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there has grown up a band of societies united in common interest and purpose, though diverse in methods and forms of organization in forty-six dioceses; in twenty-two of these dioceses and one Missionary Jurisdiction they are more clearly drawn together for larger and more effective work in Diocesan Associations. The first report of the Secretary of the Auxiliary printed at the close of its second year, gives no tables of work in money or boxes, not the money contributions are computed to have been not less than \$20,000. And the value of boxes at twice that amount giving an aggregate of \$50,000. In that year there is a record of \$2,400, raised to meet the indebtedness on St. Mark's Church, Salt Lake City, \$3,000, to build an Indian Mission Chapel, and \$1,00 to build an Indian Hospital.

Year by year the Auxiliary grew in size and importance of its works and offerings until now, the tenth annual report from which I am copying records the support of our one hundred and fifty scholarships, twenty women supported. Money contributed directly through, the Missionary treasury of \$49,462.05.—1,298 boxes valued at \$94,233.75, making a total for the year of \$143,695.80. In the ten years past since its inception so far as can be estimated the total of its contributions has been \$789,195.71, and the work it has been engaged in may be briefly classified as follows: providing clothing for Missionary families and stations, aiding widows and orphans, meeting the expense of insuring the lives of married and foreign Missionaries and physicians, supplying the salaries of women serving at both foreign and domestic stations, the support of schools and scholarships, and the building of churches, rectories, hospitals. This brief retrospect is given for the double purpose of showing how the Woman's Auxiliary invoked as an aid to the Board has become a living, growing, working, argunism, nobly vindicating the faith in womanhood that evoked its existence and secondly to encourage it to a future of more vigorous life, more sure and rapid growth, more abundant labors.

There lies a new year before it, and in the work of that year, shall not we of the Diocese of North Carolina take up some of the brethren?

There are branches of its work in but four parishes in our diocese, viz.: Asheville, Edenton, Leakesville, and St. Mary's School, Raleigh. And the same told of the contributions in money last year was \$100.82, and one box valued at \$5.00 was contributed by the little girls of St. James', Lenoir. I don't think we need plume ourselves very much on the exhibit!

But all the future lies before us in which we can make a record just such as we choose to have, and I say with great satisfaction, an interest is being created in the godly work, and efforts are being made to establish branches of it throughout the diocese, with a hearty concurrence of Bishop Lyman. In the letter I received from the lady whom Bishop Lyman and Miss Emery, the General Secretary of the whole Auxiliary, asked to act as General Secretary for North Carolina, *pro tem.*, the following is the idea proposed: Each Parish forms its own branch or sanity as it likes, appointing a President or Secretary as head under the Rector. And then if it has preferences, either in domestic or foreign work, let it devote itself to that object. If it has no choice, the General Secretary will be expected to suggest objects for its work. Miss Emery proposed that for two months, or six weeks, Advent to Epiphany, the object worked for should be Domestic Missions, from Epiphany to Easter, for Foreign, and the rest of the year devote to parish work, or divide the year as each parish prefers. She says she can always tell of a plan when boxes, or money are needed.

This plan at once simple and sensible, and tested by ten years actual experience, seems to me to be the best that could be devised, and I heartily wish every parish in our good old State would take it up and work on it for just one year. We might make the year's work a memorial offering to the memory of our late beloved and saintly Father in God, Bishop Atkinson. I mean undertake it as a living memorial of him, and whenever the fruits of your work were sent they would have with them the testimony of that great and noble example of the Apostolic Succession! He upon whose revered head so visibly did rest the spirit that animated St. Paul, the love that influenced St. John, and the calm dignity, and heroic silence and patience of the first Bishops of Jerusalem.

Oh, women of North Carolina, who have never yet failed to answer an appeal made to your love and devotion, who through many a year of fiery trial, and waring grief never failed in courage and fidelity. To you I fearlessly appeal to take part in the Church's great work of missions, and I am sure I do not appeal

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY

AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS, COMMONLY CALLED, THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

[Written by request for Church Messenger.]

As I have been asked to bring this organization to the notice of the good people of this diocese, I think I cannot better do so than by giving a brief outline of its origin and work.

In 1871 the Board of Missions, feeling that the zeal of church people in the important duty of supporting missionary work, had worked so feeble that their offerings did not begin to cover the expenses of the workers already in the field; and that nothing was left for a wider spread of the Gospel, determined to make a direct appeal to the individual women in the church. In the October of 1871 "the Board of Missions called upon the Secretaries of the various departments of the Board, to summon the women of the church to the aid of the Missionary work. The following was their resolution:

Resolved, That the suggestions contained in this report as to the organization of a Woman's Society Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, be referred to the Reverend Secretaries of the various departments of this Board, with power to mature such organization as may seem to them practicable and expedient, and submit it to the consideration of the church at large, though the spirit of Missions.

The Secretaries at the earliest possible moment acted on the authority thus given. They were successful in securing a christian woman admirably well qualified for the position, to undertake the work of a General Secretary, and they then addressed a letter to all the Rectors in the land invoking their sympathy, and countenance and asking that each Rector would send to the secretary of the Woman's Department the name of a christian woman in his Parish, who should act in conjunction with her in the effort to enlist the sympathies, and interest of others.

"Great care was taken not to interfere with Missionary Agencies already in operation in our Parishes, where these existed the object has been merely to bring them into communication with the committees of the Board, as the churches centre of Missionary information, for their mental good; and, in the case of Parishes where no such agencies existed, to plant a germ of Missionary Agency, having the shape of its growth, and the methods of its authority to be governed by individual preference and circumstances. In pursuance of this plan it was, that each Rector was requested to appoint a lady to act as Secretary in his Parish, it being supposed that such an appointee would be the simplest and best bond of union between the Parishes and the committees charged with the carrying on of the Missionary work, and the best channel for carrying information, (and the interest which ensues,) from the great centre of Missionary information to each separate Parish. Such a Secretary has been appointed by about three hundred and fifty of the Rectors, and a simple machinery has thus been set at work, which will, we believe, without conflicting with other interests accomplish much for the general Missionary work, under its simple operation, ignorance of the Missionary work, which is the mother of apathy, will give place to healthy information, the great spur to active interest, while the knowledge that the women of the church have thus become agents and advocates of the work will be like a breeze from the ocean to our Missionaries, carrying cheer and vigor to their hearts and hands. The Secretaries beg leave in conclusion to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That this Board approve heartily of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, and cordially commend it, both for the promise of good which it gives and for the spirit, thoughtful for individual circumstances, and preferences, in which it has been organized."

Of the replies to the circular to which this report refers—the 350,

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prospered him, that he may have to give to him that asketh." Try my plan, at least through Lent, and see if you will not have something of your own for an Easter offering. If Charlie had intended the \$1.75 for Sung Wu that he invested in his velocipede, then clearly he owes her that much, for he could only borrow it, you know. So he better rent out his velocipede at a cent a ride, or such a matter, until he makes up the sum he destined for our little ward. No doubt you enjoy it quite as much as he does. There is little difference in tastes between boys and girls of your age, as I well remember. Carrie is quite a runaway! She had some very good Messengers to keep her company in Morganton. Some of my "right-hand men" are there.

Weldon comes next in this letter. "Dear Aunt Beckie: I have not written you in a long time, but I hope you do not think it is because I have forgotten you. My little cousin Kate Taylor Prescott sends you 20c. She washed bottles and carried them to the druggist to buy, but he did not buy them, so Auntie gave her 10c. for her trouble, and the other 10c. her adopted brother gave her for being a good girl. I send one dollar in memory of my dear grand-mother, who died on the 14th of December. Perhaps you have heard of our sorrow. Home does not seem like home without her loving and tender presence. I send 20c. also, given by her last fall for stringing peppers, and rendering her some other little service. It was always a pleasure to do anything for her, and I do miss her so much! But we all love to remember and speak of her, and hope some day to meet her in the far off better land. Kate and I hope to send another contribution after Lent. Your affectionate Min ———." No, little Emily, I did not think you had forgotten, for I had heard of your sad bereavement, and was so sorry! still it is a great blessing to have had one so lovely in your midst, that when she is gone, she lifts your thoughts up heavenward. Poor little Katie! It was a hard-hearted druggist, truly, that wouldn't buy her bottles after all the trouble she took with them. I dare not say as much as I would like to say to you, little ones, for my letter is getting so long, and I have several others to be noticed yet. First, this one from glorious old Cumberland. "Dear Aunt Beckie: I write for cousin Maria Horne, whose two little boys wish to become Messengers. They have been talking about it some time. Warren Winslow is the oldest, he is not quite seven, and Sam Ruffin is just four. As their mother has a sore finger, I write for her, and enclose stamps—24c. for each. I wish you knew them, they are very bright and smart. Warren made some of his by keeping his play-room in order for his mother. They both made 5c. by cleaning up the yard. Ruffin says "taking up some 'nure." He says he wishes somebody would take him up to Aunt Beckie's house, he is her boy. He is so pretty and both so good. Now, I expect you knew our dear parents. I am the daughter of Mr. Edward Winslow. My dear mother and Miss Anna Cameron were the dearest of friends. Some one kindly sends me the CHURCH MESSENGER. I have no idea who the good friend is, but I certainly do appreciate it, and look forward to its coming each week, and enjoy it. Your letter is always the first to be read. I just think you are wonderful! How I do wish I could do as much good! I know your time is too much occupied to notice my hasty letter. Cousin Maria unites with me in love. The little boys have just come in, and say they will make you some more money. Ruffin often gets his from a friend of his fathers, because he is so sweet and good. He says he don't ask for it, but he will get some more and send to you. Affectionately."

I am very glad to have two more little Cumberlanders to join us. They are such good workers. I hope "Cousin Maria" has not got a felon on her finger. They surely are bad company! I think you have mistaken me for my Aunt Rebecca, my father's youngest sister. For the Anna Cameron you speak of must be my father's cousin Mrs. Jarvis Buxton. I never had the pleasure of visiting Fayetteville though my grand father Cameron used to live there, nor do I know any Fayetteville people. I have an impression that I have been told that one family of the Winslows were related to us on my mother's side. I think through a marriage with a Toomer.

I am very glad you like the MESSENGER, and accept very gratefully all your expressions of affectionate consideration. Is my "maid Marion" your namesake?

Then from the fair city of Oaks,

and you about him a little while ago—that he had lost his mother in October, and was taken care of by his good sister,—the next best thing to his mother,—so all told in that funny little red purse was \$1.70 for Sung Wu who is a much considered young damsel in this Western world of ours.

Now for the report of last month's work, now you needn't be one bit proud of the enlistments, for there were only twelve, and that was only one to each 2½ days—a poor show. The contributions were \$23.06—eleven cents went for extra postage. Now we will do better this month. We have already made as many enlistments as we did in all of February—so I think that is a good omen.

Now my letter is so long that I'll cut myself short for fear Mr. Curtis will use his scissors with more freedom than I like. So good-bye my pretty pinks and grey cork robins.

Your loving

AUNT BECKIE.

All communications respecting the North Carolina Scholarships in the Bridgman Memorial School, Shanghai, China, and all contributions intended for it, should be addressed to Miss Rebecca Cameron, care of Dr. William Cameron, Hillsboro, North Carolina.

MICA MASKS.

A well-known German manufacturer of mica wares, Herr Raphael of Breslau, now makes mica masks for the face, which are quite transparent, very light, and affected neither by heat nor by acids. They afford good protection to all workmen who are liable to be injured by heat, dust, or noxious vapors, all workers with fire, metal and glass melters, stone-masons, etc. In all kinds of grinding and polishing work the flying fragments rebound from the arched mica plates of the mask without injuring them. These plates are fixed in a metallic frame, which is well isolated by means of asbestos, so as not to be attacked by heat or acid. These masks allow the turning of the eyes in any direction, and, as against mica spectacles, they afford the advantage of protection to the whole face. In certain cases the neck and shoulders may also be guarded by a sheet of cloth impregnated with fire-proof materials, or by asbestos sheets attached to the mask. The interval between the mica and the eyes allows of workmen who have poor eyesight wearing spectacles, and of workers with fire or in melting operations wearing colored glass spectacles under the mask without fear of breakage of the glass, mica being such a bad conductor of heat. Where the mask has to be worn long, it is found desirable to add a caoutchouc tube with mouth-piece for admission of fresh air; the tube passes out to the shoulders, where its funnel-shaped end (sometimes holding a moistened sponge) is supported. The mask has a sort of cap attached to it for fixture on the head.—*London Times*.

HOW TO KEEP LAMP CHIMNEYS.

The following receipt for keeping lamp chimneys from cracking is taken from the *Diamond*, a Leipzig journal, devoted to the glass interest: Place your tumblers, chimneys or vessels which you desire to keep from cracking, in a pot filled with cold water and a little cooking salt, allow the mixture to boil well over a fire, and then cool slowly. Glass treated in this way is said not to crack, even if exposed to very sudden changes of temperature. Chimneys are said to become very durable by this process, which may also be extended to crockery, stone-ware, porcelain, etc. The process is simply one of annealing, and the slower the process, especially the cooling portion of it, the more effective will be the work.

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FRIENDS AND FELLOW-WORKERS:

I am glad to welcome so many of you to this first Anniversary meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions in the Diocese of North Carolina.

There is but a small report to make of this first year's work, but a beginning has been made, and we may take heart from this, to hope for growth in the years to come. As the women of the diocese become more familiar with the work, its needs, its interests, and the many ways of helping it, our numbers will increase, and with numbers will come strength.

One of the great benefits that must arise from this union in Missionary work, is the closer communion into which it draws our scattered parishes and Churchwomen. As we learn more of each other, we shall become interested in each other's wants and efforts; and when we can help each other, it will add a great pleasure to our lives. We shall find, that "working together" in the Master's service is a blessing to us all, and instead of interfering with parish work, it will interest larger numbers to help in every labor for Christ's sake.

There is a great want of knowledge of the aims and

ways of this Society. Let us each try to interest some other woman in extending the bounds of our Missionary work, whether it be Foreign or Domestic, Diocesan, or confined to a single parish. In each there is room for more laborers, and every woman may find something to do suited to her ability and capacity.

One suggestion I find in the report of a sister Auxiliary, which may help our weak parishes. It is, that where a parish is unable to make up a box for a special object, or can raise but a small amount, that a number should join, each pledging a certain sum, or making up a proportion of the box, in this way accomplishing more than each Auxiliary could singly. For instance a number of Auxiliaries pledge themselves to raise \$5.00 each towards a certain object, or to send \$5.00 worth of clothing to a certain secretary towards filling a box for some mission.

You are all aware that North Carolina receives a great deal of assistance from Churches, Auxiliaries, and Associations—oftentimes as poor as any of our own parishes; but I hardly think you know how much. The amount of money and number of boxes sent to us are both large, and they do not always come from wealthy places. This should be a call upon us to consider not only ourselves, but to give also to those beyond our borders; a duty we are too apt to forget in the demands made by our own parishes, and the importance of local wants. But it is more blessed to give than to receive, and in giving we may hope also to receive a blessing.

During the year, I have been obliged to call upon each parish branch for help to defray the necessary expenses of postage, stationary and printing. \$1.50 was sent by ten parishes, making \$15.00 contributed. Of this \$7.00 was expended for postage and stationary. Printing report \$10.50.

Other incidental expenses may arise, and I find in

other Diocesan Reports suggestions as to the absolute necessity of having a fund to meet such expenses. I will ask you to consider this matter, and to endeavor to make provision for it.

Reports have been received from all our parish branches. They show that while \$158.94 was sent to Foreign, Domestic, and General Missions by the 11 Auxiliaries of the North Carolina Branch, \$492.05 and one box unvalued, are reported as given for Diocesan and Parish Missions.

As I was appointed Secretary for the year only, my term of office expires to-day. I therefore request the delegates of the Parish Auxiliaries to elect a Secretary for the ensuing year, immediately after this meeting.

JANE R. WILKES,

May, 1883.

Secretary W. A. for N. C.

ASHEVILLE BRANCH.

Organized February 13th, 1873; Joined the Diocesan Auxiliary April, 1882.

President—Mrs. H. K. PATTON.

Vice President—Mrs. BUCHANAN.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss. F. L. PATTON.

Members at present 34.

This Auxiliary has pledged itself to give \$40 per annum to support the Jarvis-Buxton scholarship in Duane Hall, Shanghai, China; and \$40 per annum to Domestic or Diocesan Missions. In its ten years of existence it has expended in all \$1,411.00 in its Missionary work. In the year now ended it reports as follows:

Foreign Missions (Duane Hall).....	\$40 00
Diocesan Missions.....	35 00
Expenses of Diocesan Secretary.....	1 50

\$76 50

Besides a considerable sum devoted to parish mission work.

CHARLOTTE BRANCH.

Organized March, 1882.

President—The Rector—Rev. J. B. CHESHIRE, Jr.

Vice President—Mrs. BYNUM.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. R. B. BREVARD, who resigned and was succeeded by Mrs. VANLANDINGHAM.

Members 35.

Disbursements:

Foreign Missions (Miss Riddick's salary)	\$15 00
General Mission Fund.....	15 00
Sent to Church of the Redeemer, Shelby, N. C.....	15 00
Sent for Mission work of Rev. Milnor Jones, Tryon City, N. C.....	15 00
Colored school at Lenoir, N. C.....	6 00
Expenses of Diocesan Secretary	1 50
Postage and money order.....	45
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	\$67 95

EDENTON BRANCH.

Organized first in 1873. Reorganized in connection with Diocesan Branch April, 1882.

President—The Rector—Rev. R. B. DRANE.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs M. A. HINES.

Members —.

Sent to General Mission Fund.....	\$13 94
For expenses of Diocesan Secretary.....	1 50
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	\$15 44

FAYETTEVILLE BRANCH.

President—Mrs. J. B. STARR.

Secretary—Mrs. J. HAIGH, Jr.

This Auxiliary has existed for a long time as a Parish Benevolent Society, but joined the Diocesan Branch in May 1882.

Sent for Foreign Missions.....	\$5 00
For Domestic Missions.....	5 00
For expenses of Diocesan Secretary.....	1 50
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	\$11 50

Also reports having expended over \$100 00 during the year in necessary parish work.

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HILLSBORO BRANCH.

Organized March, 1882.

President—Mrs. JAMES WEBB.

Vice President—Mrs. THOMAS RUFFIN.

Treasurer—Mrs. WILLIAM HAYES.

Secretary—Miss REBECCA CAMERON.

Sent to a Missionary in Mississippi one box valued at.....	\$65 00
Sent to a Diocesan Missionary one box valued at.....	21 00
For colored school at Lenoir, N. C.....	2 00
For Diocesan Secretary's expenses.....	1 50
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	\$89 50

LENOIR BRANCH.

Organized March 29th, 1882.

Secretary—Miss S. L. NORWOOD.

Owing to the illness and removal of the Rector and from other causes this Auxiliary has been much weakened, but reports:

One bolt cloth given to the colored Mission school of the parish	\$4 00
One box clothing sent to a Diocesan Missionary valued at	7 40
Expenses of Diocesan Secretary.....	1 50
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	\$12 90

LEWISTON BRANCH.

President—Mrs. SMALLWOOD.

Treasurer—Miss ELLA TUCKER.

Secretary—Mrs. E. WOOTTEN.

This Auxiliary has promised \$25.00 per annum towards the support of an Evangelist in the Edenton Convocation.

Sent for Diocesan Secretary's expenses.....	\$ 1 50
For Evangelist.....	25 00
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	\$26 50

PITTSBORO BRANCH.

Organized June, 1882.

President—Mrs. A. M. ZIMMERMAN.

Treasurer—Mrs. JOANNA ROGERS.

Secretary—Mrs. R. R. IHRIE.

Members 36.

Sent for expenses of Diocesan Sec.....	\$ 1.50
Paid to Parish Mission Work,	17.15
Paid to Mission Work, Chocowinity, N. C.....	20.00
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	\$38.6

TARBORO BRANCH.

Organized June 4th, 1882.

President—Rev. J. B. CHESHIRE, Rector.*Vice President*—Mrs. WM. HOWARD.*Secretary*—Miss F. M. WHITEY.*Treasurer*—Miss A. C. PARKER.

Members 59.

Paid to Church at Hickory Fork, Diocesan Mission.....	\$60.00
For expense of Diocesan Sec.....	1.50
Colored Mission school at Lenoir, N. C	4.00
One box to Diocesan Missionary, value not stated.	
	<u>\$65.50</u>

WILMINGTON BRANCH.

Organized December 29th, 1882.

President—Miss S. M. SWANN.*Secretary*—Mrs. C. DEB. MEARES.

Members 50.

Sent for expenses of Diocesan Sec	\$ 1.50
For Colored Mission School, Lenoir, N. C.....	2.00
For St James Home, Wilmington, N. C.....	23.50
	<u>\$27.00</u>
Two boxes sent to a Diocesan Missionary, valued at....	\$135.00
	<u>\$162.00</u>

WINDSOR BRANCH.

Organized December 3d, 1882.

No report has been sent.

SUMMARY.

	Foreign and General.	Domestic.	Diocesan. and Parish.	Expense.
Asheville.....	\$40 00	.....	\$ 35 00	\$1 50
Charlotte.....	30 00	.....	36 00	1 95
Edenton.....	13 94	.....	.....	1 50
Fayetteville.....	5 00	\$ 5 00	100 00	1 50
Hillsboro.....	.....	65 00	23 00	1 50
Lenoir.....	.....	.....	11 40	1 50
Lewiston.....	.....	.....	25 00	1 50
Pittsboro.....	.....	.....	37 15	1 50
Tarboro.....	.....	.....	64 00*	1 50
Wilmington.....	.....	.....	160 50	1 50
	<u>\$88 94</u>	<u>\$70 00</u>	<u>\$492 05</u>	<u>\$15 45</u>

*And box.

