I think that the plan adopted in this Diocese by the Vice-President of the work for Mexico, in furnishing each parish with a book for subscriptions, from the smallest sum upward, ought to yield good results. And I shall hope to see it adopted for each department of our missionary work in our own parish, with treasurers for each, who may remit the amounts quarterly or semi-annually to the diocesan Vice-Presidents. Finally, let me beg every one here present not to be discouraged in the work, lest we lose heart. Faint-heartedness is very enervating. Our only care should be to look to it that our efforts come up to the standard of the services rendered to the dear Lord Himself by the women in the Gospel, "She hath done what she could," were His gracious words. May they be true of each one of us.

FLORENCE May 13th, 1879.
