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PAINESVILLE	—Lake Erie Seminary.....	
SANDUSKY	—Grace—Juniors.....	Miss Irene Kunz
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Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Meeting.

Toledo, May 12th, 1897.

The Woman's Auxiliary met in the chapel of the Parish House of Trinity Church, Toledo, at 9 a. m. Holy Communion was celebrated, Rev. Wm. M. Brown being celebrant, assisted by Rev. J. F. Butterworth, gospeller, and Rev. G. Fred. Williams, epistolar. Meeting was called to order at 10 a. m. by the President. Rev. Geo. Thos. Dowling, Rector of Trinity Church, welcomed the women in his own cordial inspiring manner. At roll call 26 branches responded and 3 parishes were represented with intent to organize.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A discussion arose as to benefit to be derived by meeting at same time as Diocesan Convention, but was dropped to be taken up in regular order of business. A committee being appointed to confer and decide on time of meeting.

Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were then read and approved, and a committee appointed to audit the books.

Announcement was made that the President's address would be presented at 11:30 a. m.

Mrs. Leonard presented her report for Cleveland Convocation, which was accepted.

Mrs. Cooper, of Mount Vernon, presented her report for Central Convocation, which was accepted.

Mrs. Butterworth presented her report for Northwestern Convocation, together with Junior Auxiliary work, which was accepted.

Mrs. Lester presented her report of Babies' Branch, which was accepted.

Mrs. R. O. Cooper, of Toledo, gave a report of the work done by the Junior Auxiliary of St. Mark's, Toledo, which was listened to with close attention.

The appointed time having arrived Mrs. Boalt presented her address (which will be found on another page of this report), after which a recess was taken till 1:30 p. m.

May 12th, 1:30 p. m.

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p. m.

A supplementary report on the Babies' Branch was presented showing a membership of 86, and a fund of \$31.60 in the Treasury.

Mrs. J. O. Moss*, of Sandusky, presented a report of the Missionary Council held in Cincinnati in October, 1896.

Bishop Leonard presented a short report which was read by the Secretary. It will be found on another page of this report.

The chair appointed a committee on selection of officers for ensuing year.

A committee was appointed to revise By-Law No. 1 in accordance with the voice of the meeting.

Mrs. Trott, of Cleveland, presented a letter from Mrs. Rochester, of Cincinnati, setting forth her plan of work in the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

Mrs. Butterworth presented a supplementary report of the Missionary Council.

A recess was announced at 3 p. m. for the purpose of allowing the members to listen to the Bishop's address to the Convention.

Meeting again called to order at 4 p. m. Bishop Leonard addressed the meeting deprecating his inability to meet with the women during the business hours of convention, as he would wish to do, and favoring the meeting of the Auxiliary on the morning preceding opening of convention.

The Committee on nominations then met with the Bishop who approved of their selections.

The Committee on revision of By-Law No. 1 reported as follows:

"The committee on amendment of By-Law No. 1 recommend that the word "Morning" be substituted for "Day" and the phrase "in the same parish" for "at same place". Making the By-Law read: "There shall be an annual meeting of this association on the morning preceding the meeting of the Diocesan Convention and in the same parish.

Mrs. Douglass, of Cleveland, announced the editor of Church Life had offered a column or more of that paper to be devoted to Auxiliary work, and suggested a committee to be appointed to take the work in hand. The President appointed Mrs. Douglass, of Cleveland, chairman of said committee with power to select 4 assistants.

Mrs. E. R. Cooper, of Mount Vernon, suggested Archdeacon Brown be asked to urge the Rectors of parishes not now represented by a branch of the W. A. to select a woman to correspond with the Secretary or Vice-President of her convocation with a view to organization.

Mrs. Leonard suggested a method whereby women of wealth could assist weak parishes, by giving of their means to purchase material for the smaller branches to work up.

Mrs. J. C. Ringwalt, of Mount Vernon, moved a central point be selected where a depot of supplies could be opened and packages be sent for distribution to missionary clergymen. A room in the Parish House being opened for the purpose, motion was made and carried, and Mrs. Mary P. Hubbell, of 2144 Fulton St., appointed to take charge for the year.

On motion thanks were extended to the Rectors and ladies of the Church of Toledo for their kind hospitality and the ladies of Trinity Parish for the generous luncheon served. On motion meeting adjourned at 4:50 p. m.

Thursday, May 13th, 1897.

At an informal meeting held in the Chapel, by those delegates who remained over night, several subjects of interest were discussed with much earnestness, the more important ones being a suggestion of Mrs. Leonard's that every parish branch should take a copy of "The Spirits of Missions" and keep it on file at place of meeting for reference; also one from Mrs. Trott that each branch secretary prepare a report of the work done during the year and the Delegate to read same at the annual meeting, the report not to exceed three minutes in length, and that blank forms be supplied by the Diocesan Secretary for preparation of these reports, that an uniform style may be observed. These forms to be handed to the Secretary after having been read.

A telegram of love and greeting from the Women of Ohio was sent Mrs. Bedell, to which the following answer was received:

NEW YORK,

As occasion offers please present my warm thanks to each member of the Woman's Auxiliary of Ohio for the gratifying telegram received by me May 13th. MRS. G. THURSTON BEDELL.

A loving message of remembrance to Mrs. Delano, whose heart is always warm in the interests of Missions, was also sent.

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Since the election of officers took place, Mrs. Dowling has signified her inability, through ill health, to take up the work of Vice-President in her Convocation, and has deputized Mrs. W. W. Bolles, 2414 Collingwood Ave., Toledo, to act for her until the Board of Managers can fill the office.

Mrs. F. H. Brown has resigned the office of Associate-Director.

Pledges.

Bishop Leonard's Fund.....	\$500 00
Arrears—Unpaid pledges.....	125 67
Gregory T. Bedell Scholarship.....	70 00
Julia Bedell Scholarship.....	70 00
Foreign Insurance.....	50 00
Sandusky Scholarship.....	40 00
Archdeacon Brown Fund.....	—
Expense Fund.....	—
Secretary's Salary.....	—
Arrears forward from 1896.....	46 31
Work among Indians.....	—
Work among Colored People.....	—

President's Address.

Once I presented, as a theme for the Auxiliary's consideration, Isaiah's question, "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as doves to their window?" I wish to present it again in different form, but with the same purpose, viz: to find out what we really are.

As my chief purpose is to "stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance," you may expect from me repetition of things well known to you. I wish you to keep in mind some things so pertinaciously that, from this time on, whatsoever things are lovely and true may wholly direct and control your conduct.

In the first place, never lose sight of the truth that the Church—not only our own dear Communion—but the entire body, carrying the standard of the cross, is still waging the warfare begun by Christ when He spurned the gift of the world at Satan's hands. It was as if He said "I want the world; I came that I might have it; but it is for the Father—whose it is—to give it me. Thou crafty one! The world will still be thine if I shall give myself to thee for it, for then, mine will be thine. Get thee behind me! The world will yet be mine, but not in thy way." And so was war declared against the host of sin and human woe. And now everything good is allied with Him. Science, Art, Philanthropy, Associations and Governments are battling for the rescue of humanity; and it has been His example and His Church that all along has inspired and led the way. If the world seems more wicked, it is because there is more sensitiveness to that wickedness; if more "squat-toads" of treachery appear to sight, it is because there are more Ithuriels to find them; if the sounds of conflict indicate a hotter fight, it is because there are more engaged. In all this conflict, the Church is, as it ever has been, in the very front; and the cross is everywhere.

It would be a difficult matter to say which communion of cross bearers accomplishes the most. Superior results in dollars or numbers of converts are not necessarily indications of superior organizations or endowments. God's reckonings are not as ours; if we hold our place assigned by Him in His plans, and move at His command, we have no business with comparisons. Understand, this is not saying that there may be for us no instruction in the methods or examples of other Communions; neither is it saying that we must find no comfort or pride in the signs of God's favor towards us; it simply asserts that God's favor is not confined for expression to results in sight. It is right and proper to take pride and find comfort in every sign that God is near, and that we are walking where He leads. Dollars and converts, simply holding one's own, a goodly heritage from a saintly ancestry, all may be and are, legitimate reasons for claiming to have

been favored of God. Let me speak more fully of this last, viz: our saintly ancestry; for herein lies the way to our finding out what we are.

The standard set up on Calvary, as the first result of Christ's defiance of Satan, has been carried by a line of bequeathing hands from Jerusalem through Rome and St. Martin's church of Canterbury, and the Canterbury of St. Augustine, through the Mother Church of England and into ours; in other words, our standard bearers, from Jerusalem to now, touch hands. The songs we sing, the prayers we utter, are the cries of hearts of the days that followed close on Calvary; of hearts in Nero's garden, on Albion's cliffs, at Oxford stake, and in the new world's barrenness.

This lineage of ours may mean no greater favor of God or superior endowments, but it does—as all God's ways do—mean *something*. That meaning may be this: As the Ark was carried by the chosen family in the center of Israel's hosts, as by its emerging and taking lead some great crisis or rest was signalled, so may our inheritance, by its coming prominence, by the turning more and more of other Communions to our liturgy, indicate an important point in the plan and progress of our Commander.

Not by chance, neither to minister to pomp and pride, has been kept thus clear the line of our successions. The great forward movement of our church today may have a significance akin to the movements of the Ark; the warfare for the possession of the world may be approaching an important crisis.

I have shown you the army, and our particular part in it. Let us go a little more into detail.

In every communion there are women, and they are all doing works that keep men's hearts from failing; they glean and gather until what they bring saves many a day. And we have a place among them all, distinguished not merely by the distinctive features of our communion, but by our form of association.

The women of other Communions have their distinct autonomy, possessing their own constitutions, electing their own officers and managing their own property, although working auxiliary to their Boards. They organize first, and then become auxiliary; we, individually, first recognize our auxiliaryship, and then organize. We could not sever our connection with the Board and preserve autonomy; they could, and for them their way is best; for us, ours is the best. You know our history. The recognition in 1865 of what had been coming out more and more since 1820—the spirit of women to work for the church's missions. You know the call in that recognition, set forth by Bishop Stevens in the House of Bishops—the call for a more formal and a fuller incorporation of this spirit, and this force in the working economy of the Protestant Episcopal Church. That call was answered finally in 1871. Our Board of Missions, which is the governing body of the church, created in and for itself a woman's department, appointing therein a woman secretary. Parochial, and then Diocesan societies gave their allegiance; later, simplifying, and yet perfecting the alliance, they came, as they come now, into national

union by dioceses and no longer by parishes. This, then, is our construction. Parochial societies banded together into a Diocesan branch, with the Bishop at its head; then the Diocesan branches banded together into a federation, having as its head not a secretary of the Board's appointing, as some suppose, but the Board itself. I have had occasion more than once to dispute the idea some have of this headship. Neither the secretary of the Board, who is now Dr. Langford, or the secretary of the Auxiliary, now Miss Emery, are the heads of the Missionary work in the sense usually given in the word "head," in the sense that a Bishop or a President is head. Of the Auxiliary, in Diocesan form, the Bishop is head; in national federeration, the Board is head. Consistent with the allegiance, belonging by fundamental law to our Diocese, consistent also with the allegiance belonging by fundamental law to the church, and, finally, consistent with the allegiance given voluntarily by us to the Board, these organizations, Diocesan and Federal, have legislative powers. I am aware that the honorary secretary, Mrs. Twing, holds otherwise.

In her report to the Board for the Triennial of 1895, she says:

"Neither is it" (the Auxiliary) "in any sense a confederacy or a confederation of separate, independent, self-organized and self-governing societies. It is rather a consolidation." And again, in same report, she says: "The triennial gatherings are for conference and inspiration only, not for legislation. Indeed, the Woman's Auxiliary has nothing about which to legislate."

I must confess, I cannot follow Mrs. Twing here. There is a slight difference, and a very slight one only, in the meanings of "confederation" and "consolidation;" both mean union, one as a league, the other not necessarily so. That we are a union in the sense of a league, that is to say having a purpose in common, is proved by our having had and carrying out several purposes in common; for example and notably, the United Offering. That we can legislate is proved by the fact that we have legislated, if passing resolutions that have received general observance can be called legislation; I think there is no doubt but that it can. Why Mrs. Twing gives this definition and this limitation of the general Auxiliary, I cannot understand. If, as I have said before, consistent with all moral, civil and canonical law, we come together for purposes in common, I cannot see why we are not a Federation. If, consistent with all our obligations, natural and volunteered, we agree to follow certain rules and work for certain ends, surely we have in these ends something to legislate about; and in these resolutions of concerted action, we have legislation of the very same kind accomplished in any governing body. That we have legislated, that our resolutions have been accepted and acted upon by the Auxiliary at large, establishes the autonomy of the Auxiliary in its own domain. This, then, is what we are—an association of women in the ancient church, auxiliary in the strongest way, by our federation, to the Board of Missions, which is the historic bearer of the ancient standard.

There are three Communions, two others beside our own, viz: the Greek church and the church of Rome, claiming a like relationship to the ancient church. Undoubtedly there are women in these

two churches, as in our own, who are truly auxiliary by their deep devotion, unquestioning obedience, and perfect spirit of self-sacrifice.

There are three women who stand forever clear and prominent against the background of the first Easter Morn. They came with precious gifts for the body, dear though dead, of their Lord and ours. This was the first Auxiliary, and theirs the first United Offering. If we may—and I cannot see why we may not—have the happiness of believing that the Auxiliaries of the three churches claiming the Historic Episcopate have a similar relationship to those three women of the Church's beginning, then the interesting question arises, “which one of the three is *our* ancestress?” If there is anything in analogy, the answer to this question is “the one who first proposed that United Offering.” That idea of an offering must have originated with one of their number. The modern idea—wrought into splendid result—originated with the women of our communion. Sometime we shall meet those three women, face to face, and we shall find in the suggestor of that first offering, our ecclesiastical ancestress. And I am sure her face will have likeness to some of the faces that smiled through tears, when they learned the amount contributed at Baltimore. This then again is what we are—women leading the world in unity of purpose and in unity of force. By such offerings as those of the last two Triennials, we show the crossbearers, as they have never been shown before, the power of unity. And—it may be—that unity of all the Church of Christ is the near important point in our Commander's plans and progress, and that the ancient church—like the ark—is now moving forward to this point, and we are giving the first signs of it. And now, let us come a little nearer, and take a look at the Ohio Auxiliary.

The Ohio Branch—like everything else in Ohio—is on good honest middle ground. Its women are zealous without being fanatical, conservative without being lukewarm. Devoutly sensible and sensibly devout they honor extreme expression of reverence in others, while they make them only in their hearts. Considering the prompt fulfillment of an obligation the better service, they do not always open their busy box filling meetings with prayer. They reverence the priesthood, but do not follow it blindly. They are not moved to cooperation by the old enthusiasm of saving their own souls; they are not thinking of any hell—unless it is some tangible earthly one—when they work to rescue others, and they do not need—I doubt if they give any heed to—the pitiful spectacles of heathen horrors. The saving of one's own soul has become an incidental matter. To alleviate human misery, to bring the world back to God and to restore His lost image, is the purpose of the Christ-like to-day; if doing this will save the souls, 'tis well, but this is to be done whether the doer's soul is saved or not. As for saving the souls of others, if the others are restored to the lost likeness to God, that is the best kind of salvation. As for the heathen horrors, they are no more pitiful than tales of “Darkest England” or America, they are old stories, they do not kindle enthusiasm. But the call of Christ in agony over the misery He died and lives to vanquish, the call in the grief of the Father over His prodigal race, the call every

true heart hears in every splendid sacrifice, the call of the heart longing for the ideal, the call of us all weary of separations for the kingdom where no separations are—these awaken enthusiasm and loyalty as eternal as divine.

All this is true of women in other communions and in other dioceses; it is markedly true of the women I know in Ohio. I count it one of the inestimable rewards of the offices you have given me for over seven years, that I have come to know women of the General Auxiliary, women for whom I thank God upon every remembrance. I count it one of the inestimable rewards of these my offices that I have stood for Ohio women in the general meetings. I ever wanted all to know that for the time being I *was* Ohio; and if I could not have made it known in any other way, I would have painted "Ohio" on my forehead. Auxiliary women are dear indeed, but Ohio women of the Auxiliary are best of all.

Truth compels me to confess that there are churchwomen in Ohio who have not yet caught the spirit binding us to the Ancient Church, to its work and to our ecclesiastical ancestress. They have not yet comprehended the meaning of their baptismal vows. To be a soldier of Christ is to believe what He believes and to do what He came to do. An unbelief in or neglect of missions evinces a lack of proper understanding, and therefore of proper instruction. I say positively that a candidate for Confirmation who does not believe in Missions, is not a believer of what Christ believes in, and therefore is not a proper candidate. For this the Rectors are largely responsible. Every confirmation class should so learn Christ, as to know and assent to what Christ believed and desired.

This then is the Ohio Auxiliary, a band of women not large in proportion to the number of Ohio churchwomen, but good as gold, true as steel, and steadfast as the everlasting hills.

The time is coming, is now here, when we must have the aid of consecrated wealth. The women who have been able to give only, or a little more than, the work of their hands, form the major part of those who have brought the Auxiliary to its present vantage ground. Such women—the embodiment of invincible force and ability—will ever be needed. But the work has grown to such a magnitude, that money in large amounts must be had. We pray as of old, "Stir up the hearts of women," but we add, "especially the hearts of women with wealth." The Ohio Auxiliary needs such women to not only inspire, but lead the way. It is my prayer now, as it has been for years, that some woman, unhampered in every way, may rise and move among us, with irresistible example, and lead us all into perfect service.

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The time is not far off when I must retire from my office, you and our Bishop have honored me with so long. Ask God to bring forward—soon—my successor. Let her be zealous and wise, able for any work, and consecrated; and you, with her, keep Ohio to the fore. And with all the loyalty of this old State, stand by our Bishop. He is the Master's appointed servant, sincere and true, laying foundations good and broad. I charge you be as true to him as the early women

were to the early builders of the Church. And as wealth comes—as come it will—increase your aid.

I have placed upon the cover of our Report the Standard that we follow, and under it I have written the word "Steadfastly".

I used that word because it told my thought of you, as loyal to the spirit of the women who looked upon the one real cross, and to the spirit of all the Historic Auxiliary.

YOU ARE—YOU WILL BE - STEADFAST.

So, in a measure, have I answered the question "Who are these that fly as a cloud?"

And now, in greeting to those who—a long line reaching back to Christ—are *our* cloud of witnesses, and in greeting to those who follow us, let me close with a part of Whittier's lines to "The Men of Old."

"Oh faithful worthies! resting far behind
In your dark ages, since ye fell asleep
Much has been done for truth and human kind.
Shadows are scattered where ye groped blind;
Man claims his birthright, freer pulses leap
Through peoples driven in your day like sheep;
Yet like your own, our ages sphere of light,
Though widening still, is walled around by night;
With slow reluctant eye, the Church has read—
Sceptic at heart, the lessons of its Head;
Counting too oft, its living members less
Than the wall's garnish and the pulpit's dress;
World moving zeal, with power to bless and feed
Life's fainting pilgrims, to their utter need,
Instead of bread, holds out the stone of creed.
Sect builds and worships where its wealth and pride
And vanity stand shrined and defed,
Careless that in the shadow of its walls,
God's living temple into ruin falls.
We need—methinks—the prophet hero still,
Saints, true of life, and martyrs strong of will,
To tread the land even now, as Xavier trod
The streets of Goa with his bell,
Proclaiming freedom in the Name of God,
And startling tyrants with the fear of hell;
Soft words, smooth prophecies are doubtless well;
But to rebuke the age's popular crime,
We need the souls of fire, the hearts of old time."

Report of the Bishop of Ohio 1897.

The Bishop of Ohio has been the beneficiary of the Woman's Auxiliary ever since his advent to the diocese, and he desires to make public record of the fact, with earnest expressions of gratitude. During these years he has been able to maintain an excellent work among the colored people of Cleveland. We have a chapel, a good congregation and sunday school, and a colored minister in charge. I have paid each month \$20 towards the stipend of Rev. Jos. Brown, the present incumbent.

As there was need for a mission among the Germans on the West Side, we placed Rev. Dr. Molling in charge, and till his health broke down this work has been maintained. Up to Jan. 1st, 1897, I paid him \$20 per month towards his stipend. This mission is now discontinued. I have received through Miss F. Spencer, your secretary, the following amount of cash: \$343. There is an arrearage due me of money which I have personally advanced amounting to \$118.34. I beg to submit this report with glad thanks to you, my dear fellow helpers in Christ's Church.

WILLIAM ANDREW LEONARD, Bishop of Ohio.

Secretary's Report.

There are now fifty-nine branches of the Woman's Auxiliary enrolled, fifteen being Juniors. Twenty-five have paid their dues to expense fund. Fifty-two have reported work for the past seven months, Fourteen of these being Juniors.

Several years ago a fund was started called "Bishop Leonard's Fnnd," the amount being fixed at \$500. In the absence of minutes am unable to say positiveiy, but my impression is that it is a permanent fund, to be renewed each year.

Since I have been Secretary we have had an arrearage to make up which last fall was reduced to \$165.34, on which \$25.50 has since been paid. This arrearage has been due: 1st, To lack of pledges to fill the amount to be paid. 2nd, Failure on the part of some branches to meet their pledges.

It has caused great inconvenience to the Bishop, who has relied on the Woman's Auxiliary to help him in a certain line of work.

There is a saying, current among us, that, when the men of the church wish to liquidate a debt, they get the women to do it. Shall the women then remain in debt on their own account and forfeit the fair reputation given them, or shall they show their ability to overcome such obstacles and again demonstrate their right to the name of helpers?

The question is still, as it has been in the past, "*How can we get the women interested in missionary work?*"

Connecticut is called the "Banner Missionary State" because she does such grand work in that line. Ohio was in times past called New Connecticut. I could wish we had more of the missionary spirit which exists in old Connecticut. In their report for one year (in which the secretary deprecates the fact of their not having done as well as formerly) they report cash contributions at \$14,638.02, with 245 boxes valued at \$9,987.72, making a total of \$24,625.74. The average value of boxes less than \$41 each.

There are one or two points I wish to bring to your notice relative to the making of pledges: one is, that the delegate shall hand the secretary a written list of pledges, over her signature, made at this

meeting. Another is, that the local secretary shall be supplied with a duplicate list, that there may be no misunderstanding in regard to obligations undertaken, and to guard against changes in the disposition of pledges after the respective funds have been credited with them. For example suppose Parishes A, B and C each pledge \$10 to the Archdeacon Brown fund, the Archdeacon is notified of these promises and bases his plans on them, then A, B and C change their minds and our books show that we are in arrears to Archdeacon Brown, who may not be able at so late a date to change his plans.

Diocesan Constitution.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

The name of this association shall be The Ohio Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT.

Its object is, by united and systematic action, to increase the interests and unite all the parishes in the diocese in the various branches of the Church's missionary work, with special reference to the needs of the field in our diocese.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1.—Any Parish Auxiliary (Senior or Junior) may become a member of this association by a written announcement of its organization to the Diocesan Secretary.

SEC. 2.—The officers of parish branches shall send to the Diocesan Treasurer all pledges and money given for other than local purposes, and shall report to the Diocesan Secretary, by April 1st each year, all work done, with value of boxes and money given. Each parish branch shall be entitled to but one vote in the annual Diocesan meetings, but may send any number of delegates, one of whom shall be authorized to cast the vote and assume pledges for specific work undertaken by the Diocesan branch.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS.

The officers of this association shall be a president, four Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary and a Director of Junior Auxiliary, to be appointed by the Bishop from names presented by a committee of five (each convocation to be represented thereupon) elected annually in convention.

One Vice-President shall be chosen from each of the four convocations of the diocese, as follows:—First, Cleveland; second, Central; third, Northeast; fourth, Northwest; and, with the other officers, constitute a board of managers and trustees of the association.

ARTICLE V—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1.—The President shall preside, and in her absence one of the Vice-Presidents, in convocation order. She shall call meetings

and perform such duties as pertain to her office; and shall make every effort, through the vice-presidents and otherwise, to direct the work of the parish branches, in raising money for the support of some one or more of the departments of missionary work, and shall form new parish auxiliaries wherever practicable.

SEC. 2.—It shall be the duty of each Vice-President, in addition to the customary assistance to the President, to take charge of the missionary work in her own convocation, and she may arrange for one general meeting of representatives from the parishes in the convocation, held annually in May, and shall assist the diocesan officers in the distribution of work, and in every way strive to arouse and maintain active interest in all departments of the work.

SEC. 3.—The Secretary shall correspond with the General Secretary and the missionaries and find out where help is needed, and of what kind; shall inform the parish secretaries and arrange about their work, so that a general oversight may be kept by one person. She shall keep a correct list of all diocesan officers, parish secretaries and clergymen in the diocese, with addresses of the same. She shall take the minutes of all meetings, and prepare an annual report for circulation in the diocese. She shall receive and forward all money offerings, and shall pay out money only as voted by the Diocesan branch or Board of Managers, except money received for a definite purpose may be paid for that purpose without a formal vote; shall keep an account of all money and boxes contributed for missionary and other purposes by the parish branches or individuals; and, as Treasurer, shall, after the accounts and vouchers are audited, embody a full account in the annual report.

SEC. 4.—An Auditing Committee of two persons, to be appointed by the President, shall examine the accounts and vouchers of the Diocesan Treasurer, and report result at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV—AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting of the association: provided, that notice of the proposed change has been given with the call for a meeting.

By-Laws.

I.

There shall be an annual meeting of this association on the morning preceding the meeting of the Diocesan Convention and in the same parish.

II.

In case of vacancy in any office the same may be filled at a stated or called meeting of the Board of Managers, and any one appointed by them shall continue in office until the next annual meeting.

III.

Special meetings may be called by the President at such time and place as she may designate, for the purpose of stimulating interest in the work.

IV.

The stated meetings of the Board of Managers, with the President as Chairman, shall be held in May at any place designated, and at these meetings any number present may constitute a quorum.

V.

It is expected that each parish branch shall contribute not less than one dollar (\$1.00) to the expense fund.

VI.

These by-laws may be amended at any annual meeting by vote of majority present.

VII.

The order of services and of business at the annual meeting shall be as follows:

EVENING.

Evening Prayer.
Address of Welcome.
Response.
Addresses and Papers.

MORNING.

Holy Communion.
Bishop's Address.
Roll Call.
Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.
Reports of Officers and Committees.
Statement of Future Work—Receiving Pledges.
Unfinished Business.
Miscellaneous.
Addresses or Papers.
Adjournment.

REFUGI OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

NAME OF PARISH GIVING.	TO WHOM SENT.	MONEY				TO WHOM SENT.	BOXES.				Total Money and Boxes
		Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Total.		Diocesan.	Domestic.	Freedmen.	Indian.	
Forward.....		\$141 50	\$ 15 00	\$ 20 00	\$176 50						
CLEVELAND—St. Marks	Expense.....	1 00					\$ 18 00	\$ 69 30	\$105 13	\$ 17 35	\$209 78
	*Missionary, Savannah, Ga.....		50		1 50				10 10		11 60
St. Paul's	Bishop Leonard's fund	80 00									
Hon. Aux., Mrs. H. M. Osborn	Contingent fund.....	10 00									
Mrs. G. A. Benedict	" "	5 00									
Miss Prentiss.....	" "	2 60									
	Expense.....	1 50									
	Secretary's salary.....	50 00									
	G. T. Bedell scholarship		16 00								
	Julia Bedell scholarship.....		10 00								
Brooks Missionary Society.....	*Church Home.....	100 00				269 10					
	Bishop Leonard's fund	10 00									
	Bishop Hare's scholarship		10 00								
	Girl's School, Cape Palmas			30 00							
Junior Aid Society.....	*Osaka, Japan		15 00	15 00							
Trinity	Bishop Leonard's fund	60 00									
	Arrears	10 00									
	Expense.....	15 00									
	Archdeacon Brown fund	10 00									
	Secretary's salary.....	25 00									
Hon. Aux., Mrs. W. A. Leonard		5 00									
Mrs. Thos. Sullivan		5 00									
Mrs. E. Isom.....		5 00									
Mrs. M. S. Bradford		5 00									
Mrs. E. L. Mather		10 00									
	*Jewish Missionary.....	10 00									
	G. T. Bedell scholarship		10 00								
	Julia Bedell scholarship.....		10 00								
	Foreign insurance.....		10 00								
Dau. of the Church.....	Bishop Leonard's fund	25 00				190 00					
	Arrears	5 00									
	Expense.....	2 00									
	Archdeacon Brown fund	5 00									
	Secretary's salary.....	5 00									
	*Jewish Missionary	5 00									
	*Educational fund, Gambier.....	75 00									
	*Church Home.....	61 52				173 52					
	Total's to forward.....	\$735 12	\$ 25 50	\$ 95 00	\$855 62						
							\$ 92 38	\$322 84	\$219 34	\$ 17 35	\$651 91
											\$1507 53

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

NAME OF PARISH GIVING	TO WHOM SENT	MONEY.			Total	BOXES					Total Money and Boxes.
		Diocesan,	Domestic	Foreign.		Diocesan.	Domestic,	Freedmen.	Indian.	Total.	
Forward.....		\$735 12	\$ 25 50	\$ 95 00	\$855 62						
CLEVELAND—[East] St. Paul's.	Expense.....	1 00			1 00						
CUYAHOGA FALLS—St. Johns.	Bishop Leonard's fund.....	4 00			4 00						
	Expense.....	1 00		5 00	10 00						
ELYRIA—St. Andrews.....	G. T. Bedell scholarship.....										
GAMBIER—Holy Spirit.....	Bishop Leonard's fund.....	5 00			5 00						
	Expense.....	2 50			10 00						
	Secretary's salary.....	2 50									
	Julia Bedell scholarship.....										
	Valle Crucis, N. C.....		5 00								
	*Navajo Indian Hospital.....		20 00								
	*Indian School, Arizona.....		5 00								
	*Indian Hospital, Arizona.....		4 00								
	*Dom. Mission, New Mexico.....		3 00								
	*Dom. Missionary, Colorado.....		3 00		60 00						
	Rt. Rev. F. K. Brooke.....		10 00		10 00						
	Bishop Leonard's fund.....	4 00									
	Secretary's salary.....	3 00									
	Expense.....	1 00			8 00						
	Bishop Leonard's fund.....	5 00			5 00						
					4 00						
	*Diocesan missions.....	4 00									
	Bishop Leonard's fund.....	5 00									
	Expense.....	1 00									
	Secretary's salary.....	5 00									
	Julia Bedell scholarship.....										
	*Diocesan missionary.....	10 00			10 00						
	Bishop Leonard's fund.....	10 00			10 00						
	Expense.....	1 00									
	Contingent fund.....	5 00									
	*Mrs. Buford, Lawrenceville, Va.....		6 00								
	Archdeacon Brown fund.....		2 00								
	Bishop Leonard's fund.....	5 00									
	Contingent fund.....	1 00									
	".....	5 00									
	Hon. Aux., Mrs. C. Delano.....										
	Totals to forward.....	\$807 12	\$ 81 50	\$120 00	\$1007 62						
						\$185 52	\$383 94	\$305 84	\$ 17 35	\$892 65	\$1901 27

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

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NAME OF PARISH GIVING.	TO WHOM SENT.	MONEY.			TO WHOM SENT.	BOXES.			Total Money and Boxes.	
		Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.		Diocesan.	Domestic.	Freedmen.		
Forward all but Grace.....		\$908 12	\$641 50	\$153 50	1703 12	\$233 20	\$400 74	\$354 74	2759 67	
Forward.....		49 00		10 00		20 81				
SANDUSKY.....	Sandusky scholarship.....			25 33		30 52				
	*Girl's school, Cape Mount, Af			25 00						
Junior	*Domestic missionary, Colo.	10 00	3 00		112 33					
	Bishop Leonard's fund.....	1 00								
	Expense.....	3 00								
	Arrears.....									
Dau. of the Church.....	Sandusky scholarship.....	3 00		10 00	24 00					
	Arrears	1 00			4 00					
STEUBENVILLE—St. Stephens	*Orphanage, Lynchburg, Va.	20 00	20 00							
	*Diocesan missionary.....									
TIFFIN—Trinity					40 00					
Hon. Aux., Mrs. Susan Hovey	Contingent fund.....	5 00			5 00					
TOLEDO—St. John, Evangelist.	Bishop Leonard's fund.....	2 00								
	Expense.....	1 00								
	Secretary's salary.....	1 00								
St. Mark s.....	Foreign and domestic missions.....	1 00								
	United offering	1 00	16 00		5 00					
	Expense.....	1 00								
	*Armenian relief			11 00						
Junior.....	*Bp. Atwill.....	10 00								
	*Diocesan missions.....	2 00			43 00					
	*Board of missions.....	5 00								
	*Diocesan mission	16 50								
Trinity	*India mission	7 00								
	*Diocesan mission	3 00			31 50					
Hon. Aux., Mrs. A. S. Titus	Bishop Leonard's fund.....	10 00								
	Secretary's salary.....	10 00								
	Expense.....	1 00								
	Arrears	5 00								
	Contingent fund.....	5 00								
	Totals to forward.....	\$1032 62	\$690 50	\$244 83	\$1967 95	\$413 42	\$547 62	\$481 34	\$72 10	\$1514 48
										\$3482 43

*Not sent through Treasury.

SUMMARY.

MONEY.	BOXES.
Diocesan.....	Diocesan
\$1175 67	\$ 570 45
Domestic.....	Domestic
730 89	547 62
Foreign	Freedmen.....
258 33	489 34
Total.....	Indian.....
\$2164 89	72 10
Total Money and Boxes.....	\$1679 51
	\$3844 40

Cash Statement of Treasurer

FANNY G. SPENCER.

Cash on hand last report	\$ 148 67
Received from Branches	1044 32
DISBURSEMENTS—	
Bishop Leonard's fund	343 50
Arrears	67 00
Contingent fund	88 00
Expense	85 94
Archdeacon Brown fund	22 00
Secretary's salary	132 50
Babies' branch	3 01
Saving Dept., United offering	48 89
Bishop Brooke	10 00
Miss Julia C. Emery	
G. T. Bedell scholarship	\$65 00
Julia Bedell scholarship	65 00
Sandusky scholarship	35 33
Girls' school, C. Palmas	10 00
Foreign insurance	10 00
Foreign missions	1 94
Colored missions	3 00
Domestic missions	7 06
Bishop Hare's sch'p	10 00
Valle Crucis, N. C.	5 00
	212 33
Balance on hand	179 82
	\$1192 99
	\$1192 99

STATEMENT

Ohio Auxiliary Expense, 1897.

Bal'nce on hand	\$ 138 86
Rec'd from 25 branches	54 50
Rec'd from Contingent F'd on loan	15 00
	\$ 208 36

DISBURSEMENTS,	
Paid for 500 Babies' branch mite chests	8 00
Pd Printing reports and circulars	31 83
Pd Stationery and record books	7 12
Pd Postage	18 40
Pd to Freight and express— Pkg from St. John's, Toledo \$ 35 " to Orange C. H., Va. 2 15 " " Cleveland 50 " " Lawrenceville, Va. 2 17 " " from Miss Emery 1 12	6 29

Pd Traveling Expense— To Cleveland	\$3 25
" Norwalk, 4 trips	2 00
" Toledo	2 40
" Clyde and Norwalk	1 45
" Put-in-Bay	50
" " Mrs. Boalt	50
" Clyde	95
" Toledo	2 85
	13 90
Pd Telegram to New York	40
	85 94
Balance on hand	\$ 122 42

STATEMENT

OF THE

Honorary Auxiliary and
Contingent Fund.

Cash on hand last report	\$ 8 81
Received Honorable Auxiliary	
Mrs. J. L. Orrok, Medina ..	\$ 5 00
Mrs. W. A. Leonard, Cleve ..	5 00
Mrs. Thos. Sullivan ..	5 00
Mrs. E. Isom ..	5 00
Mrs. Mary S. Bradford ..	5 00
Mrs. E. L. Mather ..	10 00
Mrs. G. A. Benedict ..	5 00
Mrs. H. M. Osborne ..	10 00
Mrs. U. L. Marvin, Akron ..	5 00
Mrs. P. E. Werner ..	5 00
Mrs. A. H. Noah ..	5 00
Mrs. C. W. Hollister ..	5 00
Mrs. D. E. Hill ..	5 00
Mrs. G. W. Crouse ..	5 00
Mrs. Susan Hovey, Tiffin ..	5 00
Mrs. A. S. Titus, Toledo ..	5 00
Mrs. L. C. Colburn ..	5 00
Mrs. J. F. Butterworth, Sand ..	5 00
Mrs. W. A. Simpson ..	5 00
Miss Mary E. Wilcox, Painesville ..	5 00
Mrs. C. Delano, Mt. Vernon ..	5 00
Mrs. J. C. Ringwalt ..	5 00
Mrs. Frank B. Swayne, New York ..	5 00
	125 00
Mount Vernon, St. Pauls	1 00
Peninsula, Bronson Mem	2 50
Cleve and (Miss Prentiss) St. Pauls	2 60
Bellevue, St. Pauls	4 00
Cleveland, St. Andrews-in-the-east	2 00
Collection annual meeting	10 15

DISBURSEMENTS

Christmas checks to 5 clergymen	50 00
To Diocesan missionary	10 00
To All Saints school, for rug	8 00
To Colored work in the South	10 00
To Diocesan missionary	10 00
Transferred to arrears	5 00
Paid borrowed from Expense	15 00
Balanced on hand	48 06
	\$ 156 06
	\$ 156 06

