

# Report of the Annual Meeting

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THE ANNUAL meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the District of North Dakota was held in St. Paul's Church, Grand Forks, N. D., on Friday afternoon, June 2, 1899.

The meeting was opened by Rt. Rev. Samuel C. Edsall, Bishop. After singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," the Bishop made an eloquent address which was listened to with marked attention.

After the congregation had sung "Jesus Shall Reign Where E'er the Sun," the Bishop called the President, Mrs. R. J. Mooney, to the chair. The President asked the Secretary to call the roll.

As there were no minutes of the last meeting, the society not having been fully organized last year, the next in order was the reading of reports. Twelve parishes were represented by from one to fourteen persons.

## REPORTS.

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**ARDOCK**—Mrs. McLean reported no organized Woman's Auxiliary.

**BATHGATE**—Mrs. Clarkson reported \$3.40 raised for the United Offering.

**CASSELTON**—The Treasurer, Grace J. Guthrie, reported \$147.39 raised for Parish Expenses. Balance on hand, \$28.50.

**DEVILS LAKE**—Mrs. Chas. Turner reported \$8.00 for the United Offering.

**FARGO**—Fargo reported through Mrs. Mooney for the United Offering \$14.50. Free Kindergarten, \$9.50. Rev. Mr. Rees, Fort Totten, \$106.30; (Auxiliary.)

Fargo Church Guild.—Mrs. Chesley reported: "On April 20, 1896, the Guild had on hand \$532.68. Since that time they have earned \$1,500, making a total of NEARLY \$2,100."

**GRAND FORKS**—The Auxiliary through its Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Standish, reported: "Value of boxes, \$48.00; cash, \$67.16; balance on hand, \$4.37. United Offering, \$11.25.

The Guild, through its Secretary, Mrs. W. J. Anderson, reported total receipts for the year, \$588.98.

**LAKOTA**—Ladies' Guild of Lakota raised \$120 within eleven months toward a bell for their Church.

**LISBON**—Mrs. Gertrude Parker reported as Secretary of the Guild, \$173 raised, \$160 of which has been spent for pews; balance, \$13.

**PARK RIVER**—Through Mrs. Swarthout, Secretary, reported from the Guild, \$71.75; for parish expenses, \$23.26; balance, \$48.49.

**PEMBINA**—The Ladies' Aid Society, through L. Cavalier, Secretary, reported \$122.31 having been raised for parish expenses.

**ST. THOMAS**—Mrs. Hager reported there was no Woman's Auxiliary organized.

**VALLEY CITY**—Jennie McDonald, Secretary, reported \$188.16 raised by the Guild; disbursements, \$9.18; balance, \$98.98. \$5 for the United Offering. Afterwards paid \$50 on Rectory Fund.

A telegram was received from Lakota, expressing regret that on account of the train being late the delegates from that parish were unable to be present.

Mrs. W. J. Anderson sang "Calvary" in a most acceptable manner.

Then followed the excellent address of the President, the subject of which was "Loyalty."

Mrs. B. F. Bushee read an instructive letter from the General Secretary, Miss Julia C. Emery of New York, to the North Dakota Branch.

Mrs. A. T. Gesner then read a paper on "The Woman's Auxiliary," which was one of the best of the afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Turner read a report and address on the Babies' Branch. The address delighted her hearers and, no doubt, will do much to strengthen the society.

A paper on Indian Missions was read by Miss Nash, the youngest member of the Grand Forks Branch, and a daughter of a pioneer of the early 60's, who knew how to do justice to her subject.

Colored Missions was the topic of the next paper. It was read by Mrs. W. H. Standish, whose personal recollections of Rev. Alexander Crummell, D. D., greatly interested those present.

Miss Reeve's paper "One Woman's Work," was a fine tribute to the meeting from the pen of this talented young writer.

A collection was taken and then the business meeting was opened. After some deliberation the following Constitution was adopted. (See page 5.)

The Bishop then appointed as officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. R. J. Mooney, of Fargo. President; Miss Daisy Reeve, of Buxton, Vice President; Miss Katharine H. Seward, of Grand Forks, Secretary; Mrs. Chas Turner of Devils Lake, Treasurer. Mrs. Turner was also elected President of the Babies' Branch.

After singing the hymn "Fling out the Banner" and prayer by the Bishop, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

KATHARINE HUNTINGTON SEWARD,  
Secretary.



# CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

## North Dakota District Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

### ARTICLE I.

The name of this Association shall be the North Dakota District Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

### ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The objects of this Association are to diffuse missionary activity and intelligence among the women of this Missionary District, to unite previously existing societies in a common interest; to encourage the formation of societies where there are none, and to advance the cause of Missions generally.

### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

All baptized women belonging to the District of North Dakota who so desire, may become members of the District Association by sending their names to the District Secretary and pledging themselves to the payment of twenty-five cents each year, as annual dues. When, however, any woman is a member of a parochial branch of this Auxiliary, it shall not be necessary for her to send her individual dues to the Treasurer of the North Dakota Branch; but it shall suffice that such parochial branch send one dollar per year to cover the dues of all individual members of such parochial branch.

#### ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this District Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All to be annually appointed by the Bishop. These officers, with the Bishop as Chairman, *ex officio*, shall constitute the Board of Managers. The President and any one member of the Board shall be counted as a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### ARTICLE V.—PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

A parochial branch of the District Auxiliary may be organized in any parish or mission in North Dakota by the consent of the rector or missionary (if there be one in charge of such parish or mission) and by consent of the District President. Each parochial branch shall pay one dollar as annual dues to the District Auxiliary. Any existing guild or other woman's society connected with any parish or mission in North Dakota may become a parochial branch of the District Auxiliary by passing a vote to that effect, and complying with the foregoing conditions, including the payment of \$1.00 annual dues. It should be understood that when any existing guild or aid society becomes a parochial branch of the District Auxiliary it will thereafter endeavor to devote some portion, however small, of its funds, to missionary causes outside such local mission or branch.

#### ARTICLE VI.—PRESIDENT.

The President, or in her necessary absence, the Vice President shall preside over all meetings of the District Association and also of the Board of Managers in the absence of the Bishop. She shall, if possible, promote the organization of new branches as necessity may arise, or opportunity may be presented, and visit the parochial branches. The expenses thus incurred shall be met from the general fund of the Auxiliary. Meetings of the Board of Managers may be held upon the request of the Bishop or President, and special meetings of the District Association upon the application of the Bishop, or Board of Managers.

## ARTICLE VII.—SECRETARY.

The duty of the Secretary is to keep the minutes of the Association and of the Board, give notice of meetings, conduct the correspondence of the Association and to prepare an annual report.

## ARTICLE VIII.—TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall take charge of all money belonging to the Association, disburse the same as directed by the Association, and in case of special offerings or donations as directed by the donor or by the Board of Managers, keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and make a full report of the same at the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE IX.—REPORTS.

Each parochial branch shall make an annual report to the District President at least one week before the time of the meeting of the District Convocation. In view of the purely missionary character of the work in nearly all of the parishes and missions of North Dakota and of the heavy responsibility resting upon the Church women of the District to provide for the local support of their parishes and missions, this Auxiliary invites all local guilds and aid societies to become local branches of the District Auxiliary, as provided in Article V, and to make annual report to this Auxiliary under the following three heads:

- (1) Money raised and expended for causes within the parish or mission.
- (2) Money or articles given to causes without the parish or mission, but within North Dakota.
- (3) Money or articles given to domestic missions outside of North Dakota, or to foreign missions.

## ARTICLE X.—MEETINGS.

There shall be one general meeting of this Association each year, at the meeting of the District Convocation. At all meetings each parochial branch shall have the right of representation by not more than five chosen delegates, of whom

the President of the branch shall be one; but any member of the Auxiliary may take part in the deliberations of the meeting, although only delegates, or members who have paid their individual dues of twenty-five cents direct to the District Treasurer, shall have the right to vote.

#### ARTICLE XI.—PLANS OF WORK.

The Board of Managers shall devise modes and plans of work for the Association and bring the same before the general meeting annually for its action thereon.

#### ARTICLE XII.—RULES OF PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

Each parochial branch shall adopt such rules as to qualifications for membership, duties of officers, times and places of meeting, and other necessary rules as it may see fit.

#### ARTICLE XIII.—CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, subject to the approval of the Bishop.

#### ARTICLE XIV.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Order of business at the annual meeting, unless otherwise directed, shall be as follows:

1. Prayer by the Bishop or presiding officer.
2. Calling the roll.
3. Reading the minutes of the last meeting.
4. Report of the Board of Managers through the President.
5. Report of the Secretary.
6. Report of the Treasurer.
7. Reports of parochial branches, etc.
8. Adoption of work for the ensuing year.
9. Miscellaneous business.





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## Officers for 1899-1900.

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President, - - - Mrs. R. J. Mooney, Fargo  
Vice President - - - Miss Daisy Reeves, Buxton  
Secretary, Miss Katharine H. Seward, Grand Forks  
Treasurer, - - Mrs. Chas. Turner, Devils Lake

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Head of the Babies' Branch,  
Mrs. Chas. Turner, Devils Lake.

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