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Woman's Auxiliary
and Guilds

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Annual Report
OF THE
North Dakota Branch
OF THE
Woman's Auxiliary
TO THE
Board of Missions
AND THE
Woman's Guilds

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Counsels to Parochial Officers

EACH Auxiliary and Guild is expected to pay its District Dues, to give to the United Offering, and if possible to make a contribution for Missions at Convocation.

Keep in mind the work of our only Institution, the Church Hall at Valley City, and make every year a gift of jelly and fruit, and useful articles,—such as towels, sheets, curtains, rugs, etc.

The “**United Offering**” is the thank offering presented at every Triennial Service of the Woman’s Auxiliary. The next offering will be laid on the Altar at the Triennial Celebration, October, 1916, in St. Louis, Mo. It will be given for Woman’s Work in the Domestic and Foreign Fields. Every woman is given an opportunity to share in the great Thank offering. The birthday plan for raising the United Offering has been adopted in North Dakota.

Always answer letters **promptly**.

When a project is laid before your Auxiliary or Guild, do not fail to report its action after due deliberation.

All reports should be sent when requested, and **on time**.

You are requested to ask your officers to study the report and to make it the topic of discussion at your first Fall meeting. Look through the tables and see what your District Branch is doing.

We will be glad to have suggestions or questions from any member.

Please keep this book where it may be easily referred to throughout the year.

For information about United Offering, apply to Mrs. C. C. Gowran, Grand Forks.

Remit by Express, P. O. Order, or Checks, **never** by bank notes.

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Reachers Fund - Fargo.

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary and of the Guilds for the District of North Dakota, was held in Gethsemane Cathedral, Fargo, May 22.

A preliminary meeting was held Sunday evening, May 21, for organization.

Three committees were appointed, one on nominations, consisting of Mrs. Danstrom, Fargo; Mrs. Jones, Bismarck; Mrs. Heath, Beach, and Mrs. Lowe, Kenmare; one on appropriations, consisting of Miss Mary E. Burleson, Grand Forks; Mrs. J. S. Brayfield, Jamestown; Mrs. McRoberts, Fargo; and Mrs. G. H. Rodenbach, Devils Lake; one on credentials, consisting of Mrs. Gunkle, Casselton; and Mrs. Coffin, Dickinson.

The meeting adjourned till 1:30 P. M., May 22nd.

SESSION, MAY 22

The meeting was called to order by the secretary, Mrs. Haxby, who presided as the president, Mrs. Geo. Hancock had been called from the city by the death of a member of her family, and was unable to be present. The place of secretary for the afternoon was taken by Mrs. W. B. Hancock. Hymn 359 was sung and the opening prayers were given by Bishop Tyler.

Minutes of the 1915 meeting were read and approved, followed by the roll call.

The president's annual address was read by Mrs. Haxby.

The following reports were read and accepted: treasurer's, Mrs. Wineman, (including money and boxes); United Offering, Mrs. Gowran; Junior Auxiliary, Mrs. Black; Valley City Hall, Mrs. Small.

The secretary read "A Spring Message" sent out by the general secretary, Miss Emery of the Church Missions House.

Representatives of some of the Guilds present pledged either money or supplies to the Valley City Hall: Lisbon, \$5.00; Bismarck, \$5.00; Beach, box of fruit; Sarles, \$5.00.

Mrs. D. B. Holt read the report on Mission Study. It was recommended that Mrs. Holt's report be printed in the Sheaf.

Mrs. Haxby asked that all present provide themselves with the literature of the church work that had been placed at the disposal of all.

The report of the Nominating Committee was called for, the following officers being selected:

Honorary President—Mrs. J. Poyntz Tyler, Fargo.

President—Mrs. George Hancock, Fargo.

First Vice President—Mrs. R. H. Devine, Wahpeton.

Second Vice President—Mrs. F. L. Meservey, Minot.

Third Vice President—Mrs. W. L. Williamson, Lisbon.

Secretary—Mrs. R. J. Haxby, Fargo.

Treasurer—Mrs. W. L. Williamson, Grand Forks.

President Junior Auxiliary—Mrs. E. B. Maglone, Larimore.

Treasurer United Offering—Mrs. C. C. Gowran, Grand Forks.

Secretary Mission Study—Mrs. D. B. Holt, Fargo.

A motion was made, duly seconded and carried that the report be accepted.

The Committee on Appropriations recommended that the money on hand, \$140.00 be divided as follows: Bishop's Purse, \$70.00; Foreign Insurance Fund, \$25.00; Dr. John Chapman, Anvik, Alaska, \$25.00; Church Hall Valley City, \$10.00; St. Mary's School for girls, Shanghai, \$10.00. Motion was made, duly seconded and carried that the appropriations thus made be accepted.

New guilds formed from whom reports were received for the first time this year were: Ellendale, Lawton, Linton, Sarles, St. Thomas and Webster.

The chair stated that judging from the reports sent in very encouraging progress had been made by most of the guilds during the year just past,—notably the guilds at Dickinson (Altar), Fargo, Grand Forks, Langdon, Larimore, Mandan, Minot, Walshville, and Williston. Where the reports of a year ago showed two guilds earning over \$1000.00, those this year show five earning more than that amount.

An interesting account of the work of the Indian women on the Cannon Ball Reservation sent in by Dr. Beede was read.

North Dakota has at present two workers in the district supported by the Womens' United Offering, Mrs. Small, matron of the Church Hall at Valley City and Deaconess Knox who, during the year, has been connected with the work at the Cathedral. Deaconess Knox told very interestingly some of the things "A United Offering Worker Finds to do in North Dakota." Needless to say the deaconess has found much to do—office work, visits to strangers, to the sick and the afflicted and best of all, work with the children.

During the singing of hymn 580 the offering was taken—this, amounting to \$12.49, together with the collection taken up at the early Communion Service, \$15.57, was given to the United Offering.

Mr. MacKenzie of Minot then gave a vitally interesting account of his work as a missionary in Saskatchewan.

Bishop Tyler made an appeal to the church in North Dakota to organize some method of evangelization to reach the people scattered about our prairies. He asked if the guilds could not establish some bureau by which people who have left their churches in the east and are now located in isolated places in the state, could have the influence of the church? Could not the people in their pleasure trips by auto help in this work? A motion was made, seconded and carried that the chair appoint a committee of women to confer with the committee of men appointed by the Bishop for this purpose. The chair appointed Mrs. Ellsworth, Williston; Mrs. Wineman, Grand Forks, and Mrs. McRoberts, Fargo.

A motion was made, duly seconded and carried that a letter of sympathy in her bereavement and regret at her absence, be sent to the president, Mrs. Hancock.

It was also voted to extend a vote of thanks to the Fargo ladies for their kind hospitality.

The closing prayers were given by Bishop Tyler and the meeting adjourned for another year to meet in 1917 at Devils Lake.

VERNA D. HANCOCK,
Secretary, pro tem.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

How quickly the year has passed since we gathered in Grand Forks for our last Annual Meeting. That meeting was such a splendid and inspiring one that we have felt the impetus of it throughout the year, one of its results being that Mrs. Wilde's address, which was published in the *Spirit of Missions*, was the means of bringing to the Bishop more than three hundred dollars for the Indian work.

These yearly gatherings should be times of refreshing, of fellowship, of inspiration. We should leave them feeling that we have come in closer touch with the church people from different parts of the state; that we have gleaned from each other helpful ideas regarding the carrying on of our own especial work; that our common worship has reminded us anew that in God alone is our strength and that the reports and addresses have given us a larger insight into the work of the Church at home and abroad and a desire to do more than we have ever done to extend and to further it.

I welcome you most heartily to this meeting and hope you will each feel that you have a part in it. If you have discovered any new methods of work or of organization during the year, tell us about them; if there are any questions which occur to you do not hesitate to ask them, so that you may go back to your Auxiliary or Guild with helpful suggestions. I would suggest the taking of notes so that your reports to those at home may be full and interesting for one of the chief duties of a delegate is to take back with her as much of the spirit of the gathering as possible, together with enthusiasm and a desire to introduce some new ideas into the regular routine of the organization to which she belongs. Do not be content to continue from Convocation to Convocation feeling that you have done your duty if you have accomplished just what you did the year before. We must **advance and do bigger things** if our Church is to assume her proper place and be the power she should be in this state of North Dakota.

Each year that I have acted as chairman of this meeting it has been my privilege to say a word of welcome, not only to the delegates, but also to important new comers to our band of church workers. Two years ago we extended greetings to Bishop Tyler, last year Mrs. Tyler was with us for the first time, and today we welcome most cordially to our state family the new dean of the cathedral, the Rev. Henry F. Kloman and his wife. May they find the breezy atmosphere of the west congenial and invigorating, and may their new field prove a fertile one in the advancement of the Master's Kingdom.

The North Dakota Auxiliary was not represented at the meeting of the Province of the Northwest in Omaha last October, but we hope to have a full representation at the Triennial Convention which meets in St. Louis, Mo., next October.

A meeting of the state officers was held in Fargo last September, at which seven officers and the Bishop were present; Jamestown, Valley City, Wahpeton and Fargo being represented. Many phases of the church work were discussed and some business transacted.

In December I received an invitation from the members of the Guild at Bismarck to make them a visit as soon after the holidays as possible and, in accepting, it was thought best to arrange to visit some of the other guilds in the western part of the state at the same time. The second week in January was decided upon and I journeyed to Beach, Dickinson, Mandan and Bismarck. It happened to be the coldest week I have known in my residence of more than twenty years in the state, but I was most warmly received and hospitably entertained at each stopping place. Afternoon meetings were held in each case, at which I spoke of the church work and the United Offering, laying particular emphasis on the supreme importance of learning what our Church is doing in the Mission field. In Beach and Dickinson I lectured in the evenings, the proceeds being given for Missions. We have had delegates from Beach at our Annual Meeting the last two years, but Dickinson, Mandan and Bismarck have not been represented and I was glad to have an opportunity of meeting these church women and of urging them to send representatives to Convocation.

Since our last meeting the Emergency Fund needed by the Board of Missions to make up deficiencies in its funds, has been fully met, which is cause for rejoicing. Surely the Church is awakening to a realization of the great opportunities that are before her! If her members would only inform themselves of what she is doing, the needs of the work as well as its many interesting features would make them eager and willing to assist.

We are trying to spread all the information we can regarding the United Offering, that great expression of love and thankfulness. Mrs. Gowran, the treasurer of this fund has labored most earnestly to keep it before our women and it is a matter for congratulation that this year we have the largest offering we have ever had, and our three year's offering to be sent to St. Louis in October will be the best in our history. If we keep on praying and working, some time in the future we will have an offering which will be a really adequate expression of the many, many causes for thankfulness possessed by North Dakota church women. Just think, the United Offering now supports 181 active workers, 114 in the domestic, and 67 in the foreign field, in addition to providing help for 7 retired missionaries and 6 applicants in training. Is it not a great privilege to have a part in such a work as this?

Our Juniors have done a splendid year's work under the leadership of their earnest and faithful president, Mrs. Maglone. I wish to bespeak your careful attention when their report is read.

This is an age in which people realize their community obligations more than they have ever done. Women especially are not content to confine themselves solely to their home duties, even though these must have their first attention. They are venturing out into the civic field and are doing what they can for the bettering of conditions in the communities in which they dwell. The result is that not only are general improvements made, but the women themselves are broadened and made more efficient within their home circle. What applies to individuals in this respect applies also to organizations.

Take, for instance, one of our church guilds. Its main purpose, of course, is to work for the advancement of the local parish, but if it does this only, without any thought of the larger opportunities, which have such pressing claims upon all true Christians, it will become self-centered and lacking in spiritual power. I know only too well what a hard struggle many of our small guilds have to make ends meet and how much of the work devolves upon the faithful few, but the small guild is often more ready to make missionary contributions than the large one, whose receipts run up into hundreds of dollars. Last year one of our small guilds whose receipts were about \$180.00 gave \$8.00 for Missions at Convocation, while a large one with receipts of over \$1000.00 gave only \$3.00. Another small guild in the northern part of the state in a town where there are few church people not only took good care of its home work but prepared a missionary box valued at \$100.00, which is a fine tribute to the missionary enthusiasm of its leader. This year it did even better preparing two boxes, one valued at \$85.00 and the other at \$20.00. Is this not an inspiration for us all?

Our guilds, most of them, make good contributions to the Valley City Hall, and this is fine. Now if we can only go one step further and make our gifts for missions proportionately good we may feel we are advancing. I hope the time will soon come when each guild will set aside a certain percentage of its receipts for missionary purposes. It seems as if our united gifts at Convocation, apart from the United Offering should be at least \$200.00. Are you willing to make the effort to reach this sum at our next Annual Meeting? If we had a number of branches of the Woman's Auxiliary working for missions throughout the state, it would not be necessary to make this general appeal, but where numbers are small it has not been deemed advisable to have the two organizations. We try to accomplish some of the same results by asking the guilds to participate in mission study and in missionary giving. We also ask that they do more than this and offer up earnest prayers for those who are engaged in missionary work. Make prayer a feature of every meeting. It is the channel through which God sends His greatest blessings and if the channel be choked up or not put into use, how can we expect the flow of the blessing and the power which He delights to give to those who ask Him?

Appeals of various kinds have come to me as president of the Auxiliary for work amongst negroes, amongst the mountaineers of the south, for what is being done by the Church in China and Japan, where so many are asking for the light we have to give; in the Philippines where a tornado destroyed many of the mission buildings; in Alaska where there is much to be done, and then of course, our own Bishop needs all the help we can give him for his work in North Dakota. At the meeting in Omaha it was especially requested that the Auxiliary throughout the Northwestern Province do what it can for St. Mary's School in Shanghai, where Chinese girls are being trained in the principles of Christian womanhood.

The observance of our Corporate Communion on St. Michael and All Angels Day last September was more general than ever before. It is most encouraging that there is a growing appreciation of this

beautiful service, when all over the state wherever there is a clergyman to officiate, we gather at the Lord's Table to dedicate ourselves anew to His service and to try to realize the sacredness of all work done in His name.

May we continue to use this and every other means of grace, remembering that as Christian women it is our privilege "to show forth the love of Christ for all the world in sympathy and prayer and deeds of love" and that if we would be worthy members of the great church to which we belong we must pray earnestly and work faithfully to help her carry out her lofty ideals and do her part in the evangelization of the world.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS' DAY

| | Attendance | Offering |
|-------------------|------------|----------|
| Casselton | 19 | \$ 2.25 |
| Devils Lake | 16 | 3.50 |
| Dickinson | | 1.55 |
| Fargo | 21 | 10.40 |
| Grand Forks | 12 | 4.50 |
| Jamestown | | 3.55 |
| Larimore | 17 | 10.00 |
| Lisbon | 5 | 2.03 |
| Minot | 42 | 3.25 |
| Oakes | | 2.85 |
| Park River | 7 | 8.35 |
| Valley City | 21 | 6.37 |
| | 160 | \$58.60 |

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT—MAY 1916

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|---------|
| To amount on hand June 1915..... | \$ 3.23 |
| Annual State Dues | 74.00 |
| Gifts from Auxiliaries and Guilds..... | 152.00 |
| Auxiliary of Fargo, special gifts..... | 118.00 |
| Auxiliary of Grand Forks, special gifts..... | 52.55 |
| Fargo Guild | 25.00 |
| Beach Guild | 5.00 |
| Pembina Guild | 5.00 |
| Lisbon Guild | 3.35 |
| Langdon Guild | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Devine of Wahpeton, for support of Bible woman.. | 48.00 |
| Fort Berthold, Indian women..... | 4.25 |

495.38

DISBURSEMENTS

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|---|---------|
| By Provincial Conference | \$ 5.00 |
| Bishop's Purse | 70.00 |
| Mrs. Wilde's expenses | 25.00 |
| Church Hall | 29.00 |
| Postage | 5.66 |
| Church Missions House, Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund | 25.00 |
| Church Missions House, Deaconess Spencer, for Japanese work in Honolulu..... | 28.00 |
| Clergy Relief Fund, from Grand Forks Auxiliary..... | 12.55 |
| Clergy Relief Fund, from Lisbon Guild..... | 3.35 |
| Printing booklets | 30.00 |
| Indian Chapel Fund from Langdon Guild..... | 5.00 |
| Church Missions House, special for St. Raphael's House Monterey, Tenn., from Grand Forks Auxiliary..... | 15.00 |
| Church Hall, from Fargo Guild..... | 25.00 |
| Bishop's Purse, from Fargo Auxiliary..... | 75.00 |
| Clergy Relief Fund, from Fargo Auxiliary..... | 18.00 |
| Church Missions House, special for St. Mary's School Shanghai, from Fargo Auxiliary..... | 25.00 |
| Indian Missions from Beach Guild..... | 5.00 |
| Church Hall from Pembina Guild..... | 5.00 |
| Bishop's Purse from Grand Forks Auxiliary..... | 15.00 |
| Church Hall from Grand Forks Auxiliary..... | 10.00 |
| Church Missions House for Bible woman..... | 48.00 |
| Church Missions House General..... | 4.25 |

483.81

Balance on hand

11.57

Respectfully submitted,
FLORENCE E. WINEMAN, Treas.

NORTH DAKOTA WOMAN'S UNITED OFFERING

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|------------------------------|--|--|--|-----------|
| San Francisco, October, 1901 | | | | \$217.42 |
| Boston, October, 1904 | | | | 117.33 |
| Richmond, October, 1907 | | | | 393.45 |
| Cincinnati, October, 1910 | | | | 515.69 |
| New York, October, 1913 | | | | 903.12 |
| St. Louis, October 1916 | | | | \$1073.49 |

REPORT OF TREASURER OF UNITED OFFERING

| | 1914 | 1915 | 1916 | 1916 | TOTAL |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|------------|
| Convocations | \$ 18.78 | \$ 5.87 | \$ 35.32 | Special | \$ 59.97 |
| St. Michael and | | | | | |
| All Angels Day | 36.82 | 36.80 | 58.60 | | 132.22 |
| Little Helpers | 4.46 | 7.52 | 4.40 | | 16.38 |
| Juniors | 19.75 | 22.60 | 37.49 | | 79.84 |
| Bathgate | 2.75 | 4.35 | 5.05 | | 12.15 |
| Beach | | 4.75 | 8.90 | 7.25 | 20.90 |
| Bismarck | | | 2.36 | 5.51 | 7.87 |
| Casselton | 11.00 | 5.00 | 9.10 | 2.30 | 27.40 |
| Cavalier | | 1.66 | 2.00 | | 3.66 |
| Devils Lake | 5.46 | 5.00 | 6.38 | | 16.84 |
| Dickinson | | | 8.00 | 4.35 | 12.35 |
| Ellendale | | 7.09 | | | 7.09 |
| Forman | 3.50 | | | | 3.50 |
| Fargo | 34.74 | 41.00 | 61.00 | | 136.74 |
| Gladstone | | 1.25 | .25 | | 1.50 |
| Grafton | 5.75 | 5.50 | 6.00 | | 17.25 |
| Grand Forks | 56.11 | 53.23 | 52.67 | | 162.01 |
| Hampden | 2.00 | | | | 2.00 |
| Jamestown | 7.75 | 7.00 | 9.10 | | 23.85 |
| Kenmare | | | 4.59 | | 4.59 |
| Langdon | 1.00 | 1.78 | 4.98 | | 7.76 |
| Larimore | 13.68 | 17.66 | 15.00 | | 46.34 |
| Lidgerwood | | | 1.20 | | 1.20 |
| Lisbon | 2.60 | 8.15 | 7.05 | | 17.80 |
| Mandan | 2.50 | 1.70 | | | 4.20 |
| Minot | | 4.77 | 2.33 | 2.25 | 9.35 |
| Nesson | 1.45 | 2.00 | | | 3.45 |
| Park River | 15.35 | 15.10 | 20.37 | | 50.82 |
| Pembina | | 2.80 | 6.15 | | 8.95 |
| Rugby | | | 4.26 | | 4.26 |
| Towner | 1.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 | | 11.00 |
| Valley City | 10.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | | 40.00 |
| Wahpeton | 3.34 | 2.13 | 9.00 | | 14.47 |
| Walhalla | | | 2.25 | | 2.25 |
| Walshville | | | 5.65 | | 5.65 |
| Williston | 7.00 | 3.72 | 7.25 | | 17.97 |
| Special Gifts in 1915 | | 2.20 | | | 2.20 |
| Special Gifts in 1916 | | | 21.66 | 21.66 | |
| Total Offerings | \$268.45 | \$290.97 | \$436.36 | | \$995.78 |
| Received for Interest | 1.16 | 11.07 | 22.02 | | 34.25 |
| Total Receipts | \$269.61 | \$302.04 | \$458.38 | | \$1,030.03 |
| Less Postage Account | 1.50 | 1.60 | 2.00 | | 5.10 |
| Total with Treasurer | \$268.11 | \$300.44 | \$456.38 | | \$1,024.93 |
| Interest that will accrue | | | | | 48.56 |
| Total, October 1st | | | | | 1073.49 |

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. C. C. GOWRAN, Treasurer.

REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY MEETING

The 2nd Annual Meeting of the Junior Auxiliary, of the Missionary District of North Dakota, was held in the Crypt of the Cathedral, Fargo, Sunday, May 21, 1916, at 4:30 P. M. Mrs. Black presiding. The meeting was opened with the Junior Auxiliary prayers led by Bishop Tyler.

The report of last year's work was read by Mrs. Black, also a card of thanks from Fort Hall, Idaho, for the box sent through Mrs. Maglone.

The roll call showed eight of the ten branches represented as follows: Casselton, 2; Grand Forks, Section A, 2, Section B, 2; Jamestown, 1; Lakota, 1; Minot, 1; Valley City, 1, and Fargo, 10.

The reports of the branches were read by Casselton, Mary Amelia Fowler; Fargo, Marie Corbett; Grand Forks, Section A, Marie Youngberg; Section B, Esther Nelson; Lakota, Edith Hughes; Minot, Mrs. Mackenzie; Valley City, Miss Hudson; Jamestown, Jane Wilder.

A letter was read from Mrs. Maglone by Mrs. Black in which she urged the children to do more for the Indian work in North Dakota.

Bishop Tyler then spoke of the work to be done for the Indians, the needs of the children and the chapels to be built.

The time was far too short—another year we hope to give the greater part of an afternoon to this meeting. The meeting closed with the Benediction, after which luncheon was served to the visiting delegates by the Fargo branch of the Junior Auxiliary.

CLARA WOOD, Secretary.

REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY 1915-1916

In submitting this year's report of the Junior Auxiliary I feel that there is ground for encouragement. I have felt grieved at the temporary lapse of one branch simply for want of a leader, but on the other hand, we can report two entirely new ones and a much greater interest and enthusiasm in some already existing. We have splendid leaders, whose conscientious work has made it possible for the girls to do what they have. We have active and interested branches in ten places now. The leaders are teaching the girls most carefully about the Auxiliary and its opportunities, and in some places the Rector of the parish helps materially in this by meeting with the girls occasionally and taking up a topic with them.

In December we outfitted two Indian children at the Mission School at Fort Hall, Idaho; the contents of this box were splendid, being easily worth \$55. This spring we sent a box of new and second-hand articles, valued at \$25.50, to S. Ann's Mission, Alberene, Va. In addition to these combined gifts, the Grand Forks branch has sent a box valued at \$7.00 to Fort Berthold, N. D., Park River made a quilt worth \$2.50 for an Indian girl, Valley City sent a box valued at \$7.00 to an Indian family in North Dakota, and Fargo supplied gifts worth \$2.00 to a needy family in Fargo.

The money gifts far exceed those of any former year. Sums paid direct are: Casselton for General Missions \$10.80, Fargo for S. S. Lenten Offering \$5.00, Valley City for S. S. Lenten Offering \$6.15. And the following amounts have been paid through me as Treasurer: To Mrs. Gowran for the United Offering \$37.49, contributed as follows:

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| Casselton | \$ 1.00 |
| Fargo | 10.00 |
| Grand Forks | 10.00 |
| Jamestown | 1.50 |
| Lakota | 2.00 |
| Minnewaukan | .99 |
| Minot | 10.00 |
| Valley City | 2.00 |

and to Bishop Tyler toward his Indian Catechist fund \$80.00, contributed as follows:

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|-------------------|---------|
| Bathgate | \$27.50 |
| Casselton | 4.50 |
| Fargo | 10.00 |
| Grand Forks | 6.00 |
| Jamestown | 20.00 |
| Lakota | 1.00 |
| Minnewaukan | 7.00 |
| Park River | 4.00 |

In this connection I would like to urge that all the Juniors everywhere make a specialty of this Indian fund. I think Bishop Tyler needs in the neighborhood of \$200.00 annually for this, and I should be so happy if our Juniors could become responsible for this entire amount. It will be noticed that we have not nearly reached it this year, but it is a pretty good start. Our box work is almost entirely sent to Missions outside of North Dakota, and what we give toward the United Offering is for General Missions, and it seems to me that it will be a beautiful interest for our girls to take care of this fund for our good Bishop. It will gladden his heart, for he loves to have the children over his District thinking of him and doing all they can to help him and the people he is reaching.

I wish again to urge upon the women of the Church in North Dakota to help us to have an organization of Juniors in every possible place. If they could all see the beautiful work done and the interest manifested where we have them, I am sure they would all want their own girls to have a share in it. The interest throughout the District is increasing, and while the growth may not be very rapid, I feel sure it is a wholesome advance. Bishop Tyler is a great help, for he speaks a word in season on many of his visitations. I would suggest that wherever we have a Junior Guild or an organization of the young people of any kind, such society might also form itself into a branch of the Junior Auxiliary and combine the two, and it will be found that the local parish will lose nothing by reason of what is done for the outside. It is no more right to be self-centered in our Church work and to localize it, than it is to consider only our own comforts and necessities in individual life. We are put in the world to love and help each other, and we can never do for others as much as has been done for us. We hope next year to increase our numbers, to learn a little more, to pray more earnestly, and to enlarge our gifts, and we ask the prayers of the Church and the help of its members toward this end.

Respectfully submitted.

EMMA B. MAGLONE,
President.

REPORT OF CHURCH HALL

The report of the Church Hall for the past year varies in no important particular from those presented the last two or three years. We do feel, however, that each year the Church exerts a larger influence among all the girls, and that the girls themselves grow more attached to the Hall.

Of the twenty-four girls this year, only six are communicants and actively engaged in the choir or Sunday School, but a large proportion attend the Church services. On Thanksgiving day we were especially gratified to have every girl in the Hall attend the morning service.

Financially, this year the Hall will just break even, with no balance to our credit, but no indebtedness. Our table has cost us more this year due to the advanced cost of so many necessities and we have had to make a slight increase in the wages paid to our help. We are always having to replace furniture, linen and bedding and in this we have been very materially helped by checks from the Guilds throughout the District. At the last Convocation it was voted to give the Hall \$16.00 of the Woman's Auxiliary fund then on hand and to add to it any sums collected afterward. This total amount, received through Mrs. Wineman was \$29.00. In addition we have received from Bathgate, \$3.00; Carrington, \$3.00; Larimore, \$10.00; Grand Forks, \$10.00; Bismarck, \$5.00; Fargo Guild, \$25.00; Pembina, \$5.00; making a total received since last Convocation of \$90.00. This money has been used largely in replacing table linen, bedding, some curtains and a new rug for the reception room. We have been overjoyed to have the Hall repainted this year and some inside painting, as well as the laying of three new floors. These new repairs were recommended at Convocation last year and which we have been enabled to do by means of pledges made at that time.

In addition to the ever welcome checks, we have received five boxes of home-made fruit from Jamestown, Williston, Woman's Auxiliary, Fargo, and Lisbon, and donations of house-hold linen and quilts from the Guilds at Walshville, Ellendale, Mandan, Beach and Valley City. The Valley City guild has also made us ten heavy mattress covers which are very much appreciated. We wish to thank each individual Guild member who has assisted in sending us these gifts. We appreciate your interest and the expenditure of your time and money.

In the report of last year we spoke of a plan, then undeveloped for a Church Hall sorority. It has proved quite a success. Three initiations have been held and a house meeting once a month. We have a Greek letter name, Alpha Gamma Chi, and a sorority pin. The girls have entered into the plan with enthusiasm and it is our hope that this sorority will strengthen the bond between the Hall and the girl even after leaving.

We have had the pleasure of entertaining this year, if only for a few hours, Mrs. Hancock, Deaconess Knox, Mrs. Bennett of La Moure and many of last year's girls and friends of the girls in the Hall.

SOPHIA W. SMALL.

MISSION STUDY REPORT

Only three places last year reported Mission Study or program meetings. Grand Forks, Valley City and Fargo. Some progress has been made the past year along this line. Reports however have been sent in from only four places, outside of Fargo.

This is an occasion on which I cannot draw upon my imagination, so I have been obliged to fall back upon "The Sheaf" for much of my material. I shall begin with Minot, because of the good example they have set us, in their zeal for mission knowledge. The rector organized a mission study class and suggested that it be continued for a few weeks after Lent, but found it was the wish of the class to keep it going the whole year. The class began with the study of "The Early Days of the Church in America". Their report also states that their Junior Auxiliary work begun with Friday afternoon readings from the "Spirit of Missions", was to be continued during the summer in one of the parks. Dickinson reports two program meetings, one on Mission work in the Philippine Islands, the other the Indian work at Fort Berthold. These meetings were held in the evening, with men in attendance. Bismarck also reports two program meetings, one on the N. D. Indians, the other on "The Women of the Bible". Grand Forks, aside from its regular Auxiliary program meetings, held a weekly mission study class during Lent. The subject was the "Social Aspect of Missions." These classes were all conducted by Mrs. Black. The Fargo Auxiliary holds a monthly mission program meeting thruout the year with the exception of the months of July and August. The subject for the program work this year has been the work of the Church among the Indians of the U. S. with a special meeting on the United Offering. During Lent two study classes met weekly, reviewing the first missionary work of the church as told in the Acts of the Apostles. A committee was appointed at the last meeting to formulate plans for a permanent Bible Class. I notice from "The Sheaf" that Valley City has enjoyed addresses from two missionaries, and that lantern lectures were given Sunday evenings on missionary subjects. Under Wahpeton news I also read an account of a meeting devoted to readings from "The Spirit of Missions" and short supplementary talks. Under the Minnewaukan news I found this item—"A stereopticon lecture was given in the church upon the subject "The Spread of the Kingdom in Japan"'. McClusky also had an illustrated lecture, entitled "Darkness and Light in Cuba." The clergyman from Lisbon writes that the Wednesday evenings during Lent were given up to the study of Missions, the various subjects being presented by members of the parish.

At Casselton the rector met with a class for study, each week during Lent "Our Wonderful Church" was used as a text book. You will notice from this fragmentary review of the work, that the program meetings seem to meet with more general favor than the study classes. So many women seem afraid of the word, **study**, and too, a study class implies a leader, and leaders are scarce. It does not seem quite fair that the rector should be called upon or expected to assume the

leadership of such classes. The purpose of both however is the same, viz: to extend the knowledge of, and interest in, the work of the Church in the mission field. You will find too, that the text books prepared at the Mission House for study classes can be used equally well for program work. If any of you prefer the home field, they have now on hand the outlines and text books on the work among the negroes, and also the Southern Mountaineers. We have on hand here, enough material for an interesting program on the United Offering which I will send to any one on application. We also have sufficient material for a series of meetings on China, should any of you desire to enter the foreign field. Our president has recommended that where it was not possible to have separate meetings, that some missionary article be read at the regular Guild meetings. One of the delegates present told me that they had tried this plan in her parish but some of the women objected because it interfered with their work. Their work! What is their work? Our Bishop has told us that the church is one big missionary society, whose business it is to extend the Gospel, and if it is not doing this, it has failed in its mission. If these women then, are members of this church, is **their work** only to earn money to repair the rectory, or carpet the church? There are, I am told, five hundred thousand women communicants in the Protestant Episcopal Church. If each one gave only fifty cents a year to the United Offering, the offering at the triennial meeting would be \$750,000. This is a concrete illustration of what might be done in a material way, if every woman gave but her mite. If these same five hundred thousand women were to do some reading and thinking and praying in the interest of some special work, don't you believe the spiritual result would be as great as the material? So I wish that these women who feel that the missionary readings interfere with their parish activities, might be led to see that instead of being a hindrance, it should be a help, to become better and broader and more unselfish women.

ANNIE STEVENS HOLT,
Secretary.

ABSTRACT REPORTS AND NAMES OF DELEGATES
ATTENDING ANNUAL CONVOCATION

| | Members | Receipts | Dist. Dues | Missions | Delegates at Convocation. |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|------------|----------|--|
| AUXILIARIES | | | | | |
| Fargo | 47 | \$165.01 | \$2.00 | \$ 30.00 | Mrs. F. W. McRoberts, Mrs. J. D. Farrand, Mrs. P. L. E. Godwin. |
| Grand Forks | 32 | 144.86 | 2.00 | 10.00 | Mrs. Black, Mrs. Burleson, Mrs. Payne. |
| JUNIOR AUXILIARIES | | | | | |
| Bathgate | 12 | 30.55 | 1.00 | ----- | Florence Fowler, Mary Fowler. |
| Casselton | 7 | 21.90 | 1.00 | ----- | Marie Corbett, Catherine Hunt, Lucile Wood. |
| Fargo | 10 | 32.68 | 1.00 | ----- | Lucile Getchell, Esther Nelson, Katherine |
| Grand Forks | 62 | 38.56 | 1.00 | ----- | Gardner, Marie Youngberg. |
| Jamestown | 8 | 28.33 | 1.00 | ----- | Jane Wilder. |
| Minot | 12 | 15.00 | 1.00 | ----- | |
| Park River | --- | ----- | 1.00 | ----- | |
| Valley City | --- | ----- | 1.00 | ----- | |
| GUILDS | | | | | |
| Bathgate | 7 | 113.10 | 1.00 | 2.00 | Mrs. H. M. Heath. |
| Beach | 17 | 91.50 | 2.00 | ----- | Mrs. A. A. Jones. |
| Bismarck | 24 | 212.72 | 2.00 | 5.00 | Miss Glenn Bruce. |
| Bismarck (Altar) | 16 | 33.74 | 1.00 | ----- | Mrs. G. S. Churchill, Mrs. J. L. Gunkle. |
| Casselton | 20 | 288.69 | 2.00 | 4.00 | Mrs. J. S. Stenson, Mrs. G. H. Rodenbach. |
| Devils Lake | 33 | 587.56 | 2.00 | 10.00 | Mrs. Alexander Coffin, Mrs. T. H. Montgomery. |
| Dickinson | 14 | 174.86 | 2.00 | 4.35 | Mrs. Alexander Coffin. |
| Dickinson (Altar) | 14 | 340.75 | 2.00 | ----- | Mrs. I. P. Clapp, Mrs. J. J. Jordan, Mrs. A. |
| Ellendale | 6 | 63.85 | 1.00 | ----- | J. Danstrom. |
| Fargo | 81 | 1193.48 | 2.00 | 25.00 | |
| Gladstone | --- | ----- | 1.00 | ----- | |
| Grafton | 10 | 268.97 | 2.00 | ----- | |

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|------------------------|----|---------|------|--------|---|
| Grand Forks | 55 | 1577.64 | 2.00 | 10.00 | Miss Mary Burleson. |
| Gr'd F'ks (St. Agnes) | 25 | 136.05 | 2.00 | ----- | Miss Selma Hassel. |
| Jamestown | 10 | 434.82 | 1.00 | 5.00 | Mrs. J. S. Brayfield. |
| Jamestown (Altar) .. | 15 | 127.97 | 2.00 | ----- | Miss M. Brackett |
| Kenmare | 5 | ----- | 1.00 | 2.00 | Mrs. S. H. Lowe. |
| Lakota | 13 | 375.07 | 1.00 | ----- | Mrs. Drew. |
| La Moure | 8 | 11.00 | 1.00 | ----- | Miss Ethel Bennett. |
| Langdon | 9 | 219.04 | 1.00 | ----- | |
| Larimore | 23 | 312.73 | 2.00 | 5.00 | Mrs. Turner. |
| Lawton | 15 | ----- | 1.00 | ----- | |
| Lidgerwood | ** | ----- | 1.00 | ----- | |
| Linton | 40 | 276.85 | 1.00 | ----- | |
| Lisbon | 12 | 460.85 | 2.00 | 3.00 | Mrs. F. P. Allen, Mrs. W. L. Williamson. |
| Lisbon (St. Agnes).... | 10 | 51.15 | 1.00 | 4.00 | Miss Grace Allen. |
| Mandan | 25 | 1017.65 | 2.00 | ----- | |
| Minnewaukan | 14 | 154.50 | 2.00 | 3.00 | Miss Lucile Stewart. |
| Minnewaukan (Altar*) | 6 | 39.09 | 1.00 | ----- | |
| Minot | 27 | 1126.78 | 2.00 | 5.00 | Mrs. J. R. Mackenzie. |
| Minot (Altar) | 10 | 286.32 | 1.00 | ----- | |
| Oakes | 12 | 185.00 | 1.00 | ----- | Mrs. McCartney, Mrs. W. I. Huffman. |
| Park River | 12 | 158.22 | 2.00 | 8.00 | |
| Pembina | 11 | 76.95 | 2.00 | ----- | |
| Rugby | 18 | 424.36 | 2.00 | ----- | |
| Sarles | 9 | 103.00 | 1.00 | ----- | Mrs. G. F. Erskine. |
| St. Thomas | 4 | 146.35 | 1.00 | ----- | |
| Towner | 25 | 208.67 | 2.00 | ----- | |
| Valley City | 31 | 411.94 | 2.00 | ----- | Mrs. W. H. Beachen, Mrs. S. W. Small, Mrs. Early. |
| Valley City (Altar) .. | 20 | 62.44 | 1.00 | ----- | Miss Mary Hudson. |
| Wahpeton | 21 | 186.18 | 2.00 | 1.00 | Mrs. Devine, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Moore. |
| Walshville | 13 | 313.50 | 2.00 | ----- | |
| Walhalla | 6 | 93.72 | 1.00 | ----- | |
| Williston | 24 | 4281.41 | 2.00 | 3.00 | Mrs. N. E. Ellsworth, Miss Lily Wilkinson. |
| Webster | 15 | 52.92 | 1.00 | ----- | |
| | | 81.00 | | 139.35 | |

SPECIAL GIFTS IN BOXES AND MONEY

| TOWN | DESTINATION | Value of Box | Money | Total |
|------------------------------|--|--------------|----------|-----------|
| District Junior Auxiliary | Fort Hall, Idaho | \$ 55.00 | \$ | \$ 80.00 |
| District Junior Auxiliary | Alberene, Va. | 25.00 | | |
| Bathgate | Valley City Hall | | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| Bathgate Juniors | Indian Fund | | 19.79 | 19.79 |
| Beach | Indian Missions | | 5.00 | |
| Beach | Valley City Hall | 20.00 | | 25.00 |
| Bismarck | Valley City Hall | | 5.00 | |
| Bismarck | Bishop's Purse | | 10.00 | 15.00 |
| Casselton Juniors | Indian Fund | | 4.50 | |
| Casselton Juniors | General Missions | | 10.80 | 15.30 |
| Devils Lake | Valley City Hall | | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Ellendale | Bishop's Purse | | 10.30 | |
| Ellendale | Clergy Relief | | 2.25 | 12.55 |
| Fargo Auxiliary | Bishop's Purse | | 75.00 | |
| Fargo Auxiliary | St. Mary's Shanghai | | 25.00 | |
| Fargo Auxiliary | Alaska | 50.00 | | |
| Fargo Auxiliary | Valley City Hall | 15.00 | | |
| Fargo Auxiliary | Clergy Relief | 25.00 | 18.00 | 208.00 |
| Fargo Guild | Valley City Hall | | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Fargo Juniors | Indian Fund | | 10.00 | |
| Fargo Juniors | S. S. Lenten Offering | | 5.00 | 15.00 |
| Grafton | Crittenton Home, Fargo | | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Grand Forks Auxiliary | Clergy Relief | | 12.55 | |
| Grand Forks Auxiliary | Monterey, Tennessee | | 15.00 | |
| Grand Forks Auxiliary | Bishop's Purse | | 15.00 | |
| Grand Forks Auxiliary | Valley City Hall | | 10.00 | 52.55 |
| Grand Forks, St. Agnes | Elizabeth House, Tenn. | | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Grand Forks, Juniors | Indian Fund | | 10.00 | |
| Grand Forks, Juniors | Fort Berthold | 7.00 | | 17.00 |
| Jamestown | Bishop's Purse | | 15.00 | |
| Jamestown | Arch. Windiate | | 5.00 | |
| Jamestown | Emergency Fund | | 5.00 | |
| Jamestown | Dr. Beede | 10.00 | | |
| Jamestown | Valley City Hall | 13.75 | | 48.75 |
| Jamestown Juniors | Indian Fund | | 20.00 | |
| Jamestown Juniors | Tennessee | 3.75 | | 23.75 |
| Kenmare | Indians | 20.00 | | 20.00 |
| Lakota | Bishop's Purse | | 10.00 | |
| Lakota | S. S. Lenten Offering | | 6.00 | 16.00 |
| Langdon | Indian Chapel | | 5.00 | |
| Langdon | Bishop's Purse | | 20.00 | 25.00 |
| Laramore | White Rocks, Utah | 85.00 | | |
| Laramore | Mossbank, Sask. | 20.00 | | 105.00 |
| Lisbon | Valley City Hall | 8.00 | | |
| Lisbon | Clergy Relief | | 3.35 | 11.35 |
| Minot | Emergency Fund and Tennessee | | 46.30 | 46.30 |
| Park River | Missions | | 17.00 | 17.00 |
| Park River Juniors | Indians | 2.50 | | 2.50 |
| Pembina | Valley City Hall | | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Sarles | Bishop's Purse | | 7.25 | 7.25 |
| Valley City | Valley City Hall | | 8.32 | |
| Valley City | Indians | 25.00 | | 33.32 |
| Valley City Juniors | S. S. Lenten Offering | | 6.15 | |
| Valley City Juniors | Indians | 7.00 | | 13.15 |
| Wahpeton | St. Elizabeth House, Tenn. | | 25.50 | |
| Wahpeton | Church Missions House for Biblewoman | | 48.00 | 73.50 |
| Walshville | Valley City Hall | | 11.18 | |
| Walshville | Bishop's Purse | | 15.00 | 26.18 |
| Williston | Valley City Hall | 30.00 | | 30.00 |
| | | | \$447.50 | \$564.74 |
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O LORD, without Whom our labor is but lost, and with Whom Thy little ones go forth as the mighty, we humbly beseech Thee to prosper all works in Thy Church undertaken according to Thy Holy Will, especially the work of the Woman's Auxiliary; and grant to Thy laborers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth and the blessedness of serving Thee in Heaven; and especially to those who labor in the Word and Doctrine, grant the abundant blessing, which shall give the increase to their sowing of the seed, so that in all ways Thy Holy Name may be glorified, and Thy blessed Kingdom enlarged. Accept as done unto Thy Dear Son whatsoever we may do in Thy Name for Thy Ministry or Thy Poor, through the Same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Almighty and most merciful God, we humbly beseech Thee, for the merits of Thy Dear Son, to pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon all our missionaries at home and abroad, and to crown their labors with success in the gathering of souls to Thy Kingdom, to the honor and praise of Thy Glorious Name, who are Father, Son and Holy Ghost, one God, world without end, Amen.

FATHER of mercies, who to thine Apostle Saint Peter didst reveal in threefold vision Thy boundless compassion; Forgive, we pray Thee, our unbelief, and so enlarge our hearts and enkindle our zeal that we may fervently desire the salvation of all men, and with ready diligence labor in the extension of Thy Kingdom, for His sake who gave Himself for the life of the world, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A UNITED OFFERING PRAYER

ALMIGHTY GOD, Lord of the harvest, we humbly beseech Thee to send forth laborers into Thy harvest, and especially to put it into the hearts of many faithful women to give themselves to Thy work in the Mission field; or, if they cannot go themselves, to give of their substance gladly, as Thou hast prospered them. And so may the bounds of Thy blessed Kingdom be enlarged, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE JUNIOR COLLECT

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the gift of Thy Dear Son. Grant that we who have received Him in our hearts may joyfully go forth with Him on many errands. Bless those who toil for Thee in far off places; comfort them in their loneliness; and unite our work to theirs. Accept our gifts; receive our prayers; and use us for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

