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The first annual meeting of the Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, was held in the Chapel of Grace Church, Providence, on Friday, May 3d, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon. Rev. Daniel Henshaw opened the meeting with devotional exercises, and, after a short address, introduced the President, Mrs. Edward Carrington, who conducted the remaining exercises. The following reports were read:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

At the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, held in Boston, Oct. 12th, 1877, twenty ladies from this city were present. Impressed by the good accomplished by this society in different dioceses, they returned with a strong desire to form at once a Rhode Island Branch. Owing to the amount of work already on hand, no definite action was taken until after Christmas. A meeting was then held at the house of Miss Emily Waterman, Friday, Jan. 19th, 1878. Twenty-seven ladies were present, representing ten churches. Miss Emily Waterman was chosen President, Miss N. A. Greene, Secretary. The President explained the object of the meeting, and, after a short discussion it was voted unanimously

to take means to form the Rhode Island Branch. A committee was appointed to wait upon the Bishop, and if he approved of the work, to ask him to preside at a public meeting. He gave a cordial assent, and the meeting was appointed for Feb. 1st. Notices were sent to all the clergy of the diocese, inviting them and the ladies of their parishes to attend the meeting, and, with a few exceptions, favorable answers were received. The day proved to be unfortunate, in having the severest snow-storm of the season, notwithstanding which, there were forty persons present. After prayer, the Bishop made a few remarks, and then called upon the Rev. Mr. Webb, of South Providence, and Mr. Baggs, lay-reader at Greenville, to give some account of their work. After these addresses, the meeting adjourned for one week. Feb. 8th, was a pleasant day, and at twelve o'clock Grace Church Chapel was filled, twenty clergymen, and one hundred and thirty lady delegates being present, besides others who came to show their interest in the work. The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer. He then explained the object of the Society, and read the Constitution, which was unanimously adopted. Interesting missionary addresses were then made by the Rev. Mr. Eastwood, of Pleasant View, Rev. Mr. Henshaw, of Providence, Rev. Mr. Cocroft, of Crompton, and Rev. Mr. Odell, of East Providence. The public meeting was then adjourned. After lunch, the ladies held a meeting. After hearing reports from some of the parishes, and singing the Doxology, the meeting adjourned to the first Friday in May. In March, a letter was received from Miss Julia E. Emery, Secretary Woman's Auxiliary, asking the Rhode Island Branch to send a box of clothing to the Colored Normal School, Raleigh, N. C., to the Rev. Mr. Rosenberg, Oregon, or to some Missionary Bishop. Notices were sent to all the parish secretaries, and twenty-two returned such favorable answers that the Executive Committee felt warranted in pledging themselves to send all three boxes. Saturday, April 20th, a box containing 247 garments, valued at \$239.59, was sent to the Colored Normal School, Raleigh, and a very pleasant letter has been received from the Rev. Mr. Smedes, acknowledging its safe arrival. The same day, a box containing 197 garments, valued at \$168.70, was sent to Bishop Spalding, Colorado; another, containing 250 garments, valued at \$288.80, was sent to the Rev. Mr. Rosenberg, Portland, Oregon. A fourth, containing 84 garments, valued at

\$45.00, was sent to the Rev. Mr. Eastwood, Pleasant View, for a sale to be held at his house, and another awaits orders from Miss Emery. Of the twenty-four parishes assisting in this good work, twelve of them had never before been able to do anything beyond their own needs. In one parish a "Mission Band" of young girls gave their Saturday afternoons to the work; in another, a Sunday School class sent a box of beautiful garments; while in others the work was done in the evening, by women whose whole day was spent in working in the mill. Reports have been received from twenty-four parishes, from which we gather the following results:

Number of boxes filled during the past year.....	19
Value of boxes filled during the past year.....	\$2,695.45
Amount contributed to Missionary Work.....	2,257.65

NANCY A. GREENE,

SECRETARY R. I. B.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Feb. 8th,	Received for Sister Eliza.....	\$4.00
"	" Expenses of Auxiliary.....	2.86
"	" Grace Church, special donation..	7.00
April 9th,	Received from Rev. Mr. Lindholm.....	3.00
" 12th,	" " Mrs. Weaver, E. Greenwich	3.00
" 21st,	" " Miss E. Waterman, Gr. Ch.	10.00
" 27th,	" " Young People's Society, "	2.30
May 1st,	" " Miss M. Greenwood, "	2.00
" 3d,	" " a lady of St. Michael's Ch.	
	Bristol.....	1.00
" 3d,	" " a lady of St. Stephen's Ch.	
	Providence.....	1.00
" 3d,	" " Mrs. E. G. Hartshorn, Ch.	
	of the Saviour, Providence	1.50
" 3d,	" " All Saints' Memorial Ch. for	
	College in China.....	10.00
" 3d,	" " All Saints' Memorial Ch. for	
	Bishop Scherchewsky.....	7.52

May	3d,	Received from	All Saints' Memorial Ch. for Mexican League.....	5.00
"	3d,	"	St. John's, Prov. for rebuilding Bp. Scott Grammar School.....	5.00
"	3d,	"	St. John's, Prov. for Montgomery Institute, Seguin, W. Texas.....	10.00
"	3d,	"	St. John's, Prov. for Bp. Spalding for rebuilding Jarvis Hall	10.00
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				\$85.18

Feb.	6th,	Paid for advertising in Journal and Bulletin.	\$1.75
"	8th,	Sent to Sister Eliza.....	4.00
"	8th,	Gave Sexton of Grace Church.....	.26
April	9th,	Paid for 150 circulars.....	7.50
"	9th,	" leaflets from Auxiliary, N. Y.....	1.00
"	9th,	Paper and Postals.....	4.86
"	19th,	Express on box.....	.35
"	19th,	For packing-box.. ..	.25
"	26th,	Freight on box to Oregon.....	14.35
"	27th,	" " Colorado	6.25
"	27th,	" " North Carolina.....	3.30
"	27th,	" " Freedmen.....	1.50
May	2d,	Advertising.....	3.37
"	2d,	Paper.....	.35
"	2d,	For box to Pleasant View.....	.30
"	2d,	Check to Miss Emery, from All Saints' Mem.	17.52
"	2d,	" " " " St. John's, E.D.N.	20.00
"	2d,	To Mrs. Keene, for Mexican League.....	5.00
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			\$91.91
			Leaving a deficit of..... 6.73

ELIZABETH ANDREWS,

TREASURER.

DIOCESAN COMMITTEE.

The interval since our organization has been so short, and the work so new, that the report of the Diocesan Branch must necessarily be brief. In fact, it can be scarcely more than a general survey of the field lying so near our own doors, yet, perhaps, as unfamiliar to a large proportion of our church as though located in a distant land. I am greatly indebted to the Secretary of our Diocesan Board of Missions, the Rev. E. H. Porter, for information regarding the present missionary stations in the diocese, and for his kindly offer of future assistance.

Eight points are now sustained through the Board, viz.: South Providence and Manton, under the charge of the Rev. S. H. Webb; Crompton and Phenix, under the Rev. T. H. Cocroft; Church of the Good Shepherd, Pleasant View, Pawtucket, in care of the Rev. Benj. Eastwood; St. George's, Lincoln, under the Rev. C. M. Pyne; St. James's, Providence, under the Rev. W. D. U. Shearman; and St. Thomas's, Greenville, at present supplied by a most efficient lay-reader.

Three thousand four hundred dollars is required annually to support these stations, this sum being raised by voluntary contributions from all our parishes. With so much difficulty, however, is it obtained, that it precludes the attempt of any extension of the work, or even the increase of any of the present stipends, though so much needed in several cases. The work at Pleasant View, Pawtucket, is one in which aid in almost any form can be turned to good account. Contributions in money, boxes of clothing, new or second-hand, materials for making up garments, or for trimming hats and bonnets for women and children, are acceptable at any time. The plan adopted by the Rev. Mr. Eastwood, of having such articles of clothing as he can obtain, on sale at the rectory on some specified evening, at a merely nominal price, has proved most successful, in supplying the needs of his parishioners, maintaining their self-respect at a small cost to themselves, and yet yielding no insignificant amount to the treasury of the parish. His first sale of more than one hundred garments, all of which were disposed of in less than half an hour, netted \$28 to the treasury. The second sale, which took place just after Easter, yielded \$62, and the third sale, which is to take place on

Thursday, the 9th inst., will doubtless be equally successful, judging from the demand.

Our Board of Missions feels that there is a revival of missionary interest in the diocese, shown by a desire for meetings under its auspices, in the different parishes, and they look to our organization for great assistance in the diffusion of home missionary intelligence, and an abiding and active interest in this work. One item of encouragement to our Rhode Island Branch, has already come to our knowledge, that since our preliminary meeting in February, twelve parishes, that never supposed themselves able to do anything outside of their own limits, have contributed to boxes forwarded from this diocese to Oregon, Colorado, and North Carolina. I shall be glad at any time to receive or give, as far as I am able, any missionary intelligence relating to the diocese, or suggestions that may aid our organizations in carrying on this branch of our work, trusting that we shall be greatly blessed in this new effort for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in our home field.

CORNELIA L. ANDREWS,

SECRETARY.

FREEDMEN COMMITTEE.

The first week in May, the barrel, which was well filled, was sent to Charleston, S. C., to the care of Miss Rosa Box, a grand-daughter of Mr. George Ingraham. In about ten days a letter of thanks was received, from which I copy the following: "The expected barrel arrived yesterday, and its contents far exceed anything the Freedmen have ever before received. This morning I separated the garments, numbered and labelled them, and packed them securely in a trunk. I have had a few applications this morning, for the fame of it went before. Though you sent such a generous supply, I wish to be as careful as possible in the distribution, and only give to those who need, and have only very small means of support. The applicants this morning were three in number. A man, to

whom I gave two shirts and a hat, scraped his foot and said I must 'tell the good ladies at the North he was too much oblige to them, and that they had given him a great treat.' The old woman was sick, and expressed her thanks faintly, but the third, a girl, said, 'I must wait till her message was thought over: do tell 'em I'se much oblige for de help, and dey's took us out of a great distress.' I don't know if you understand their lingo, but if you do, you would be pleased and amazed at the earnest and impressive way in which she said it, evidently thinking she had made an elegant and impressive speech. Five or six more are to come at the end of the week. It is such a pleasure to give the poor creatures what they need so much, and have not the money to buy. One told me if she paid her rent, she was fortunate, and as to eating, got along as she could. New clothes were out of the question. They come for my shoes before they are worn out, and, I believe, find out as soon as I get a new pair; but as summer comes on, they go barefoot. One woman supports herself and two children on three dollars a month. Please express to those who have so kindly furnished this charity, my thanks, and assurance of the gratitude of those they have helped, for they are as grateful and appreciative as little children." Since the barrel was sent, I have received eleven articles from St. Stephen's parish, which I will care for until I have enough to fill another box or barrel, and then forward them. I would add that second-hand garments are most thankfully received.

ELIZA G. HARTSHORN,

SECRETARY.

REPORT OF THE MEXICAN WORK.

At the time of the organization of the Woman's Auxiliary, an executive officer was appointed for the Mexican work. Although a few parishes had been collecting funds for Mexico, Dr. Riley's visit in February, excited enthusiasm and interest, and the work then became more systematized. Every parish in the diocese has been asked to join and work together.

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Since February, the collections are as follows :

From Grace Church, Providence.....	\$354.59
" All Saints', " 	5.00
" St. John's, " 	204.00
" St. Paul's, Pawtucket.....	20.00
For a special purpose	5.00
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Total.....	\$588.59

These sums have all been forwarded by us to the Treasurer of the Mexican League in New York, except that from St. John's Church, which was sent by the Rector to the Foreign Committee.

The Mexican League, formed by Dr. Riley in New York, have arranged with the Foreign Committee to take the burden of raising funds in support of the work of the Reformation in Mexico, and that they may know with accuracy what amounts they have to meet their pledges each year, they have requested that all moneys raised for this object may be sent to them.

A. E. TYNG,

SECRETARY.

The meeting was then addressed by Miss Julia C. Emery, of New York, Secretary Woman's Auxiliary, who spoke of the different branches of woman's work in the church, and requested all the ladies of this diocese to collect toys and garments for children during the coming summer, and forward them to her in the early fall, that they might be sent West in time for the Christmas festivities.

Mrs. Lever, a native of Mexico, then made a most earnest and touching appeal for help to carry on the good work so well begun in her own land eleven years ago, by the reading of a Bible by a Roman priest.

After receiving the parish reports, all united in singing the Doxology, and the meeting adjourned to the first Friday in August.

THE
Indian Aid Society
OF
Rhode Island.

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OF THE

Indian Aid Society of Rhode Island.

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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Indian Aid Society of Rhode Island.

It is with a feeling of gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that we review the past year, insignificant as the results may seem to those who are only "lookers on."

Miss Emery came to be with us at our first meeting, Sept. 27th. During her short visit here, she was the guest of one who has since been called to her eternal rest.

The object of this early meeting, was to appoint delegates to the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, to be held in Boston, Oct. 12th.

Miss Emery read two or three letters from our friends among the Indians, alluded to their arduous labors, and need of our sympathy and help; and urged a large attendance at the Missionary Meeting in Boston. The Bishop, and one or two clergymen, followed with words of encouragement.

Two ladies were appointed delegates, but several others attended, and returned with most enthusiastic reports. It was doubtless owing to the interest kindled at that time, that the work was taken up with a zeal that has not abated.

The average number attending the weekly meetings, has been larger than in any previous year, and many hands must have worked diligently, and some sacrifices have certainly been made, to send help and comfort to those who are struggling out of the darkness into the light.

The Report of last year, left a box to be packed for Niobrara, which, soon after Easter, started for its destination, and was duly received; value, \$148.00.

During the six months of our work this year, one hundred and fifty garments have been cut. This represents the industry and interest of one indefatigable lady, who has our most appreciative thanks.

Most valuable contributions of new and second-hand clothing, bedding, and hospital stores, have been sent in for every box, by friends who always remember us; and who will please accept here our sincere gratitude.

In money we have received \$429.86. Part of this has been expended in materials for work, part in defraying the expenses of freight, and \$200.00 has been sent to Rev. Mr. Rogers, Sec. of Ind. Com.

On the 9th of November, we sent to the Niobrara store-room a box valued at \$150.00.

January 7th, we sent to Rev. J. J. Enmegahbowh, of White Earth, Minnesota, two barrels and a box, valued in all at \$150.00.

The letter acknowledging the arrival of these last packages, gave such an affecting picture of the poverty of Enmegahbowh's people, and their almost starving condition, that the Society voted to send him immediately \$25.00.

This faithful pastor prefers to share the privations of his people, rather than secure his own comfort by accepting a call to Canada, where the Christian Indians are able to assure him a comfortable support.

It is not possible to read these letters, telling of hunger and cold, bravely endured, and painful sacrifices made in the most trusting faith, without feeling humiliated by their thanks and praises, offered to us so sincerely and so humbly.

What we call self-denial, would perhaps look to them, could they only see it, like self-indulgence, and our privations would be luxuries to them.

Since sending our gift to White Earth, we have been working for Rev. Mr. Hemans, of the Santee Mission. In the midst of our labors we received a copy of a letter from Rev. Mr. Hinman, of the same mission, to the President of the Dakota League, which alludes with heartfelt sorrow to the approaching death of this much honored and beloved native Indian Presbyterian.

Before our offering can reach him he will undoubtedly have passed beyond all earthly need, to be "with all God's saints at rest."*

Mr. Hinman writes most hopefully of the work among the Santees. Speaking from long experience and observation, he says they are learning to practice in their daily lives the best lessons which the Christian religion teaches. His class of candidates for holy orders, and his class preparing for confirmation, are sources of real pleasure to him now, and of much hope for the future. This is the testimony of every missionary who has labored among the Indians.

Bishop Hare says, "These Indian Christians are as worthy, considering their opportunities, as we are, considering ours."

We must not expect too much of those who have lain so long in darkness. Let us keep ourselves thoroughly informed of the work, its progress, and its needs, and let the facts appeal to us with an eloquence which shall stir us up to labors of love which shall not tire.

"And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God."

We have the pleasure of recording the addition of St. Philip's Church, Crompton, to our list of parishes, and hope that the organization of the Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will effect what we have so long desired, an entire diocesan union in this work.

*Value of this box for Mr. Hemans is estimated at \$125.00.

With sorrow all the Indian Aid Societies this year must record the death of Mr. William Welsh, who, for sixteen years, devoted himself to the cause of the red man, with an ever constant interest, which earned for him from the Indians the name of "Big Heart."

Let only *our* hearts expand, warmed with inspiration from the same source as his, and we, too, shall work mightily to build up Christ's kingdom in the earth.

E. A. PECKHAM,

SECRETARY.

Easter Tuesday, 1878.

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for the year ending April 22, 1878.

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Donations.

Mrs. G. C. Nightingale, 1 piece of sheeting.

Mrs. George H. Corliss, 2 pairs of blankets.

Mrs. Chesbrough, 1 comforter, 12 yards calico and buttons, 4 pairs hose, picture cards, paper and envelopes, and tea.

Mrs. James H. Coggeshall, 1 balmoral, 1 pair gaiter boots, 2 cans tomatoes, sugar and tea.

Mrs. Z. Chafee, 2 new white shirts, 2 second-hand shirts.

Miss Arnold, \$1, to purchase articles for a box.

Miss Emily Waterman, 2 comforters, and stores for the hospital.

Miss Taylor, 2 bundles of clothing.

Miss Barnes' Sunday School Class, Church of the Redeemer, large package of new underclothing and bedding, valued at \$28.

Miss Steer's Sunday School Class, All Saints' Memorial, 1 comforter, 9 pillow cases.

St. James's Church, 1 comforter, 12 sun-bonnets, 3 aprons.

Miss Weaver's Sunday School Class, All Saints' Memorial, soap, rice and coffee.

St. Michael's Church, Bristol, materials for dresses and underclothing, valued at \$12.

Dr. Cutler, vest, neck-ties and collar.

Grace Church Bureau of Relief, a package of fifty-two made garments, valued at \$22.71.

Mrs. C. A. Hall, water-proof cape, books and illuminated cards.

Mr. J. B. Barnaby, \$2, towards an Ulster overcoat; Mrs. Corliss, \$5; Mrs. Chesbrough, \$5.

And other gifts too numerous to mention.

Constitution.

I. This Association shall be called THE INDIAN AID SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND.

II. Its object shall be to aid in missionary work among the Indian tribes throughout our land, especially those within the jurisdiction of Niobrara.

III. The Association shall consist of all persons who shall contribute to the Treasury thereof, annually, at least the sum of one dollar. Any one may be constituted a Life Member by the payment at one time of the sum of one hundred dollars.

IV. The Officers of this Association shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer. There shall be, moreover, a Board of Managers, consisting of the above named officers and of two ladies from each parish represented in the Association, whose duty it shall be to regulate its affairs, and under the supervision of their Rectors, to further the work of the Association in the parishes to which they respectively belong. The methods by which the ends of this organization can be promoted are, the raising of money for the support of Missionaries and Teachers, for the education of those who may be preparing for the work, and for other benevolent purposes connected with the mission; the making, collecting, and transfer of clothing and other material aid, and the publication of papers and pamphlets that may serve to stir up a public interest in the welfare of Indians.

V. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the business meetings of the Association and the Board of Managers, and to call special meetings of the same when occasion shall arise.

VI. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Association, and to obtain and communicate to the Association any fresh information from Indian Missions; to keep minutes of the proceedings of the Association and of the Board of Managers; to send out notices of the stated and special meetings of the same, and to prepare an annual report.

VII. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Secretary to act and vote in the absence of the Secretary.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and keep account of all moneys and materials contributed for the work of the Association, and to pay all drafts upon the funds.

IX. The Constitution shall not be altered, except at the annual meeting of the Association, or at a special meeting called for that purpose by the President,—notice of the proposed change having been given at a stated meeting of the Board of Managers.

By-Laws.

I. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Association, on Easter Tuesday in each year, at such hour and place as the Secretary, with the advice of the President, shall indicate.

II. The election of Officers and of the Board of Managers, shall take place at such meeting, and they shall continue in office for one year, or until their successors shall have been appointed.

III. In the case of the vacancy of any office by the death or removal of its incumbent, the same may be filled at a stated meeting of the Board of Managers; and any one so elected shall continue in office until the next annual meeting of the Association.

IV. The stated meetings of the Board of Managers shall be on the first Thursday of each month.

V. At a meeting of the Board of Managers, six members representing not less than three parishes, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

VI. In raising funds for carrying on its operations, this Society shall not resort to the questionable expedients of Fairs, Bazaars, Tea Parties, Dramatic Entertainments, or any forms of Lottery.

RESOLUTION

PASSED AT THE

Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary,

In Boston, October, 1877.

"RESOLVED, That, as far as possible, all moneys given by Diocesan or Parish Branches, or by individual members of the Woman's Auxiliary, in aid of the general mission work of the Church, be sent through some treasury of the Board of Missions."

