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The Semi-annual Meeting was held in the Church of the Ascension, June 13th, 1893. The attendance, as is usually the case, at that season, was small, but interesting addresses were made by the Rev. McLure, the Rev. Mr. Kirkus, and by Mr. Foster, the treasurer of the Diocesan Board of Missions. The latter made an most eloquent appeal for more zeal in the prosecution of missionary work.

The Annual Meeting was held at Calvary Church in October. Addresses were made by Mrs. Irving and Mrs. Brierly, the former on her return from a missionary journey around the world, had many interesting experiences to relate. Mrs. Brierly, fresh from the field of labor, at Cape Mount, Africa, made a moving appeal for help to erect a suitable building for her school. One room had to serve all purposes, eating, teaching and sleeping. But the hardest thing of all was to be obliged to refuse admission to those most anxious to enter the school. When one heard from what they were delivered, and how little was needed to support and teach these children of barbarism,

and of the good tidings they carried back to their brethern, it seemed a most worthy object for the outflow of christian generosity. The offering was given to Mrs. Brierly, for the building. Those present were most kindly entertained by the ladies of Calvary Church.

The usual monthly meetings have been held throughout the year. The day was changed from the last Tuesday to the first Thursday of the month, to allow time for the minutes to be published in the *Church News*. The missionary work has gone on as usual, but probably fewer boxes have been sent away, owing to the pressing needs of many, in the city, during the past Winter. It was certainly a time for charity at home. This is a kind of work not included in the Auxiliary Reports but it filled many willing hearts and hands during the months just passed. Some parishes did a large amount of this work. Besides the letters read from time to time, a carefully prepared and well-read paper on Missions in Japan was contributed by Mrs. Townsend, of Sewickley. It has been desired to have more such papers, but contributors are few, and often the time is limited. Mite boxes were taken out last year for the "united offering" to be presented at the next General Convention. By systematic, even though small, offerings, it is hoped to realize a large amount, probably to be used in endowing a Missionary Episcopate, the sum desired not less than fifty thousand dollars.

For some years this branch has supported a scholarship in Mrs. Payne's school, Petersburg, Va. Owing to some changes the girls' school has been given up this year. It was decided, however, to send the usual amount to Mrs. Payne, to be used at her discretion, her labors having been so constant and faithful for a long term of years, and still continuing at an advanced age.

At the February meeting an address was made by Miss Carter on the Indian Work. This is the third year of her hard labors in that field, her salary being furnished by individuals of Pittsburgh, and given through this society. There being a small deficit last year, the amount was made up by the Auxiliary.

During Lent, a joint box was prepared and sent to Bishop Thomas, of Kansas, the contents to be distributed at his discretion, as best knowing the needs of the missionaries. It was quite valuable, and among the best contributions were those from some small parishes,

which showed, indeed, a labor of love. Since the resignation of the good Vice-President of the Northern Convocation, there appears to be a visible decline in the work of this part of the diocese. Could some plan be devised for arousing and sustaining a general interest, the Society might enlarge its borders. Now, comparatively few bear the burden, and if by any chance one large contribution fall short, the pledges are hard to fulfil. Besides, there are constant unlooked for appeals, which would gladly be answered, but for want of means.

The most useful "Periodical Club" continues its good work in a quiet, persevering way; one or two items show what it is doing. During the past year, two hundred and seventy-eight regular periodicals have been sent, and two thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine odd numbers. This may truly be considered missionary work, and of a kind which often receives but little attention.

This year we are sadly called to record the loss of one of our members, Mrs. K. A. McKennan. Earnest, generous and unassuming, her work was always faithfully done; not only will she be missed in the Society, but in all the relations of life. Her many trials seemed to elevate and spiritualize her nature, and fit her for the sudden change. She will be greatly missed, but her loss is to be mourned in the full assurance of hope.

In conclusion, the sum total in figures may seem small, compared to that of some years, but, as before said, the pressing needs at home have hindered the growth of outside work, but let us hope that with returning prosperity new efforts may be put forth to relieve the needs of those whose labors form the true hopes for the future of all parts of the great country, which God has committed to our trust.

St. Andrew's Church Missionary Society.

To joint work	\$ 100 00
To Mexico. Mrs. Hooker's school.....	125 00
" Special.....	50 00
Scholarship in China, special.....	50 00
Missionary "	25 00
Scholarship in Africa.....	25 00
Miss Carter's salary	265 00
" " deficit.....	45 00
Church, Wayne Township	40 00
Jane Moore's Scholarship.....	15 00
Indian Work, g neral	70 66
	<hr/> 810 66

BOXES.

To Missionary in Alabama.....	213 45
To Pine Ridge	30 61
Joint Box, Kansas	20 25
	<hr/> 274 31
Total	1,085 07

St. Andrew's Sewing Society.

DIOCESAN.

Church Home.....	197 58
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Church of the Ascension.

To joint work.....	50 00
To the Bishop's work.....	25 00
Deficit in Miss Carter's salary.....	16 54
To Mrs. Payne.....	10 00
	<hr/> 101 54

DIOCESAN.

Church Home.....	250 00
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BOXES.

Box to Mt. Pleasant, Va.....	
" Kansas.....	175 00
To Joint Box.....	

Calvary Church Benevolent Society.

CASH.

Joint Work.....	50 00
To Mrs. Payne	15 00
To Miss Carter's salary	75 00
To School in Alabama.....	5 00
	<hr/> 145 00

BOXES.

To Pine Ridge, S. D.....	26 05
To Marysville, Kansas.....	275 82
To Nashua, Iowa	222 65
To Devil's Lake, S. D.....	111 73

To Colored Teacher, W. Va.....	11 55
To Fair in Maine.....	38 75
To Bishop Thomas, Kansas.....	58 00
	<hr/> 734 53

DIOCESAN.

Gifts to Church Home.....	36 25
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Calvary Church Sisterhood.

CASH.

The Exchange to Joint Work.....	£0 00
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DIOCESAN.

To the Church Home.....	482 00
Xmas Gifts "	35 00
" " to Sunday Schools.....	49 08
	<hr/> 566 08

BOXES.

To Box for Kansas.....	4 50
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Christ Church, Brownsville.

Box to Christ Hospital, Topeka, Kansas	62 75
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Christ Church, New Brighton.

Box to Kansas	18 00
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Christ Church, Allegheny.

BOXES.

To Joint Box, Kansas	15 00
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CASH.

To Miss Carter	38 46
To Colored Work.....	55 78
To Mrs. Payne.....	10 00
	<hr/> 104 24

Church of the Good Shepherd.

CASH.

To Joint Work.....	5 00
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Emmanuel Church.

CASH.

To Joint Work.....	25 00
To Bishop Thomas	10 00
To the Bishop's Fund	50 00
To Bishop Graves.....	100 00
Altar Linen to Mission	8 00

Grace Church, Miles' Grove.

CASH.	
To Joint Work	10 00
BOXES.	
Box to Sunday School in Nebraska	8 75

St. James' Church, Pittsburgh.

CASH.	
To Joint Work.....	11 00
DIOCESAN.	
To Church Home	5 00

Church of Our Father, Foxburg.

CASH.	
Box to St. Elizabeth's School.....	20 00
" Miss Buford.....	35 00
Cash.....	5 00

St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh.

CASH.	
To Joint Work	25 00

St. Paul's Church, Kittanning.

CASH.	
Joint Work.	10 00

St. John's Church, Franklin.

Joint Work.....	10 00
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Christ Church, Oil City.

Package to N. D.....	6 50
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Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.

CASH.	
To Joint Work.....	100 00
To Mrs. Payne.	15 00
To Bishop Thomas	25 00
To Miss Carter's Salary.....	10 00
	<hr/> 150 00

BOXES.	
Box to Kansas	50 00
Article to Oregon	1 25

Christ Church, Meadville.

BOXES.	
Two Missionary boxes.....	200 25
CASH.	
Diocesan Missions.....	210 00
Joint Work.....	25 00
	<hr/> 235 00

St. Stephen's Church, Sewickley.

CASH.	
To Bishop's Fund.....	50 00
To Diocesan Missions.....	25 00
To Miss Carter's Salary.....	10 00
To Mrs. Payne.....	5 00
	<hr/> 90 00

BOXES.	
Box to Kansas	20 00

DIOCESAN.	
Clothing to Church Home.....	75 00

Mission at Gazzam, Clearfield Co.

Clothing to Kansas.....	8 00
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St. Thomas' Church, Verona.

CASH.	
To Joint Work ..	20 00
To Colored Work.....	20 00

SUMMARY.

Boxes.....	1,643 31
Cash, F. and D.....	1,837 44
Mrs. Brunot.....	2,235 00
Window for Mission Church	25 00
Miss Carter's Salary	924 00
Sundry sources	145 00
Collection	41 48
Dues.....	33 00
Special.....	40 00
Diocesan.....	1,729 91
Total.....	\$8,054 14
Junior Auxiliary	797 68
	<hr/> \$8,851 82

MARY A. TSCHUDI,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Contingent Fund, including
balance from last year..\$120 82

FOR JOINT WORK.

From Trinity Church, Pgh..	100 00
“ St. Andrews “ “ ..	100 00
“ Calvary “ “ ..	100 00
“ St. Peters “ “ ..	25 00
“ Ascension “ “ ..	50 00
“ St. James “ “ ..	11 00
“ Church of Good Shep- herd, Hazelwood.....	5 00
“ Emanuel church All'py	25 00
“ Christ “ “ ..	55 78
“ St. Thomas ch. Verona	20 00
“ St. Paul's, Kittanning	10 00
“ Christ ch. Meadville..	23 22
“ Grace ch. Miles Grove	10 00
“ Church of Our Father, Foxburg	5 00
“ St. Johns ch. Franklin	10 00
“ Mrs. F. R. Brunot.....	50 00
	<u>600 00</u>

FOR JANE MOORE SCHOLARSHIP.

Mission Society, Trinity Ch. Pittsburgh	15 00
Calvary Benevolent Society, Pittsburgh.....	15 00
St. Stephen's Ch., Sewickley	5 00
Woman's Guild, Church of Ascension, Pittsburgh	10 00
St. Andrew's Church Mis- sionary Society, Pittsburg.	15 00
	<u>60 00</u>

BISHOP WHITEHEAD SCHOLARSHIP.

Two members of Calvary church, Pittsburgh.....	15 00
Members of St. Stephen's, Sewickley	50 00
Woman's Guild, Church of the Ascension	25 00
	<u>90 00</u>

FOR MISS CARTER'S SALARY FOR 1893-'94.
\$924 00.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

St. James' Church, Pgh..... 5 00

Christ Ch., New Frighton... 3 00
Mrs. Brunot..... 440 00
448 00

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Missionary Society, Trinity
Church, Pittsburgh..... 25 00
Emanuel Church, Allegheny 10 00
Mrs. Brunot..... 1,495 00
1,530 00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A member of St. Andrew's
Church, Pittsburgh..... 25 00
A member of Calvary Ch.
Pittsburgh..... 40 00
Collection at semi-annual
meeting..... 41 48
Mrs. Brunot..... 250 00
356 48

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR.

Postage and Stationery 9 25
Printing and Advertising.... 28 62
Sexton..... 5 00
42 87
A window in St. George's
Church, W. E, Jun. Aux. 25 00

RECAPITULATION.

Balance from last year....\$ 50 40
Cash receipts for the year.. 4,074 68
Total, 4,125 08

EXPENDITURES.

Joint Work... 600 00
Bishop Whitehead Schol-
arship..... 90 00
Jane Moore Scholarship. 60 00
Miss Carter..... 924 00
Diocesan Missions..... 448 00
Domestic “ 1530 00
Foreign “ 356 48
Postage, Stationary, Sex-
ton, Printing and Ad-
vertising 42 87
St. George's Window..... 25 00
4,076 35
Balance on hand 48 73

MRS. JOHN O. SIMMONS,
Treasurer.

6730 Simen Avenue,
E. E., Pittsburgh.

Report of Junior Auxiliary for Year Ending June, 1894.

THROUGH ANNIE S. PHILLIPS, PRESIDENT.

The fifth year of the Junior Auxiliary has now closed, and as we sum up the year's work it may be well to consider what has been the growth and progress of the Auxiliary since its founding. In 1888, Mrs. Soule successfully planted thirteen branches in this Diocese, and reported the first year amount of work valued at \$1,487.10. . During the past five years nearly every parish in the Diocese has been approached on the subject of forming a branch in its Sunday School, but there remains yet much to be done in that line. Some rectors cannot see their way clear to plan further work, while others have entered most enthusiastically into our ways. As many as eight promising branches have come to an untimely end, and year after year comes back the disheartening report—no work done. There are many reasons for this ; no rector in charge of parish, hard times, illness or removal of teachers, and last, but not least, the failure of enthusiasm on the part of teachers and taught, and the gradual disappearance of that most evanescent charm—novelty.

It is discouraging when one considers the labor spent in starting the branch on the part of those to whom the Auxiliary is dear, and the efforts to impart enthusiasm to the faint-hearted and zeal to the weary, and yet the work of conducting a branch is not hard. It requires, indeed, regular attendance at the gatherings of the children, preparation of garments between times lest the little fingers grow too weary of the difficulties in the way, and last of all, a hearty love for missions and an earnest longing to make the children love them too, and to bind them more closely in the bonds of our great, loving, wide-reaching church.

Still, we must not think that "the struggle naught availeth," for in the five years the total amount reported through the secretary was

\$3,606.50. This year Miss Emery has asked for a different kind of a report, showing the relative proportions of work done for the three departments of missions, our work has been as follows :

Domestic, \$66.59. Foreign, \$50.00. Diocesan, \$351.55.

Proof that an appeal from the suffering in our midst is stronger than the call for missions in a distant land.

Our offerings this year have a wide range ; a pony for Miss Carter, a part scholarship in Mr. Russel's school ; the support of a Chinese baby, and large contributions to Diocesan missions.

It is rather interesting to note that parishes that have the strongest Woman's Auxiliary have the strongest Junior Auxiliary, and that when the women are not interested the children do not respond. Perhaps in five years more we may have graduates of the Junior Auxiliary ready to work in the Woman's Auxiliary, but at our present rate of progression this is doubtful.

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