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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.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
NIOBRAWA LEAGUE.

1877-'78.

THE Annual Meeting of the Niobrara League was held on the 8th of November, 1877, 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 parishes reported at that time delegates accredited to the League; and one parish joined during the season.

Thirteen of the Scholarships in the Indian Schools are now entirely supported by Sunday-schools or individuals connected with the League.

The *Five Hundred Dollars* required for the support of six of the young Indians in training as Catechists having been provided early in the season, the League, at Bishop Hare's request, undertook the completion of the Dakota Prayer Book. This was happily accomplished during the season, and the first edition of 1,000 copies has already, through the liberality of the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, been printed and presented to the Niobrara Mission.

No other special work was undertaken during the season, though from time to time offerings were received for special purposes, such as the support of particular teachers, and the building of a chapel at Flandreau. All money not designated was applied to the support of the ladies working among the Indians in Niobrara. Reports of the efficient work of these ladies have from time to time reached the League, and letters from them read at the monthly meetings have helped to keep up a personal interest in them and their work.

The Printing Office so long wished for in connection with St. Paul's School, was started in November, 1877, and the monthly paper, "Anpao, the Day Break," now issued by this office, will, it is hoped, be of great benefit to the Dakotas, as three of its pages are printed in their language. The importance of this will be understood when it is remembered that the Indians have no literature, and scarcely any books, except the Bible, Prayer Book, and Hymn Book. Many of the young men and women are learning to read their own language, and by this paper they might be

taught something of the people and country to whom they rightfully belong, and from whom they hold themselves aloof.

The circulation of this paper at the East is earnestly desired, as 1,000 copies must be printed and sold to make it pay expenses, and the English page would be interesting to many Sunday-schools, and other friends of the Indians. A liberal subscription would help to circulate it among those for whom it is intended, and who do not yet know their need of it.

The press has also been used to print 1,000 copies of the Catechism in Dakota, and for a new translation into that language of parts of the New Testament.

The School Work has made great progress; both boarding and day-schools were re-opened in September, and the return of many of the scholars was very encouraging. Some of them walked miles over the prairie to reach the school; one boy made his way on foot to St. Paul's School from Flandreau, one hundred and fifty miles away, and two walked together two hundred miles from Cheyenne Agency to the School. As no Indian parent ever exercises the slightest authority over a child, the enterprise of these boys is really to be credited to their own desire to learn, and to their appreciation of the benefit to themselves of the school and its influences.

Of the other work in Niobrara, the Bishop reported to his Convocation one hundred and forty-four Confirmations during the year, ten persons licensed as Catechists, six Catechists admitted as candidates for Holy Orders, and four new churches built.

The action of some of the Santees in Nebraska, who are petitioning Congress in order to become citizens of the United States, and to give up their tribal relations, is considered a very favorable sign.

One of the Native Clergy, who for five years as Deacon and Priest has ministered to his own people, has died during the year. He was buried near his own little church, where a new-made Deacon of his own tribe succeeds him.

On another page will be found a list of articles especially needed in the Missions.

The Christmas Boxes of 1878 are also fully reported.

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, Twenty-ninth street, between Madison and Fifth Avenues, New York City. All ladies interested in Indian Missions are cordially invited to attend.

October, 1877.—6 Children's Christmas Boxes,	- - - - -	\$349 00
Summer, 1877.—1 Box from the Church of the Annunciation,	40 00	
Dec. 10, 1877.—1 Box for an Indian School, from the Little Workers of Trinity Sunday-school, Gouver- neur, N. Y., estimated,	- - - - -	20 00
Oct. 31, 1877.—1 Box from the Young Ladies Sewing Society, St. Thomas' Church, to Mrs. Duigan,	-	73 20
Jan. 31, 1878.— " " " " "		72 00
1 Box from Zion Church, sent to Sister Anna,	100 00	
Easter, 1878.—1 Box from Church of the Transfiguration, sent to Choteau Creek.	- - - - -	100 00
Easter, 1878.—1 Box to Mrs. Edward Ashley, { 1 Box to Store Room, }	- - - - -	100 00
1878.—Packages from St. Stephen's Church,	- - - - -	13 25
 Total,	- - - - -	\$867 45

NEEDED FOR THE INDIAN SCHOOLS AND MISSION.

Shoes and stockings for women and girls.
 Boots and shoes for men and boys.
 Outer garments for men and boys (coats, vests, pantaloons, hats).
 Sheets, blankets, comfortables, and coverlids (blue plaid domestic) for
 double beds.
 Table cloths, towels, and rollers.
 Soap, combs, and brushes.
 Unbleached muslin, calico, and flannel, in the piece.
 Basted work, needles, thread, thimbles, etc., for the sewing schools.
 Groceries and hospital stores.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1877, TO OCTOBER 31, 1878.

Offering at the Anniversary Meeting in Church of the Transfiguration.....	\$50 00
Church of the Holy Communion, towards support of one lady.....	137 00
St. Mark's Church, towards support of one lady.....	220 71
St. Bartholomew's Church, towards support of one lady.....	275 00
Trinity Chapel, towards support of one lady.....	271 64
Calvary Church, towards support of one lady.....	410 00
Grace Church, of which for support of one lady, \$250.....	559 72
Calvary Free Chapel.....	11 12
Church of the Ascension, members.....	25 00
Church of the Redeemer, S. S. Class.....	2 40
Church of the Holy Apostles, Woman's Missionary Association.....	25 00
Church of the Incarnation.....	142 35
St. Thomas' Church, Ladies' Missionary Society.....	261 25
Church of the Transfiguration, for Mission at Choteau Creek.....	325 00
" " " Miss Cheesman's S. S. Class	4 58
Christ Church, Rye, Woman's Missionary Association.....	90 25
Miss M. S. Mortimer, Mrs. F. Lane, each \$10.....	20 00
Mrs. Throop, Miss Almy Gilford, Miss Mary M. Collins, Mrs. Jas. H. Aldrich, Mr. F. C. Hall, each \$5.....	25 00
S. F., Easter Special.....	100 00
Trinity Chapel, G. G., one Scholarship.....	60 00
Christ Church, Rye, members, one Scholarship.....	60 00
Zion Church, S. S., one Scholarship.....	60 00
Church of the Holy Apostles, a member, two Scholarships.....	120 00
Church of the Heavenly Rest, one Scholarship.....	60 00
Christ Church S. S., one Scholarship.....	60 00
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Mrs. Samuel Wetmore, one Scholarship	60 00
Mrs. J. J. Astor, one Scholarship.....	60 00
Pure in Heart Scholarship, in Memoriam, M. B. O.....	30 00
Mrs. J. J. Astor, for Catechetical School.....	500 00
" " " Special for Bishop Hare.....	360 00
" " " for purchase of a cow for the Cheyenne Mission.....	50 00
Amount carried forward	\$4,496 02

Amount brought forward.....	\$4,496 02
A Member of the League, Special for Bishop Hare.....	250 00
St. Thomas' Church, Ladies, for a Chapel at Flandreau	631 00
Special Contributions for Dakota Prayer Book: Church of the Beloved Disciple, \$11.77 ; A friend, \$100 ; per Mrs. Jona. Edwards, \$13 ; Church of the Annunciation, \$10 ; Church of the Ascension, members, \$20 ; Mr. Alex. I. Coheal, \$5 ; Miss E. M. Coheal, \$5 ; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, \$5 ; Mrs. Samuel Lawrence, \$5 ; "B," \$500 ; Grace Church, \$250 ; Church of All Angels, \$20 ; Mrs. G. C. Miller, (Goshen), \$25 ; St. Peter's, Westchester, Woman's Auxiliary, \$93 ; Miss Frances Morris, \$100 ; Trinity Chapel, \$50 ; Mr. J. J. Astor, \$200.....	1,412 77
Special to Mrs. Mary D. Burnham, for education of Florida Indians: Mrs. J. J. Astor, \$25 ; Mrs. Sidney Webster, \$10.....	35 00
For Freight on Christmas and Easter Boxes: Mrs. J. J. Astor, \$16.50 ; Mrs. Gerry, \$5 ; Mrs. Webster, \$2 ; Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Warren, each \$1 ; Children's Contribution, \$7.02.....	33 52
Annual Subscriptions.....	80 00
Honorary Memberships.....	2 00

	\$6,940 31

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for Printing, postage, etc.....	\$67 50
" on account of freight.....	30 02
" Mrs. Mary D. Burnham.....	35 00
" Bishop Hare, Special from Mrs. Astor	360 00
" " " " a Member of the League.....	250 00
" " " " for Flandreau Chapel.....	631 00

" into the Treasury of the Indian Committee.....	\$1,373 52

	5,566 79

	\$6,940 31

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CHRISTMAS BOX FOR THE INDIANS.

The children of the Church have worked nobly this year to give the Indians a bright and happy Christmas. Through a letter written by Miss Emery to the children who read "*The Young Christian Soldier*," and "*Carrier Dove*," interest in this work has been awakened in parts of the country where last year the Christmas Box was not even heard of. Whereas the work before was principally, if not altogether, confined to the Diocese of New York, and children interested through members of the Niobrara League, it has been now earnestly taken up by others. From Vermont to Virginia, and as far West as Buffalo and Meadville, Pa., a deep interest has been shown. It is very evident that much thought and care have been spent in selecting the presents and making the garments. The Sunday School of Calvary Free Chapel sent a large box of warm and useful clothing, articles for school use, sewing materials, and many pretty toys. In several places societies were formed and the little girls met together during the Summer to sew, and judging from the fruits of these meetings they must have been both earnest and willing workers. One little girl writes from Virginia that she and several of her friends made a quilt and sold it, to pay for sending to the Bible House a bundle of fancy things she had made for the Indians. Another little girl made of colored papers and pictures a quantity of pretty cornucopias. Besides these things the children have been thoughtful enough to send small contributions in money, amounting to \$12.51, to help pay the freight-dues, and it will be a help, for last year the entire sum required to pay for freight on the boxes was not paid into the treasury until the May meeting of the League.

It will be remembered that last year the six boxes filled with the children's generous gifts were sent directly to the Niobrara store-room, there to be sorted, re-packed and forwarded by Miss Ives to the different schools and Mission stations in Niobrara. Owing to the necessary delay in carrying freight in Winter in that part of the country, and the re-packing at the store-room, and from there again sending the boxes out, many of them a great number of miles, the gifts did not in several instances reach their destination until after Christmas. The Committee thought

best, therefore, to work on an entirely different plan. Beginning in October instead of November as formerly, they packed and sent directly to each station such a selection from the large assortment before them as they considered most appropriate and best adapted to the use of those in charge, thus saving both time and expense.

Two large boxes were sent to Miss Amelia Ives for St. Mary's School for girls, at Santee Agency, containing underclothing and calico dresses in abundance, worsteds and sewing materials of every description, a great number of dolls, the prettiest of which the Committee marked "For the best girl in St. Mary's School," and a variety of other pretty and useful articles. One box to St. Paul's School at Yankton was filled with games and toys, books and pictures, comforters, wristlets, mittens, and garden seeds, a large comfortable, and a pair of snow shoes for the Bishop. In this same box were put some delicacies for the sick, a few scrap-books and two or three dolls directed to Mrs. Draper for Emmanuel Hospital. The Rev. Luke C. Walker at Choteau Creek also had a box of clothing and toys. Another was divided between Mrs. Duigan's Boarding School and the Rev. Mr. Ashley, as they are both at Crow Creek. Another went to the Rev. Mr. Swift. A smaller box was packed for Sister Sophie, who has lately gone to the Rosebud Agency, in hopes that it would reach so remote a station before Christmas. There seems to be every reason to be encouraged in this work, and we hope the little boys and girls will not be weary in well-doing.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET A. TOMES,

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E. W. COATES,

Committee on Christmas Box.

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