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MRS. P. G. VOUGHT—Freehold.

Freedmen and Mormons.

MRS. ROBERT BOWNE—Elizabeth.

Mexican League.

Secretary and Treasurer.

MISS CHARLOTTE M. TAYLOR—Plainfield.

Report of the Secretary and Treasurer.

The New Jersey Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has held, as usual, its annual and semi-annual meetings. The former was held in St. Stephen's Church, Beverly, on Oct. 30, 1879. Eighteen parishes were represented, and fifty-three delegates present.

The election of officers to serve for the ensuing year being in order, Mrs. S. A. Clark was unanimously chosen President, and Mrs. Benj. Williamson, Jr., as Vice-President. (taking charge of Diocesan Missions). With these two exceptions, the other officers were re-instated.

Miss Neilson, of Florence, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously accepted :

Whereas ; Since the last meeting of this Society, the Right Rev. William Henry Odenheimer, D.D., has entered into that rest which remaineth for the people of God, therefore be it

Resolved ; That we, the members of the New Jersey Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, desire to make some expression of the sense of the loss that we, in common with all the Diocese, have sustained.

Resolved ; That we shall ever proudly cherish the recollection of Bishop Odenheimer. Earnest, zealous, loving, faithful, he endeared himself to us by every Christian virtue, during the fifteen years that he went in and out among the parishes as our beloved Diocesan, making the most blessed of visitations.

Resolved ; That a committee be appointed to confer as to the selection of some suitable memorial of him, to be placed in St. Mary's, Burlington, under whose shadow his honored remains rest.

Resolved; That we do sincerely sympathize with his stricken family, and especially with our friend—his cherished wife, in this sad bereavement.

Resolved; That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Odenthaler; that they be entered upon the minutes, and published in the annual report.

A letter of farewell was read from Mrs. Tiffany, and a resolution offered by Bishop Scarborough, expressing regret at her resignation on account of ill health. A committee of three were appointed to convey to Mrs. Tiffany the sincere sorrow of the Society for her inability to continue her work with them, and their earnest hope for her speedy recovery.

The semi-annual meeting was held at Woodbury, May 18, 1880. Twenty-five parishes were represented, and one hundred and sixty ladies present.

The reports of money and boxes sent off to the different departments of the Mission field were as follows:

Domestic Missions.....	\$1,746 67
Foreign "	277 92
Diocesan "	762 14
Indian "	749 96
Freedmen and Mormons.....	407 98
Mexican League.....	531 14
Elizabeth Branch.....	139 35
 Total.....	 \$4,615 16

Beginning the year under the cloud of depression caused by the resignation of their beloved President, and also by the inability to work with them of one of their most efficient Vice-Presidents, the members of this Society have every reason to be most deeply thankful to the "Giver of all good" that it hath pleased Him to strengthen their hearts and uphold their hands, and that they have been enabled thus far to press forward in the work of helping to spread abroad in the world the glorious light of His most Holy Gospel.

At the resignation of Mrs. Lansing, Mrs. P. G. Vought, of Freehold, was elected to take charge of the department for the Freedmen and Mormons.

Numerous interesting letters were read, addresses were given by Mrs. Lever, from Mexico, and by Bishop Scarborough.

The Treasurer's report is as follows :

RECEIVED.

Balance carried over.....	\$24 25
May 15th, 1879, collection.....	22 25
St. Stephen's, Florence.....	3 00
Oct. 30th, collection.....	18 96
St. John's, Salem.....	5 00
Christ Church, South Amboy.....	5 00
St. Mary's Burlington.....	4 00
Christ Church, Woodbury.....	7 00
St. Stephen's, Beverly.....	3 50
 Total.....	 \$92 96

EXPENDED.

To Mrs. Lansing	\$3 48
“ Miss Emery	5 00
Printing Reports.....	27 50
Stamps, Postal Cards, Stationery	11 68
 Total.....	 \$47 66
 Cash on hand to Balance.....	 \$45 30
	 \$92 96

CHARLOTTE M. TAYLOR,
Secretary and Treasurer.

May, 1880.

Domestic Missions.

Report of the Domestic Branch of the New Jersey Branch Woman's Auxiliary, for the Winter of 1879-80.

BURLINGTON,

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

1 box to a missionary in Tennessee.

Value.....\$89 30

2d box to the same

Value.....\$42 20

FROM WOMEN'S MITE CHEST.

Sent to Dr. Twing.

Value.....\$31 78

SOUTH AMBOY,

CHRIST CHURCH.

1 box for the children of a missionary in Tennessee.

Value.....\$45 00

PRINCETON,

TRINITY CHURCH.

1 box for a missionary in Tennessee.

Value.....\$55 00

Money for the same.....\$20 00

MOUNT HOLLY,

TRINITY CHURCH.

1 box for a missionary in Virginia.

Value.....\$96 00

1 box for Christmas sent to Miss Emery.

Value.....\$55 00

MOUNT HOLLY,

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

1 box for a missionary in Colorado.

Value.....\$125 00

1 box for a missionary in South Carolina.

Value.....\$67 00

NEW BRUNSWICK

CHRIST CHURCH AND ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

1 box to a missionary in Colorado.

Value.....\$155 00

BEVERLY,

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

1 box to a missionary in Western Virginia.

Value.....\$97 13

MOORESTOWN,	TRINITY CHURCH.
1 box for four little girls of a missionary in North Carolina.	
Value.....	\$53 00
FLORENCE,	ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.
1 box from the young ladies' society for a young girl in Nebraska.	
Value.....	\$30 00
SOMERVILLE,	ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
1 box for children of a missionary in North Carolina.	
Value.....	\$60 00
RAHWAY.	
1 box for a missionary in North Carolina.	
RIVERTON,	CHRIST CHURCH.
1 barrel of clothing, papers, etc., for a missionary in Mississippi.	
Value.....	\$30 00
1 barrel for a missionary in North Carolina.	
Value.....	\$50 00
2 barrels for the same.	
Value.....	\$25 00
ELIZABETH,	TRINITY CHURCH.
1 box by a lady for a missionary in Florida.	
Value.....	\$100 00
Cash to the same from the same.....	30 00
The Bishop of Texas from a lady.....	150 00
ELIZABETH,	ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
1 box to a missionary in Delaware.	
Value.....	\$184 70
1 box to a missionary in Western Virginia.	
Value.....	\$146 81
Mite box of mother's meeting in St. John's Church for Sister Eliza's work in Colorado.	
Value.....	\$2 75
Package of pillow cases and hospital stores for same.	
Value.....	\$6 00
Total amount.....	\$1,746 67

It will be seen by these reports, the zeal of our women in the work of Domestic Missions remains unabated. Some of the parishes have made during the past season, two or more boxes or barrels for missionaries in distant parts of our own country. The practice of packing in barrels is a very good one. Their capacity is apparently endless, and the freight so much less as the facilities for transportation so much easier.

Our hearts have been gladdened by the comfort these boxes carry to many households. One of the secretaries writes "we were not able to send all that was needed in the family, but the reverend gentleman expresses himself extremely pleased with what we have done, saying: 'If it was not for the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, I could not stay in C——';" also speaks of the great work doing by the same. His gratitude is very beautiful as he speaks of his Christmas and Easter joys being increased by our work for him. All of which makes us very happy, as we feel that our Winter's toil has not been labor in vain.

One of our missionaries in answer to a letter enquiring about the needs of his family says: "I will not endeavor to thank you and your co-workers for your kindly interest in me and my family, as shown by the generous offer of help. Having been in poor health for some time with a flock of five little ones to provide for, I assure you that I most gratefully appreciate the offer and the Christian spirit and good will that prompts in making it. But I must beg the privilege of declining. Our friends have been so very kind to us, that the children do not really need anything in the way of clothing to make them comfortable for the Winter. When there are so many missionaries in the field with larger families than mine, and to whom such things would be very great blessings, in supplying their real needs, that both Mrs. B—— and myself think that we should be doing wrong to others, in accepting for ourselves." Mrs. B—— writes: "Your very kind letter has done me much good in mind, even as you want to do in body, to know that you feel for and sympathize for us in our labors. Since my husband's ill health, we have been wonderfully provided for by our fellow laborers in the cause of Christ. As he has already said, the children have enough to make them comfortable for the Winter. Being small I can make over for them the many things outgrown by my relatives and friends. I, too, feel that it would be wrong for us to accept what is so badly needed by others."

Here certainly is shown no grasping spirit such as has been sometimes complained of where boxes are being filled. It will please you all to know that loving hands made new suits for all those little children, and they did not go to church entirely clad in made over garments. With a few passages from one or two warm-hearted and grateful letters we must close this lengthy report, only seeking one favor of the women of our Branch in New Jersey for the coming season of work. Will it be too much to ask that in every box or barrel sent to any missionary some books or other reading matter may be added?

Could you look in upon the studies of many of our most efficient workers in the Mission field, and see them reading over year after year the same books which, perhaps, were gathered during their Seminary course, and hear the words of longing as they read in church papers of the cheap books which, in our cities, are looked upon almost as a drug, you would never forget to add to that scanty store, and fill that hungry soul with what to him is more, far more than clothing or nourishment, even food for his famishing mind, and more efficient aid for his Master's work.

SARAH H. CLARK,

President.

ELIZABETH, *May, 1880.*

Indian Missions.

Reports received of work during the past year :

BEVERLY, ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

1 Christmas box, for Yankton.....	\$15 62
S. S. Lenten work, for Niobrara.....	31 80
“ support of Philip Doloria.....	83 00
For Ch., at White Earth, Mr. Gilfillan....	10 00
	\$140 42

ELIZABETH BRANCH.

1 barrel and 1 Christmas box, Yankton...	\$60 00
Trinity Church, Bishop Hare.....	17 00
	\$77 00

FREEHOLD.

St. Peter's Church, collection.....	\$18 54
	\$18 54

HADDONFIELD.

Grace Church ; Mr. Gilfillan's Church	
White Earth.....	\$5 00
1 barrel, White Earth, Minn.....	40 00
1 barrel and 1 box, Niobrara.....	90 00
	\$135 00

PEMBERTON, GRACE CHURCH.

For Mr. Gilfillan's Church.....	\$2 00
	\$2 00

BURLINGTON, ST. MARY'S.

*Mr. Gilfillan's Church.....	\$2 00
	\$2 00

MOUNT HOLLY, ST. ANDREW'S.

1 box for Mrs. Cleveland, Rosebud....	\$46 00
Mite subscription for Mrs. Swift's Mission,	
at St. John's, Cheyenne.....	5 00
Cash for Niobrara buildings.....	21 00
For Mr. Gilfillan's Church, White Earth..	21 00
	\$93 00

TRENTON, ST. MICHAEL'S.

1 box Christmas toys, Bp. Hare, Niobrara.	\$15 00
	\$15 00

PRINCETON, TRINITY CHURCH.

1 box to Mr. Rev. Mr. Cook, Yankton....	\$35 00
1 “ to Mr. Swift, Cheyenne Agency....	210 00
To Mr. Gilfillan.....	1 00
	\$345 00

FLORENCE, ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

For Mr. Gilfillan's Church, White Earth.	\$2 00	\$2 00
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VINCENTOWN, TRINITY CHURCH.

S. S. contributions....	\$5 00	\$5 00
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WOODBURY.

Mrs. Hopkins, for Church at White Earth..	\$1 00
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Other cash contributions, White Earth.....	\$3 00	\$4 00
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RAHWAY, ST. PAUL'S GUILD.

For Mr. Swift's Miss., St. John's Church ..	\$10 00	\$10 00
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Cash.....	\$206 54
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Value of boxes, &c.....	\$543 42
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Total.....	\$749 96
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This report includes what was contributed at the annual meeting at Woodbury.

CATHARINE C. MERRITT,

Vice-President.

May 19th, 1880.

In reviewing the work of the past year, I find but little more reported of actual value than in the preceding six months. There certainly is not less interest in the work. Many reasons may account for this apparent falling off.

The parish aids are certainly at work as we see by reports in the "Spirit of Missions." In some cases I know their work is sent in different directions, while quite as much may be sent to the Indian field, and not reported through our "Auxiliary." I trust it may not be, that with increased worldly prosperity, the claims of missions are disregarded.

When we read of the great changes made, and the blessings attending all the efforts of our missionaries among the Indian tribes, we can but exclaim in wonder, "What hath God wrought?" And when we consider the wrongs they have suffered, can we hesitate to do our little share in sending to them the blessings of civilization, the knowledge of God, whom now they ignorantly worship, and of salvation, through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Whilst we sit beside our own comfortable firesides and read of the sufferings which our missionaries endure, travelling on foot from station to station, oft times forty to fifty miles, over the solid snow, day after day, no habitation visible, no companion save the Indian guides, sharing with them their blankets, no shelter but a tent, and sometimes not even that, cheerfully and willingly bearing the Gospel message.

Even in their mission homes enduring such privations as we cannot realize, such extremes of cold, with thermometer at 20 to 40 degrees below zero, every eatable thing frozen solid, and fearing lest themselves should freeze to death ere the Winter pass away. Why, we can't even imagine such suffering here ; and shall not our hearts burn within us, and our ready sympathies be excited to do what we can to aid them by our alms, by our work, and by our prayers, without which, all our efforts are of no avail.

Different parishes are interested, and doubtless working for different points in this wide field, and constantly the field is increasing as we know God's work must go on till His name is preached in all lands; and, although every part calls for aid, and, although, money is always needed to carry on the work of the Society, there is just now a pressing need to replace in Niobrara the losses occasioned by the recent prairie fires. The houses to be rebuilt, and stores made ready to meet the demands of the coming Winter.

This being a central point when supplies are given out to surrounding stations as needed, surely each parish can give something, each member can do something, and I would beg you to remember that it is not alone the large contributions of the rich, but the smaller gifts of those who can do but little, with a glad and willing heart, which, in the aggregate, makes up the full supply, and is acceptable as was "the widow's mite" in our Saviour's time. Let us be assured that even the little we can do, will, with God's blessing, help to aid and comfort those who give up everything of home and comforts here, to look after the scattered sheep in the wilderness, and bring the red men also into the fold of the Good Shepherd.

C. C. MERRITT.

Foreign Missions.

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

At the October meeting, held in Beverly, it was proposed that the parishes in the Diocese should subscribe for the Woman's Auxiliary Fund, for the purpose of sending a missionary to Wuchang, China. The following amounts have been received :

Riverton, Christ Church.....	\$10 00
Camden, St. Paul's.....	5 00
Haddenfield, Grace Church.....	5 00
Moorestown, Trinity.....	2 00
Mount Holly, Trinity.....	2 00
Burlington, St. Mary's.....	2 00
Woodbury, Christ Church.....	4 00
Plainfield, Grace.....	3 50
Two Friends.....	2 00
Beverly, St. Stephen's.....	50 00
Elizabeth Branch	5 00
Princeton, Trinity.....	2 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$92 50

ELIZABETH.	ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
For the support of children in Calcutta.....	\$60 00
FLORENCE.	ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.
One box for Dr. Bunn's Hospital, valued at.....	\$10 00
FREEHOLD.	ST. PETER'S CHURCH.
From a few ladies, for the Foreign field.....	\$5 42
TRENTON.	ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.
The third and last annual pledge for the College in China, through Miss Virginia Stevens.....	\$70 00
PRINCETON.	TRINITY CHURCH.
For L. C. Tuthill scholarship in China	\$40 00
Making a Total in all of.....	<hr/> \$277 92

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA J. REED.

May, 1880.

Freedmen and Mormons.

Owing to the illness of the Vice-President of the work for Freedmen and Mormons, in the New Jersey Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary the report is not very connected or full.

BRIDGETON.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

1 barrel of clothing for Mrs Buford's work.

Value.....\$65 00

FREEHOLD.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

1 box for Mrs. Miles, Clover Depot, Virginia.....\$57 98

Also package of red flannel for same.

Value.....\$7 00

ELIZABETH.

TRINITY CHURCH.

1 box by a lady for Port Royal, Virginia.

Value.....\$50 00

ELIZABETH BRANCH WOMAN'S AUXILLARY WORKING BAND.

1 barrel for Bishop Atkinson's work in Raleigh, N.C.

Value.....\$70 00

CLASS IN ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.

For Miss Pendleton's school, Christmas cards, books, and woollen comforters.

Value.....\$8 00

EAST LONG BRANCH.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

1 box to Mrs. Buford.....\$125 00

PRINCETON.

TRINITY CHURCH.

For Rev. Mr. Thackara.....\$5 00

For colored schools in Ashville.....20 00

Total.....\$407 98

Report of Mexican League

Beverly—St. Stephen's—on account of scholarship.	\$5 00
" Mrs. Lindsay.....	10 00
Freehold—St. Peter's Church.....	23 15
" " " " through Mrs. Vought.	7 00
" Ladies' Auxiliary.....	7 10
" through Mrs. Forman.....	5 43
Elizabeth—St. John's Church.....	4 25
" Trinity Church.....	10 00
" Branch of Woman's Auxiliary.....	10 00
" Mrs. R. Bowne.....	15 00
" St. John's "Willing Workers".....	283 51
" Intermediate class for St. John's schol- arship.....	12 28
" Mrs. Cromwell.....	8 92
" Mrs. William Thomas.....	75
" A friend.....	45
" Mrs. Derkheimer.....	1 00
" Mrs. S. A. Clark.....	1 00
" Through Rev. Mr. Langford of St. John's Church.....	18 30
Princeton—Trinity Church.....	7 00
Mount Holly—Trinity Church.....	10 00
Trenton—St. Michael's.....	60 00
Salem—St. John's.....	10 00
South Amboy—Christ.....	10 00
Subscription to Envoy.....	1 00
Florence—St. Stephen's.....	5 00
" " ".....	5 00
 Total.....	 \$531 14

MRS. ROBERT BOWNE,

Vice President.

ELIZABETH, May, 1880.

Diocesan Report.

Contributions of money and clothing to Diocesan work, as follows :

MOORESTOWN.	TRINITY CHURCH.
1 box.	
Value	\$44 00
PRINCETON.	TRINITY CHURCH.
Money.....	\$35 00
PLAINFIELD.	GRACE CHURCH.
1 box.	
Value.....	\$245 00
Money.....	21 00
BEVERLY.	ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.
1 box	
Value.....	\$163 35
ELIZABETH.	CHRIST CHAPEL.
Money.....	\$28 50
ELIZABETH.	TRINITY CHURCH.
Bricks for Church at Freehold.....	2 60
Mrs. Davis, for Grace Church, Elizabethport.....	50 00
Elizabeth, Mission Work, reported through two ladies..	91 00
Mrs. Robert's for Grace Church, Elizabethport.....	24 50
For building Church at Flemington, ladies of St.	
Mary's, Burlington.....	4 00
Mrs. Ewan Merritt, for Flemington.....	5 00
Mrs. Bonnel, Elizabeth	5 00
Mrs. Morrison, Elizabeth.....	5 00
Young Ladies' Bible Class, St. John's, Elizabeth.....	10 00
Sunday School, St. John's, Elizabeth.....	9 69
Clothes from Miss Ball. Value.....	14 50
Clothes from a friend	4 50
Total.....	<hr/> \$762 14

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY E. WILLIAMSON,

ELIZABETH,

Vice-President.

May 17th, 1880.

Elizabeth Branch.

Since the last report, the "Woman's Auxiliary" in Elizabeth have held two quarterly meetings. A public missionary meeting for their benefit was held in Trinity Church on Wednesday evening, January 29th, on which occasion, the Rev. Mr. Courtney, at that time the assistant minister of St. Thomas' Church, preached a most eloquent sermon. During the Fall the Ladies' Sewing Society met as usual, and made up a box of clothing for the Indians. They adjourned for the Holidays, but resumed their labors during the season of Lent, at which time they made a box of clothing, sheets, pillow-cases and books for the Freedmen in Raleigh. The value of the two boxes were estimated at nearly one hundred dollars.

The Treasurer reports that the collections during the year amounts to \$139 35
 For Foreign Missions 39 50
 For Domestic Missions 99 85

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZA G. HALSEY,

Secretary.

MATILDA L. ARDEN.

Treasurer.

LETTER FROM MISS EMERY

TO THE

"NEW JERSEY BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY."

MY DEAR FRIENDS:

Your President has asked me to write a paper for to-day's meeting, and I do so all the more willingly since I cannot be with you much as I should like to be. She has given me no subject, so I have felt at liberty to write on several, and rather in the form of a friendly letter than of a formal paper.

There are three or four practical matters which I want to bring to your notice, and of these I first want to make a plea in behalf of the Spirit of Missions. I am told that about 6,500 are issued monthly, only 6,500 to be sent throughout the length and breadth of our Church, and keep its people informed of the missionary work that is being done, and that must be supported and increased. It is

no great wonder that there is no more general interest, when so few hold in their hands the means of gaining a general knowledge. And yet the magazine costs but \$1.50 a year, not half so much as your "Harper" or "Scribner," not a fifth part so much as your "Littell."

When the Woman's Auxiliary was first planned one of its objects was stated to be "the circulation of missionary publications," and this can be done in no way more efficiently than by gaining subscribers to the "Spirit of Missions," so I would urge that in each parish two members of the Auxiliary be appointed to go from family to family, asking for subscriptions. Let them send the names and addresses and money to the Bible House, ensuring that the magazine be sent; even if they do not follow in all respects the example of a Connecticut clergyman, of blessed memory, who had all copies sent to him, distributed them to their rightful owners each month himself, and then, I think, made a regular visit of inquiry to see that his people read them. There are those, however, who have not even \$1.50 to spare, and for them I introduce my second subject—Leaflets.

At the Bible House, these are frequently issued in the various departments of Mission work. They are free to all, and for general distribution. We are ready and glad to send them when wanted. We only wish they would be more often asked for. Will not the secretary of each Parish Branch, at least four times in the year, write, asking for papers of this kind to distribute? Mention the part of the missionary field of which there is the wish to hear, and give the number of papers desired, and I hope we may never fail to supply them. Give them out in your Society meeting; if your Rector consents, place them in the pews at Church. It may be a word read before the service will be the arrow-shot at a venture, and will do an abiding work.

As I write, two other very different points occur to me, which I would like to dwell upon, even though by so doing I give an abrupt change to your thoughts. The first of these is in regard to the sending of certain varieties of Missionary boxes.

It has become customary each year to receive at the Bible House packages or boxes to be forwarded to different places, but to this arrangement it is found there are many objections; occasionally it is the best thing to do, but generally we would advise sending direct.

Here are some of our difficulties:

A box comes with a letter accompanying it, stating that its contents are at the disposal of the Secretary. She has it opened to learn what those contents are, and finds written a slip of paper, "For the Plantation Negroes." It would have been simpler and have cost less had the givers obtained some address for their box from the Secretary and sent it direct, rather than have had it brought from down town to the Bible House, opened, nailed up again, and then sent away, all extra expense of cartage and further freight charges to be met by funds from the Missionary treasury. Or a package is sent for some special place and may lie months waiting for other contributions to come in sufficient to warrant the sending of a box. Or if something comes at a busy time; no one can attend to the opening and re-packing and sending. It is laid aside, hidden behind other things, the address becomes defaced, perhaps illegible, and at last it may be the contents go to some other place for which they were not intended.

These mistakes and delays sometimes do occur, and though always regretted, they are almost unavoidable in a place where so many other things occupy the time and attention and the packing and forwarding of boxes, but a very small item in the work. So I would beg that as far as possible *all* gifts be sent direct, even though the box must be less costly because of the sum laid aside to pay the freight. One other point only will I touch upon to-day, knowing you have many things to occupy your time, but I would like to make a proposition to be considered by you during the Summer, and to be acted upon, it may be, when I meet you in the Fall.

With the growing strength of the Auxiliary fresh work must surely be expected from us, and in no way am I more anxious that we should extend our efforts than in the support of *Missionary women*. Massachusetts already supports Mrs. Payne; New York, Miss Nelson and several of our Indian workers; Pennsylvania, Sister Sophy and Mrs. Buford; Maryland, Sister Julia. This last year Rhode Island has supported Miss Eddy; next year Southern Ohio may support Sister Eliza. Might not New Jersey take up a like work?

Some of the stipends are small, one I think only \$180. Two others \$250 only. Perhaps were the whole beyond you, you could share the amount with some other diocese. For it is with the promised help of our different dioceses that we may hope at last to assume the support of all our missionary women, and to aid more and more every department of our Church Missions.

Trusting that New Jersey may always stand ready to do her full part, and that that part may grow larger and larger from year to year. I am

Very sincerely and affectionately yours,

JULIA C. EMERY.

May 19th, 1880.

