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## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

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The Woman's Missionary League of Northern New Jersey held its Second Annual Meeting, in the Chapel of St. Mark's Church, Jersey City, on the 22d of November, 1876, and organized by the election of officers for the year.

After the extension of the Society from an Indian Aid to a general Missionary League it was decided that there should be a Directress appointed for each department of Missions—Domestic, Foreign, Diocesan, Mexican, and Home Missions to colored people—these ladies to form an Executive Committee under the President. The following ladies were appointed: Mrs. W. H. Odenheimer of Newark, Directress of Diocesan Missions; Mrs. A. McNulty of South Orange, Directress of Domestic Missions; Mrs. N. Niles of Madison, Directress of Foreign Missions; Mrs. J. W. Russell of Orange, Directress of Indian Missions; Mrs. E. B. Boggs of Newark, Directress of Home Missions to Colored People, and Mrs. E. Vanderpool of Newark, Directress of the Mexican Mission.

Mrs. W. H. Odenheimer reports that three boxes have been sent to Diocesan Missionaries, valued at \$357.50, including \$57.00 cash for special purposes.

Mrs. A. McNulty reports that she has sent three boxes to Domestic Missionaries; two boxes to a clergyman in Texas, valued at \$190.45, and one to South Carolina, a valued at \$75.90. Total value of boxes, including cash collections amounting to \$28.80, \$266.35. These boxes were mainly filled by the Ladies of the Holy Communion, South Orange, whose contributions amounted to \$212.80.

Mrs. N. Niles of the Foreign Branch reports \$25.00 contributed by members of the League for a scholarship in Miss Baldwin's School, Jaffa; a package of Stationery, etc., for Africa, valued at \$6.55, and a Surplice, valued at \$25.00, for Bishop Williams of Japan, given by the Young Ladies Foreign Missionary Association of Trinity Church, Bergen Point. Total contributions, \$56.55.

Mrs. J. W. Russell of the Indian Branch reports that she has sent five barrels of supplies to the Rev. Mr. Gilfillan, White Earth, Minn., valued at \$201.60, and one barrel to Bishop Whipple for the Indian Mission at Faribault, valued at \$66.15. Total amount,

\$267.75, including \$6.00 cash. Very interesting extracts of letters from Mr. Gilfillan will be found in the Appendix, giving an account of his work at White Earth and also of his wish for \$100.00 a year for two years for the support of his candidate, Obimweweosh. The Treasurer of the League has appropriated \$25.00 towards this object and also made an appeal to friends, who kindly responded, contributing \$55.00, making \$80.00, which has been paid to the Rev. Mr. Rogers for this purpose.

Mrs. E. B. Boggs of the department of "Home Missions to Colored People" reports that she has sent one box to a Missionary in Missouri, valued at \$100.00; one box to Richmond, Va., valued at \$67.32, and one package to Mrs. Galloway's School in Salisbury, N. C., valued at \$15.00, including a Prayer Book for the Blind kindly purchased for the League in Boston by Mrs. W. W. Newton. Total value of boxes, \$182.32.

Mrs. E. Vanderpool of the Mexican Branch reports that she has collected \$40.00 for the work of the Church in Mexico.

It will be seen by the above and the Treasurer's report that the League has sent 29 boxes and packages to different missions, the value of which amounts to \$2,228.32, and the cash receipts, being \$705.64. Total aggregate of boxes and cash, \$2,933.96—\$671.38 more than last year, which is very encouraging. Six meetings were held during the year, on the second Wednesday of each month, in Trinity Chapel, Newark; these were largely attended by the ladies, who have shown untiring energy and never flagging zeal throughout the year. Two new parishes have joined us since our last annual report, making in all nineteen churches represented in the League. The attention of the members of the League is called to the interesting account of the Woman's Missionary Association of Trinity Church, Bergen Point, in the Appendix, given by Mrs. C. G. Graig in answer to a request for its publication.

We earnestly request all who are interested in the cause of Missions to try and interest others also, and hope that before long every parish in our Diocese may be represented in the League.

GEORGIANA PETERS, *Recording Secretary.*

The regular meetings of the League are held on the Second Wednesday in each month, at half past ten o'clock, in the Chapel of Trinity Church, Rector Street, Newark.

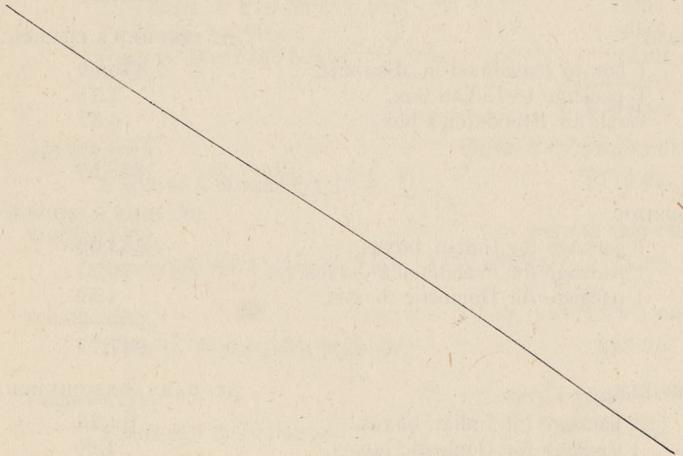
## THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE OF NORTHERN

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1877.	By Cash received from—		
Balance of last year.....		\$14	47
Collection at the Anniversary, Trinity Church, Newark.....		30	29
For the Mary E. Hinman Memorial Scholarship: Newark, Trinity, \$10; St. Paul's, \$5; Grace, \$5; St. Stephen's, \$5; Grace, Madison, S. S., \$10; Orange, Grace, \$5; St. Marks, \$5; Holy Communion, South Orange, \$5; Jersey City, St Matthew's, \$5; St John's, \$5; Trinity, Bergen Point, \$5; St. John's, Woodside, \$5.....		70	00
Grace Church, Madison, Indian Missions.....		20	00
“ “ “ a member, for Relief Fund of Domestic Missions.....		20	00
For general fund of the League: Newark, Trinity, \$2; St. Stephen's, \$2; Associate Mission, \$2; Holy Communion, South Orange, \$2; St. John's, Jersey City, \$5; Grace, Madison, \$2.....		15	00
For freight—St. Matthew's, Jersey City, \$2.50; Grace, Orange, \$4; Grace, Madison, \$5.50.....		12	00
For Diocesan boxes: Holy Communion, South Orange, \$29.50; Newark, Trinity, \$15; Assoc. Mission, \$3.50; St. Mark's, Orange, \$2.50; Trinity, Bergen Point, \$2; Grace, Madison, \$1; St. John's, Jersey City, \$3.50.....		57	00
Through Mrs. Niles, for Miss Baldwin's School at Jaffa, Grace Church, Madison, \$10; Members of League, \$15 .....		25	00
Collected by Mrs Vanderpool for Mexico .....		40	00
For the Indian Candidate, Obimwewoosh, at White Earth: St. John's, Woodside, \$19; Grace, Madison, \$6; Mrs. G. M. Tibbits, Troy, N. Y., \$30; St. Paul's, Boston, \$25 (through Mrs. W. W. Newton).....		80	00
Trinity Church, Bergen Point; Woman's Miss. Assoc. Freedmen's Missions		40	00
“ “ “ “ “ “ Diocesan “		39	55
“ “ “ “ “ “ Indian “		41	33
“ “ “ “ a member Schol'p, Salt Lake City		30	00
“ “ “ “ Young Ladies' Assoc., R. B. Duane Schol'p		40	00
“ “ “ “ “ “ Bridgman School		50	00
“ “ “ “ “ “ Mr. Blanchet, Japan		25	00
“ “ “ “ “ “ For Bishop Williams		25	00
Annual Subscriptions, \$29. Donation, \$2.....		31	00
			\$705 64

MADISON, N. J., October 1, 1877.

Examined and found correct, ANNA E. NILES.

## NEW JERSEY IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

PAID—	DR.
For Foreign Missions.....	\$140 00
" Indian     " .....	61 33
" Education of Obimweweosh, at White Earth .....	80 00
" Mary E. Hinman Memorial.....	70 00
" Diocesan Missions.....	39 55
"     " Boxes.....	57 00
" Relief Fund of the Board of Missions.....	20 00
" Home Missions to Colored People.....	40 00
" Missions in Mexico.....	40 00
" Scholarship in Salt Lake City.....	30 00
"     " in Miss Baldwin's School.....	25 00
" Printing 1st Annual Report.....	19 50
" Expenses of Anniversary, Dec. 20th.....	17 50
" Freight.....	27 44
" Postals and Stationery.....	6 36
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	\$673 68
	
Cash on hand to balance.....	31 96
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	\$705 64

H. E. NORTH, Treasurer.

## BOXES OF CLOTHING

SENT TO VARIOUS STATIONS IN THE MISSIONARY FIELD.

	ASSOCIATE MISSION.
NEWARK,	
1 box to a Western Missionary,	\$100.00
1 box to a Diocesan Missionary,	90.00
1-2 box to a Diocesan Missionary,	50.00
1 package to Domestic boxes,	22.75
1 package to Indian boxes,	2.75
1 package to Freedmen boxes,	1.60
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	\$267.10
NEWARK,	TRINITY CHURCH.
1 box to a Diocesan Missionary,	\$103.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ box to a Diocesan Missionary,	54.00
2 packages to Domestic boxes,	41.00
1 package to Indian box, with Cash, \$5.00,	37.50
1 package to Freedmen's box,	2.00
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	\$237.50
NEWARK,	ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.
1 box to Freedmen in Missouri,	\$50.00
1 package to Indian box,	1.75
Cash for Freedmen's box,	6.82
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	\$58.57
WOODSIDE,	ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
1 package for Indian boxes,	\$33.00
1 package for Freedmen's boxes,	10.25
1 package for Domestic boxes,	4.50
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	\$47.75
ROSEVILLE,	ST. BARNABAS CHURCH.
1 package for Indian boxes,	\$2.25
1 package for Domestic boxes,	1.00
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	\$3.25
ORANGE,	GRACE CHURCH.
1 box to a Missionary in S. C.,	\$300.00
3 barrels to Freedmen,	150.00
2 packages to Domestic boxes,	19.30
1 package to Freedmen's boxes,	3.50
1 package to Indian boxes,	38.00
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	\$510.80

ORANGE,	ST. MARK'S CHURCH.
1 box to Indian Mission,	\$40.00
SOUTH ORANGE,	CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION.
1 box to a Missionary in Oregon,	\$128.00
1 box to a Missionary in Virginia,	50.00
Domestic boxes (general), with Cash	\$20.80, 212.80
	\$390.80
BERGEN POINT,	TRINITY CHURCH.
1 box to a Missionary in N. C.,	\$213.00
1 package to Indian boxes,	10.00
1 package to Diocesan boxes,	3.50
1 package to Africa,	.75
Cash to Freedmen's box,	2.00
	\$229.25
MADISON,	GRACE CHURCH.
1 box to a Missionary in Virginia,	\$115.00
2 barrels to Indian Mission, White Earth,	55.50
1 package to Freedmen's box,	15.00
1 package to Africa,	5.80
Cash to Domestic boxes,	5.00
	\$196.30
MORRISTOWN,	CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.
1 box to a Missionary in N. C.	\$110.00
MORRISTOWN,	ST. PETER'S CHURCH.
1 package for Freedmen (Mrs J. W. Miller),	\$5.00
JERSEY CITY,	ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.
1 box to Freedmen's Mission,	\$85.00
JERSEY CITY,	ST. JOHN'S (FREE) CHURCH.
1 package to Indian box,	\$15.00
BELLEVILLE,	CHRIST CHURCH.
1 package to Indian Mission (White Earth),	\$32.00
	Aggregate value of boxes, \$2,228.32
	Cash Receipts, 705 64
	Total amount, \$2,933 96

## APPENDIX.

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[Extracts from letters of the Rev. J. A. Gilfillan.]

WHITE EARTH, Minn., April, 1877.

I know not how to thank you enough for the good news contained in yours of the 6th inst., just received, that you have sent me a second and even a third barrel and that a fourth will follow; all I can do is to express my most grateful thanks to you and to the good ladies who have assisted you for this good service you have done us.

I am exceedingly grateful for the present you have sent me in the barrel: it is the very thing I need and I shall most gratefully accept and use it. I wish now to tell you something of the work at White Earth. There are about 1500 Indians collected here, and of that number from one-half to two-thirds are pure Indian, the rest, from one-half to one-third, being half breeds or mixed bloods, nearly all of whom are French half-breeds. The Indians occupy a large, scattered settlement as farmers, their houses being on an average half a mile apart.

In the centre of the settlement is the church, school house, government buildings, etc. All the full-blood Indians are not Christians, but the larger part of them are. Every Sunday they all assemble in church—there are no people in all the land so fond of going to church as they, or who attend so regularly.

It is indeed a glorious sight to see two or three hundred Indian Christians fill the Church and a surpliced clergyman of their own race leading their devotions. They know all the Service by heart and many hymns and their worship is very hearty; on the first Sunday in the month there is the Holy Communion.

One of their passions since they have become Christians is singing hymns in their own Ojibwe tongue; one can scarcely conceive the delight they take in it. They make the circuit of each other's houses on week day evenings singing hymns. It has taken the place of their old medicine dances and songs and is the greatest means we have of converting them to Christianity.

We have a women's meeting of the Communicants of our Church every Thursday to the number of seventy or eighty. They learn to sew,

knit stockings, make quilts, etc., and at the same time sing hymns, make addresses, exhorting each other to steadfastness in the Christian life. I am always pressed to have prayers with them and it is a great privilege. The Mission provides them with a plain tea of bread and butter and tea, they baking the bread themselves. These women are very social and very fond of visiting each other. They got Bishop Whipple to designate a white lady to write a letter to them weekly to this women's meeting to be read to them and they to reply. If there were any good ladies among you who would write letters of advice and encouragement to them it would greatly help them. Perhaps the lady you spoke of who takes such an interest in Indian Missions would do so. Our Indian women have been long desiring that, but up to this time in vain.

We have seven students now in training at White Earth: two of them are ready for Ordination when the Bishop comes. The last young man whose name, Obimweweosh, means "He who goes sailing past, making a terrible noise," I have recently taken for this reason: I heard from Little Pelican (of whom you may have read) of the sickness of this young man and of his wonderful prayer that he prayed to God to recover him and how, like Hezekiah's, it met with an immediate answer; that he asked the Lord to spare him a little longer because he had not yet finished his work or shown the Indians how a Christian ought to live; that there were a great many Indians who are ignorant whom he had intended to have taught to read the Scriptures, so they might be able to find the way of life for themselves. He said he was not afraid to die but besought God, if it was his will, to spare him until he should finish his work and then take him to himself. God heard and spared him; and when I heard of it I thought perhaps God had some work for that young man to do, so I asked him if he would like to study for the ministry and he at once gladly accepted. He has shown himself very bright, very quick, a fine speaker and, if we can only get him safely launched into the ministry, he will make a valuable laborer. It is about two months since I took him. The Indian Commission make their appropriations always the 1st of January. I have nothing to give him till then. If I had about \$100 per annum to give him to support him for two years I would be truly happy.

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WHITE EARTH, June 2, 1877.

I am glad to announce that the barrels have arrived safely to hand and the contents examined and found to be *very good indeed* and put away in

the Bishop Whipple Hospital, except some wanted for immediate use. Everything in them is exceedingly acceptable, and exceedingly useful. The scrap book is a gem and everything is a treasure to us.

I cannot tell you how rejoiced I am at the great success of the efforts to raise money for Obimweweosh. I shall endeavor to pay it out to him carefully and judiciously. He still gives me the greatest satisfaction in his studies, and I hope, by God's blessing, we shall yet see him a useful and faithful minister of Christ and his Church.

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*From an Indian Woman at White Earth Reservation to a member of the League.*

JULY 11, 1877.

"Thou whom I love I am indeed very sorry that very late I answer your letter. It is I who am slow. Thou who art my relative I never forget for an instant what you have said to us, how you have told us what we ought to do. So immediately I will tell you what I do whenever I see a sick person. I have a younger sister always sick. Sometimes she falls outright upon the bed; then again she is raised up by the Lord—that is what I do: I try to help her when she is sick.

I am rejoiced in my heart that the women of our women's meeting look forward to their weekly meetings with so much delight and anticipation that they try to purify their hearts before coming to them. I am filled with joy hearing your letter. This is his doing, whom most of all we love, the Bishop. It is his wish we follow in this. My study is, while I am living on this earth, how I may please the Lord. Every day of our pilgrimage we praise the Lord. Our prayer is, oh! that the Lord may bless us.

Mr. Gilfillan gives us his help and sympathy in our work, and I am greatly pleased that our missionary is heart and hand with us. Thou whom I love, my relative, we thought (we Indian women) the white women, our sisters, have no regard for us, but now I rejoice greatly at what you say to us, at the good counsel you give us, for we know you instruct us in the right way of life. Our women work at that which they think will support them and their families in this world. They tidy their houses and you will no doubt rejoice, too, when you hear how the Indian women live here. Every day our women seek after work; more and more are they eager in their minds, like a person strongly incited by another's, so good are they. They never quarrel among themselves, and they never

do evil to each other. I know that I do not own myself: it is the Lord who owns me. It is Him whom I trust. Immediately I think of Him in my heart whenever my mind for a moment turns towards evil.

Our men are never idle, and the woman places the table for her husband, ready for him to eat. We see what is pointed out for us to do—namely, to work so that we may live, that is if the grasshoppers do not eat all up. These people do not give up, though the grasshoppers have destroyed all the wheat. In spite of all they will farm with all their might. They are waiting for the Lord to drive away the little devils, the grasshoppers.

Thou whom I love—at this time of writing I do not feel well—very quickly will we answer your letters. Though it is very hot in Summer or very cold in Winter, yet our people try to go to Church to hear the Gospel, and in our women's meetings also we hear the Gospel. Thou whom we love, we await your answer. We salute all our relatives where you are.

Yours, EQUAMADOGI.

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[Extract of a letter from a Missionary at the South.]

“The box and barrel came safely on Thursday last, I at once sent off to —— the things for my wife, also those for my daughter at —— in this State. I sincerely thank you for your noble efforts to help us in the prosecution of the duties of our sacred office. Your gifts are accepted as kindly, loving offerings, from a sister to a brother, from members of the Church miles away, who are ever thinking and praying for those on the Frontier. Your good works in our behalf are taken on the same principle as we would ourselves give to you if in need.

The things sent for my daughter were, as ladies would say, “lovely,” “exquisite” and “grand.” I am no judge of needlework, but everything appears not only well but most carefully made, and the quantity made ought to last her till the next Centennial, and would, providing that she would promise not to grow. I went to see her the other day and she said, Papa: “You must save up all your dimes, for Aunty says that girls are very expensive, and I shall want lots of money when I am a young lady.” “Oh! dear me,” I thought, “what are we coming to when young ladies of the mature age of 34 months talk that way.”

The clothes for my wife will be made up without delay, by good friends, in ——: they are very acceptable, and will, I trust, last her a long time.

The overcoat I shall appreciate more highly in winter, when we have our sharp "Northerers," than just now. It is a good one and will be a blessing indeed. The new suit of clothes I shall try to keep till winter, they being most too heavy to wear just now.

The Stole came in just at the right time, as my old one was quite worn out, and the Sunday School books will soon be scattered round in my various Mission Stations, and greedily devoured by both old and young. Please give my sincere thanks to the gentleman who sent the Greek Lexicon: it will be my constant companion. Your children and little friends must come in for a share of thanks for the toys, books, etc., for Mary. I only wish they could see her and her juvenile companions, under the shade trees, playing with her toys. They would then feel doubly rewarded for any self denial on their part. If you have no objection I will send Kneeland Mary's photograph.

And now I must close. May God's richest blessing rest on yourself and your zealous co-workers for what you have done for the Missionary cause. Praying our heavenly father to bless, preserve and keep you henceforth and for evermore, I am yours sincerely and affectionately.

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*Report of the Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association of Trinity Church,  
Bergen Point, N. J.*

In May, 1872, a letter was sent to our Rector, by the Secretary of the Board of Missions, asking that a lady might be appointed in the Parish to superintend missionary work among the Women of the Parish, and to correspond with the head of the Woman's Department in New York. The request was granted and, at a meeting called by the Rector, a Parochial Secretary and two collectors were chosen, whose duty it was to call on every woman in the congregation, without distinction of station, and ask for a stated contribution to missions. No stipulated sum was asked for: each one gave as they were disposed, and the result was most favorable. More than a hundred names were secured. The subscriptions varied from one cent to forty cents per week. A few pledges were secured from friends outside of our own Parish.

Our first quarterly collection, which amounted to forty-five dollars and fifty-six cents, was given to aid in completing a Chapel for the Ponka Indians; the second quarter, forty-one dollars and seventy cents, was sent to the Foreign Board; the third, forty-seven dollars and fifteen cents, was applied to work among the Freedmen; and the fourth quarter, forty-

six dollars and three cents, to Missions in our own diocese.

We also supported a scholarship of forty dollars at Salt Lake City and one of twenty-five dollars at Jaffa.

This completes the report of our first year. The collections of the four succeeding years, with slight variations, have been the same as the first.

We have held no stated meetings of our Association, except when there were boxes of clothing to be prepared. On these occasions letters from our Missionaries have usually been read aloud.

The sum total collected since our formation as a Parish Association, including the value of clothing sent to different departments of Church work, is \$1,621.56.

Each member is furnished with a leaflet containing Collects, to be said daily in behalf of Missions, and, from time to time, the publications of the Board are distributed, so that an intelligent interest may be exerted and fostered in our work.

One of the duties of the Association is to secure subscribers to the *Spirit of Missions* and other Missionary publications. The history of our Society would be incomplete without a record of the self-denying labors and loving sympathy of one of its members who, during the past year, has entered upon the rest of the Saints, and whose example and memory are enshrined in our hearts.

The work has been a deeply interesting one and has brought a reward, even here, to those engaged in it, and we trust there are hidden results, which will be known only in eternity, more important than those of which we can speak. The reflection that we are in our humble work, one in spirit and in endeavor with the great army who are striving to extend the kingdom of our Lord on Earth, is calculated to strengthen our hands and nerve our hearts to new exertions.

C. G. CRAIG,

*Bergen Point, May 1, 1877.*

*Parochial Secretary.*





