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Prayer for Indian Missions.

O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WHO HAST PROMISED THAT ALL THOSE WHO DWELL IN THE WILDERNESS SHALL KNEEL BEFORE THY SON, REMEMBER, WE PRAY THEE, THE INDIAN TRIBES OF OUR LAND AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GONE TO THEM IN THY NAME.

GUIDE AND GOVERN ALL THOSE WHO ARE PUT IN CIVIL OR MILITARY AUTHORITY OVER THEM, THAT THE PEOPLE MAY LEAD A QUIET AND PEACEABLE LIFE IN ALL GODLINESS AND HONESTY.

SET UP AND STRENGTHEN THY CHURCH AMONG THEM, THAT THEY MAY ALL COME TO KNOW THEE, THE ONLY TRUE GOD, AND JESUS CHRIST WHOM THOU HAST SENT.

ENDUE ITS MINISTERS WITH HEAVENLY LOVE AND WISDOM, AND MAKE THEM ENSAMPLES TO THE FLOCK.

SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE. PRESERVE THEIR MARRIAGES IN PEACE AND CONCORD; NOURISH THEIR INFANTS; LEAD FORWARD THEIR YOUTH; SUSTAIN THEIR AGED; COMFORT THE WEAK-HEARTED; GATHER TOGETHER THE SCATTERED; SETTLE THE ROVING; AND KNIT THEM ALL TOGETHER, WORKING WITH THEIR HANDS THE THING THAT IS GOOD, IN THY HOLY CHURCH; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
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NIOBRARA LEAGUE.

1876-'77.

THE Annual Meeting of the Niobrara League was held on the 4th of November, 1876, in the Sunday-school room of the Church of the Transfiguration, and the work of the season was begun by the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Thirty-seven churches reported delegates accredited to the League. This number has remained the same throughout the year; no additional parishes having joined during that time.

Thirteen Scholarships in the Indian schools are now entirely supported by Sunday-schools and churches, or by individuals. Of these, one (the Houghton Scholarship) has been endowed during the past year by a member of the League.

Six large and valuable boxes were sent to different Stations. Of these, four were valued at \$649.90; the other two at the same estimate, would bring the value of the six to \$974.

The League united with the other Indian Associations in the endowment of a Scholarship in memory of Mrs. Mary E. Hinman.

An effort to interest the children of the Church and to train them to carry on the Indian work, resulted in a proposal for a Christmas Box, to be prepared by the children during the summer, and sent early in November to the Niobrara Store Room. A record of the result will accompany this Report.

The work of the League was fully reported at the Fourth General Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, held in Boston on the 12th of October.

The work to be undertaken for the present year, is the support of six of the young men now in training as Catechists, the continued support of the unendowed Scholarships, and the salaries of those ladies who have been accustomed to rely on the League for their support.

Other objects will be suggested during the season, and it is hoped that all will be as generously provided for this year as they were during the last.

HELEN BEACH,
Recording Secretary.

The Regular Meetings of the Niobrara League are held on the first Thursday of each month, at 11 o'clock, in the Sunday-school Room of the Church of the Transfiguration. All ladies interested in our Indian Missions are cordially invited to attend.

1876-'77.	1 Box to Store Room, from St. Stephen's Parish, value,	\$35 65
	2 Boxes to Store Room, from St. Thomas' Ch.,	{ 355 00
		{ 84 25
	1 Box to White Earth, from Woman's Missionary Association of Zion Church,	175 00
	1 Box for Choteau Creek, from Church of the Transfiguration.	
	1 Box from the Guild of the Holy Cross, Church of the Beloved Disciple.	
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	6 Boxes, value of 4,	\$649 90
	2 Boxes, same estimate,	324 95
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		\$974 85

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1876, TO OCTOBER 31, 1877.

Offering at the Anniversary Meeting in Church of the Transfiguration....	\$163 62
Church of the Holy Communion, towards support of one lady.....	263 00
St. Bartholomew's Church, towards support of one lady.....	350 00
St. Mark's Church, towards support of one lady.....	160 52
Trinity Chapel, towards support of one lady.....	373 75
Calvary Church.....	414 00
Calvary Free Chapel.....	6 55
Church of the Annunciation.....	5 00
Church of the Ascension, members.....	50 00
Church of The Holy Saviour.....	1 00
Church of the Incarnation.....	227 33
Church of the Transfiguration, for Mission at Choteau Creek.....	178 00
Grace Church.....	290 50
St. Stephen's Church, Ladies' Aid Society.....	78 00
St. Thomas' Church, Ladies' Missionary Society.....	240 49
Christ Church, Pelham, Ladies' Missionary Association.....	75 00
Church of the Redeemer, Pelhamville.....	5 40
Miss M. S. Mortimer, Mrs. F. Lane, Miss Mary M. Collins, Mrs. Jas. H. Aldrich, each \$10.....	40 00
Miss Lyde, Miss Almy Gilford, Mrs. Archibald, each \$5.....	15 00
S. F.....	100 00
A friend, special.....	100 00
A friend.....	250 00
A member of the Niobrara League.....	500 00
Calvary Free Chapel S. S., one Scholarship.....	60 00
Church of the Heavenly Rest, one Scholarship.....	60 00
Church of the Holy Apostles, a member, two Scholarships.....	120 00
St. Paul's Chapel, Miss Kate Barnes, one Scholarship.....	60 00
Trinity Chapel, G. G., one Scholarship.....	60 00
Zion Church S. S., one Scholarship.....	60 00
Christ Church, Rye, members, one Scholarship.....	60 00
Miss M. S. Mortimer, one Scholarship.....	60 00
Mrs. Samuel Wetmore, one Scholarship.....	60 00
Mrs. J. J. Astor, one Scholarship.....	60 00
" " " to endow the George H. Houghton Scholarship.....	1,000 00
" " " to make Bishop Hare a Life Member.....	100 00
" " " special.....	10 00
Special contributions for Catechetical School : Mrs. J. J. Astor, \$200 ; Mr. W. W. Astor, \$100 ; a member of Christ Church, Rye, \$50 ; Miss Fanny Morris, \$16 ; Ladies' Missionary Society of St. Thomas' Church, \$114.16 ; members of Church of All Angels, \$20.....	500 16
Annual Subscriptions.....	87 00
Honorary Memberships.....	6 00
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	\$6,250 32

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for printing, postage, etc.....	\$83 95
" into the Treasury of the Indian Commission.....	6,166 37
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	\$6,250 32

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Mrs. Carpenter,	Miss Mary Lyon,
Mrs. A. A. Eustaphieve,	Mrs. Morrison,
Mrs. J. Edwards,	Miss E. Mead,
Mrs. U. Eddy,	Mrs. Minuse,
Mrs. Wm. Everett,	Miss Mills,
Miss F. Everett,	Mrs. Peters,
Miss M. Fleming,	Mrs. Wm. Purdy,
Miss T. Fleming,	Mrs. S. Purdy,

Mrs. C. A. Purdy,
 Mrs. J. B. Peck,
 Mrs. T. B. Peck,
 Miss M. Purdy,
 Miss E. Purdy,
 Miss C. Purdy,
 Mrs. George Park,
 Mrs. Aug. Park,
 Mrs. Mary Park,
 Mrs. Joseph Park,
 Mrs. H. J. Park,
 Mrs. A. Ryder,
 Mrs. Raymond,
 Mrs. Ramsey,
 Miss Schell,
 Miss M. Schell,
 Mrs. Sherman
 Miss Kate Sherman,

Miss Rose Sherman,
 Mrs. A. T. Sackett,
 Mrs. E. Schell,
 Mrs. Satterlee,
 Mrs. Saltonstall,
 Mrs. E. Tuttle,
 Mrs. G. P. Titus,
 Mrs. A. Theall,
 Mrs. Tatlock,
 Mrs. Van Wagenen,
 Miss Van Norden,
 Miss A. Van Norden,
 Miss Martha Wacob,
 Mrs. A. Wiggin,
 Miss Minnie Wiggin,
 Miss Daisy Wiggin,
 Mrs. Wann,
 Mrs. Wainwright.

CHRIST CHURCH, PELHAM.

Misses Bolton,
 Mrs. Burgher,
 Mrs. H. Burgher,
 Mrs. Henry Clark,
 Mrs. M. Clark,
 Mrs. Carten,
 Mrs. Canobie,
 Miss Canobie,
 Mrs. J. Devoe,
 Mrs. Robert Edgar,
 Miss M. Emmett,
 Mrs. Walton Evans,
 Mrs. Lewis Fowler,
 Mrs. Hoyt,
 Mrs. Harners,
 Mrs. Hermann,
 Mrs. W. Le Roy,
 Mrs. H. Le Roy,
 Mrs. G. Lambden,
 Mrs. Aaron Levinus,

Mrs. Newbold Morris,
 Mrs. Dr. Morris,
 Mrs. John Munro,
 Miss Mary Marshall,
 Miss May,
 Mrs. Maney,
 Mrs. A. Ogden,
 Mrs. Thomas Odell,
 Mrs. Lewis Odell,
 Mrs. F. Prime,
 Mrs. Powers,
 Miss Julia Schmidt,
 Misses Schuyler,
 Mrs. Stephens,
 Mrs. Reynolds,
 Mrs. Simmonds,
 Mrs. Daniel Webster,
 Mrs. Ward,
 Mrs. H. Williams,
 Miss G. de Luze's Sunday-school
 Class.

Mrs. Archibald,
 Mrs. F. B. Austin,
 Mrs. G. R. J. Bowdoin,
 Miss Mary Buxton,
 Mrs. Edward Haight,
 Mrs. J. A. Coles,
 Mrs. M. H. Verplanck,

Mrs. Geo. C. Miller,
 Mrs. A. Hyatt,
 Miss H. E. North,
 Mrs. H. E. Pellew,
 Miss Sarah H. Greenleaf,
 Miss Kate Bond,
 Miss Stanton.

THE CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY BOX.

At the May Meeting of the Niobrara League, the delegates present were asked to circulate cards, containing an appeal to the children of the Church for a Christmas box to be sent early in November. So generous a response has come to this appeal, that already, not one, but six large Boxes have been packed and sent to the Niobrara Store Room, to be distributed among the various Stations in time for Christmas. One of these Boxes was sent entirely from Calvary Free Chapel, the children of that Sunday-school having been so liberal in their gifts that a whole box was necessary to contain them. One hundred pounds of candy, bought with money sent by the children, filled another of the Boxes, while several small packages coming in late were forwarded by mail.

That many children have taken a deep interest in the sending of this Christmas Box, has been shown by the way in which they have worked for it; for instance, twelve little girls, forming themselves into a society, sent as the result of only eight meetings one of the very nicest of the Boxes received. Some other little girls had a fair and sent in the money. One little boy came to the Bible House on a very stormy afternoon, bringing with him a large box containing a toy village, his own contribution to the Christmas tree.

A little girl, unaccustomed to sewing and delighting in out-door sports, gave up many hours during the summer to making half a dozen aprons.

Another very little girl brought, besides some picture books, three aprons, one of which she had hemmed herself—her first essay in sewing—and for which she had purchased the materials with her own money.

Surely this Christmas Box is a very good educator for the little ones, and develops the latent Missionary spirit implanted in every heart.

The self-denial of the children has been proved by their gifts, treasured toys resigned to give pleasure to others less favored than themselves, work done in hours that might otherwise have been devoted to play, and pretty and useful things bought with their own money.

The success of this undertaking has been such that the encouragement for the future is great. An annual children's Christmas Box could be readily undertaken by the League, judging by the result of the one for this year.

In spite of the care and attention given by the Committee to the receiving and acknowledging the Christmas Packages and Boxes, it was found impossible to keep an exact list of either the donors or the gifts. Should there be any omissions in the list which follows, they request the indulgence of those who are neglected, and beg all to believe that the half of the gifts have not been told.

The Sunday-school of Calvary Free Chapel, New York, sent 17 aprons, 39 hdkfs., 16 ties, 19 pr. wristlets, 9 pr. drawers, 3 skirts, 22 pr. stockings, 5 dresses, 2 shawls, 221 squares basted patchwork, 25 yds. calico, 24 ozs. worsted, 1 roll canvas, 5 papers needles, 3 pr. knitting needles, 15 papers pins, 12 doz. buttons, 35 spools cotton, 7 prs. scissors, 4 needle-books, 18 pincushions, 4 witting-books, 40 sheets paper, 47 envelopes, 30 slates, 133 pencils, 65 lead pencils, 63 penholders, 148 pens, 36 book marks, 276 pictures, 59 books, 86 papers, 76 penwipers, 11 pieces chalk, 4 scholars' companions, 56 picture cards, 5 combs, 1 towel, 19 cakes soap, 22 dolls, 86 toys, 203 marbles, 12 knives and forks, 4 lbs. farina, 4 lbs. tapiooca—2,000 articles in all.

The Sunday-school of St. Stephen's Church, New York, sent 7 bundles patchwork, 14 needle books and pincushions, 5 dolls, 26 toys, 30 garments, 22 pictures, 17 books, 15 pencils, and pens, penwipers and fancy boxes—165 articles in all. The children contributing were Edmund, Alvin and Athline Ash, Mary, Ellen and Clara Damrosch, Julia, Rosabell and Gussie Long, George, Edward, Louis, Lucy and Ada Mooney, Mary, Sadie and Jenny Stansbury, Susie Burns, Julia Morlot, Mary Moulton, Nellie Morris, Martha Nixon, Lizzie Rees, Maggie Smith, Grace Van Allen, superintended by C. Doupé, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Hall and Miss Westray.

The Young Ladies' Sewing Society of St. Thomas' Church, New York, sent 40 flannel shirts, 22 gingham shirts, 18 aprons, 9 blouses, 8 doz. pocket hdkfs., 80 yds. calico and patchwork for 2 quilts. Those working were, Misses C. T. Dexter, C. C. Lowry, M. Leavitt, G. M. Hustace, C. F. Wells, A. Halstead, G. E. Bolmer, G. Bixby, H. Christian, L. Lyman, C. L. S. Stone, J. King, G. Lee, Dodge, Morris, Watts, Schmelzel, Whittemore; Mrs. Courtney, Superintendent.

"The Earnest Workers," Miss Short's Class in St. Thomas' Sunday-school, sent 1 doll, 2 prs. wristlets, 2 hdkfs., 2 aprons, 1 pr. mittens. Those working were, Nannie Wilson, Lila F. Stone, Bertha Stevens, Ida S. Tait.

A package was sent from the Church of the Holy Communion. Its contents were contributed by Mary Coffin, Georgie Dressler, Bertha Diblee, Eliza MacFarland, Anna and Morton Montgomery, Susie Moseman, Kitty Shattuck, Florence and Jennie Spear.

A package from the Church of the Annunciation was contributed by

Emma, Angie and Charley Canda, Minnie Kratz, Annie Hamilton, Clara Edwards, Lizzie Hepsie, Bella McLoughlin.

A package from Trinity Chapel was sent by Misses Annie and Flora Bigelow, Louisa and Juliet Morgan, Louie Lee and Lila Pell.

The Young Peoples' Missionary Society of Christ Church, Rye, N. Y., consisting of Misses Wiggin, Sackett, Squire, Leshner, M. Edwards, S. Irving, J. Ives, M. H. Wurts, sent 2 quilts, 3 scrap-books, 3 dolls, 4 prs. wristlets, 2 scarfs, 2 boxes soap, worsted, candy bags, suspenders, picture cards, garden seeds and tracts.

The Juvenile Missionary Society of Trinity Church, Morrisania, sent 175 blocks patchwork.

The Ladies and Children of the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Society of St. Peter's Church, Westchester, sent a large package.

The Childrens' Missionary Department of Zion Church, Wappinger's Falls, N. Y., composed of Misses Alethea and Josey Mesier, Alice and Meta Reese, May Swords, Anna Sands, Amy, Nettie and Tinie Boardman, Fanny H. and Edith G. Bowdoin, Marie Castegnier, sent 20 check aprons, 12 skirts, 8 flannel skirts, 7 flannel jackets, 6 prs. drawers, 3 chemises, 4 scarfs, 12 dolls, 6 slates, 1 box blocks, 1 set dolls' furniture, 30 illustrated papers, some odd toys, 2 doz. pencils, 2 paint boxes.

Mrs. R. W. Potter, Brooklyn, N. Y., sent 9 aprons, 16 texts, 5 dolls, buttons, flags, book marks, combs, beads and toys.

Mrs. D. S. Steward's family sent 17 aprons, 4 red fl. skirts, 1 sack, 12 knit wash rags, 12 linen do., 12 hdkfs., 9 books, 7 strings beads, 4 dresses, 6 sponges, book marks, needles, canvas and worsted.

The Young Ladies Missionary Association of Christ Church, Pelham, sent 24 garments contributed by Misses Rodman, Stewart, DeLancey, N. Bolton, A. Evans, N. Havens, K. Livingston, G. DeLuze, M. and J. Morris, L. Marshall, E. Perkins, N. Phelps, G. Pinckney, K. Radford.

The Sunday-school of Grace Chapel, New York, sent a package.

The Church of the Redeemer, New York, sent a package.

A Society of the children of a Sunday-school in Branford, Ct., sent a box by express.

Packages were sent by St. Andrew's Church, Stamford, Ct. ; St. Paul's, Yonkers, N. Y. ; The Sunday-school of the Monumental Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Members of a Sunday-school in Plattsburgh, N. Y., sent two packages containing patchwork and also some toys given by three little girls.

Miss Mary L. Brown, Somers, Westchester Co., N. Y., sent in a dressed doll.

Miss Marian Robbins brought in 6 aprons.

Edith, Isabel and Harold Bend and Lucy Shaw held a fair for the box, and brought \$19 as their offering.

Miss K. T. Moore brought \$5, and Misses Julia Kean and Harriette Ruggles Rogers sent \$5 to buy candy for the box.

Miss Kitty and Master Joseph Hunt sent in \$20 as their offering, and this money was spent in buying warm woolen garments for the Niobrara children.

Parcels of various kinds and sizes were sent by the following persons : Miss Annie Aldrich, Mattituck, L. I. ; Miss Kitty E. Cotheal, Fishkill, N. Y. ; Mrs. B. F. Strong, Newtown, L. I. ; "Sallie," Boonton, N. J. ; A. K. R., New York. ; Effie and Pattie Wright, Alleghany ; Miss Florence Shieffelin, Miss Timpson, Miss Eleanor L. Hoffman, Miss Rosa Stanberger, Miss Mary E. Coffin, Miss Dora Gordon, Miss Ruth Baylies, Miss Alice Towle, Master Wallace Goffe, Misses May and Nellie Faber, Miss Carter, Mrs. W. E. H. Post, Mrs. and Miss Minton and Miss Helen S. Ely.

Six little Soldiers from Meadville, Penn., "Ruth, Annie, Eva, Leona, Lizzie, Georgia," bring up the rear.

SARAH WISNER,

E. W. COATES,

MARGARET A. TOMES,

Committee on Christmas Box.

