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THE second annual meeting of the Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Chapel of Grace Church, Providence, on Friday, May 23d, 1879, at 11 o'clock. The President opened the meeting with devotional exercises. Ninety-four ladies were present, representing twenty-four parishes. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:—

*President* — Mrs. EDWARD CARRINGTON, Providence.

*Vice-Presidents* — Miss EMILY WATERMAN, Providence; Mrs. D. R. BREWER, Westerly; Miss ANNA B. MANCHESTER, Bristol.

*Secretary* — Miss NANCY A. GREENE, Providence.

*Treasurer* — Miss ELIZABETH ANDREWS, Providence.

*Executive Committee* — Foreign Work: Miss EMILY WATERMAN, Providence; Domestic Work: Miss HARRIET N. VAUGHAN, Providence; Diocesan Work: Miss CORNELIA L. ANDREWS, Providence; Indian Work: Mrs. SUSAN CROUCH, Providence; Freedmen Work: Mrs. JOHN H. STINESS, Providence; Mexican Work: Mrs. STEPHEN S. KEENE, Providence.

After this reports were read from the following parishes:—

ASHTON — *St. John's*. — Our organization as a branch of the Rhode Island Woman's Auxiliary was quite informal. It was late in the season before we got together, and consequently our contribution was not very large. We made

some garments for the Indian Commission, and helped fill a box which was sent to Dakota. We did more or less work for the poor in our own parish. The coming year we hope to begin our meetings earlier and accomplish more.

BRISTOL — *St. Michael's*. — Appropriations of money : To Church Home for Orphans, Providence, \$5 ; scholarship in college, China, \$5 ; scholarship in college, Africa, \$5 ; Freedmen, \$5 ; Mexican League, \$6 ; Diocesan Mission Aid Fund, \$5. Boxes : One package sent to the Indian Aid, Providence, \$20 ; one package to Secretary Women Aid, Providence, \$10 ; one box to Rev. J. J. Faude, Plymouth, Indiana, \$125.

CENTRAL FALLS — *St. George's*. — The work of this Guild has necessarily been entirely for themselves. The receipts since May last have been : By entertainments, \$267.48 ; work, \$35.08 ; monthly dues, \$65 — \$367.56.

CROMPTON — *St. Philip's*. — The Guilds of this parish are working that the church building may be made more convenient and pleasant. We have earned one hundred dollars. We have sent to St. Mary's Orphanage, East Providence, a box filled with children's wearing apparel, groceries, toys, etc.

CUMBERLAND HILL. — The ladies have just commenced working for St. Mary's Orphanage, and hope to be able to send a good report another year.

EAST GREENWICH — *St. Luke's*. — The Ladies' Parochial Aid Society sent one box in December last to the Rev. Matthew Henry, Brownville, Nebraska — value \$85 ; and paid \$270 towards church expenses.

GREENVILLE — *St. Thomas's*. — During the past year the Ladies' Society sent one package of garments to an Auxiliary box, and one package to St. Mary's Orphanage. We have realized : From lantern festival, \$12.58 ; fair at Christmas, \$175 ; concert, \$50 ; received for fees and taxes, \$58.94, and for work, \$25.35 — \$321.87. All of this money has been used for repairs on the church and for other parish purposes.

LONSDALE — *Christ*. — The ladies of Christ Church have appointed collectors to raise money for the Rhode Island



Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and have pledged themselves to send \$60 a year in quarterly remittances.

NEWPORT — *Zion*. — One Sunday School class in this parish sent a box of clothing to the Rev. Mr. Wingate — value \$30; and two boxes to clergymen in this diocese — value \$45.

PAWTUCKET — *St. Paul's*. — The Domestic Aid Society of this parish sent \$3 to Miss Emery for the Domestic Missionary work; a box valued at \$105 to St. Mark's School, Salt Lake City; articles valued at \$20 to the Colored Normal School at Raleigh, N. C.; and articles valued at \$20 to Auxiliary box for Bishop Tuttle, Salt Lake City.

NORTH PORTSMOUTH — *St. Paul's*. — The ladies of this parish contributed twenty garments to the Freedmen box.

PHENIX — *St. Andrew's Mission*. — The Guild has received during the year past: Members' fees, \$57.47; strawberry festival, \$55.25; work, \$29.27; November festival, \$177.24 — \$319.23. At Christmas time a remembrance was sent to St. Mary's Orphanage, and in April seven articles were sent to the Bishop Tuttle box.

PROVIDENCE — *St. John's*. — Contributions for Foreign Missions: To the scholarship in China college, \$30; scholarship in Africa, \$5; a bequest to Jaffa, \$25; Mexico, \$194. Domestic Missions: Four boxes; one to Texas, one to Minnesota, one to California, one to Florida; value, \$551.50. Contributions to Auxiliary boxes: For Bishop Tuttle, articles valued at \$47.84; to Indian aid, garments and \$223.25; Freedmen's box, garments valued at \$29.80; diocese work, \$37.67. Of this \$18.67 was received from the penny-a-week collection. One package of forty-six garments, valued at \$11, was sent to Rev. Mr. Webb for distribution, and garments valued at \$47.15 sent to a missionary in this diocese.

*Grace Church*. — The Parish Aid Society sent to Domestic Missions five boxes; value, \$327.07. Freedmen, two boxes; value, \$178.50. Diocesan, two boxes, \$28.25 — \$533.82. Contributed to Freedmen Christmas box, \$18. Domestic Christmas box, \$20 — \$38. To China, \$50; Africa, \$15; Indians, \$46; diocesan, \$43.97; domestic, \$5; orphanage, \$35.15; Freedmen,

\$3 — \$198.12. The Employment Bureau sent two boxes in the diocese, \$86; garments to St. Mary's Orphanage, to Auxiliary boxes, \$26; also contributed to box sent to St. Mark's School; Bishop Tuttle, \$33.60; to Indian box, \$8 — \$169. The Young People's Society sent to St. Mary's Orphanage 169 garments, value, \$56.11; to mission stations in the diocese, fifty-three garments, \$17 — \$73.11; total, \$1,012.55.

*St. Stephen's.* — One box to Rev. J. A. Vanlx, Fayetteville, Ark., \$150; Bishop Tuttle, Utah, \$50; Indian Aid Society, \$41; to Pleasant View, for distribution, garments valued at \$20; penny-a-week subscription, \$13; African scholarship, \$5; China college, \$5; Freedmen, \$15; St. Mary's Orphanage, \$15.

*All Saints' Memorial.* — To box for Africa, thirty-six yards cotton cloth; Auxiliary boxes, garments valued at \$49; to a box for Indian Missions, \$67.55; a diocesan box, \$15; Mexican Missions, \$78; to a missionary in this diocese, seventy-six garments, \$50; a box to Dakota, \$40; diocesan mission aid fund, \$9.25; to Phenix, \$5; St. Mary's Orphanage, fifty garments, \$30 — \$343.60.

*Church of Messiah.* — This Guild has worked to pay the church expenses, and has received \$125.10; made thirty-six garments. The Mission Band of this church has made 113 garments, of which forty-one were sent to the orphanage in East Providence, forty-nine to Pleasant View and seventeen to the Bishop Tuttle box. By tea parties the Band has been enabled to contribute to the church \$226.97.

*Church of the Saviour.* — 1. Children's sewing school. 2. Mother's meeting for sewing and instruction. 3. Free reading room.

*Church of the Redeemer.* — The ladies of this church have sent garments to the boxes for Bishop Tuttle and the Freedmen; also toys and books for the Bishop Tuttle Christmas box.

*St. James'.* — The Parish Sewing Society made, during the winter, sixteen articles for the Sunday School Christmas tree, seven garments and three comfortables, which were sold for the benefit of the church, and eight garments, which were sent to St. Mary's Orphanage.



*St. Thomas'.* — In 1877 the members of this parish society built a chapel, paying for it \$1,300. Since then they have bought a lot and moved the chapel on it at a cost of \$500, and built a fence around it at a cost of \$62. We have formed a Guild to be called "St. Thomas Guild," and are working for money to enlarge the chapel.

*Church of the Epiphany.* — The demands in our own parish being such as to require our constant attention, the report of outside work must necessarily be limited. In December the Parish Aid Society contributed articles of clothing, and the Sunday School children books and toys, to a box sent by one of our ladies to a colored school. Two dollars has been given to St. Mary's Orphanage; \$3 to the China college, and seventy-five cents to assist in defraying the expense of forwarding a box to Bishop Tuttle. This, with \$200 raised by the society for expenses in our own church, comprises our work for the past year.

EAST PROVIDENCE — *St. Mary's.* — The Guilds of St. Mary and Elizabeth have met every Thursday evening. One result of their united work was an Easter offering of nearly seventy-two dollars. The Guilds also gave to the Auxiliary boxes twenty-five garments and twenty-five yards of cotton cloth.

WAKEFIELD — *Church of the Ascension.* — The Parish Society sent a box of clothing to Bishop Tuttle and a contribution to the Freedmen box.

WICKFORD — *St. Paul's.* — The articles sent from this society to the box for Bishop Tuttle were valued at \$17.52, and those contributed to the second box were valued at \$13.74.

WOONSOCKET — *St. James.* — The Woman's Missionary Aid Society sent eighteen garments to the Bishop Tuttle box and four for a diocesan box, also \$1 towards freight expenses and \$3 for the Mission Aid Fund.

WESTERLY. — The ladies of this church sent a box to Rev. DeB. Waddell, Clayton, Ala., valued at \$150.

## ST. MARY'S ORPHANAGE.

It is a great pleasure to note the increasing interest and kindness shown towards St. Mary's Orphanage. New friends have rallied about the work. We last reported to your society six children in the house; now eleven are committed to our care. To Him, who careth for His children, we owe deep thankfulness that no sickness or harm has come to us since the beginning of the work. March 18th the General Assembly granted a charter to incorporate St. Mary's Orphanage, under the following Trustees: Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark, D. D., Rev. G. J. Magill, Rev. D. H. Greer, Rev. J. W. Colwell, Rev. D. I. Odell, the Hon. W. W. Blodgett, the Hon. J. H. Stiness. The trustees held their first meeting on Tuesday in Easter week at the residence of Bishop Clark. Owing to the absence of two trustees, one of whom held the charter, it was decided to adjourn the meeting until the first day of the Diocesan Convention. Through the Easter offering of a class from the Sunday School of the Church of the Redeemer, we are able to order the six beds for the second dormitory; for the beds we need pillows, pillow cases and sheets. The new beds will be in the house next week, then we can care for twelve children. Through the kind and earnest work of Mrs. Dr. Keene, Mrs. Hartshorn and Miss N. A. Greene, an Easter dinner was given to the children of the orphanage. Through the efforts of these same ladies there has been more regular and systematic giving to the house. We are indebted to the ladies of the Association of Nazareth for continued interest. They have been constant in sewing for the children, and through them we have received three large donations of groceries, etc. From the Young People's Society of Grace Church we have had every mark of kindly interest; they have made comfortables, sent many bundles of garments, money and groceries. The society from the Church of St. Thomas, Greenville, sent us a number of new sheets and pillow cases. We have great pleasure in finding the smaller parishes interested in the orphanage work. Saturday, May 10th, over thirty children from the Sewing School of the Church of the Messiah visited the orphanage. They brought the penny savings of some



months, a comfortable, made by themselves, and some garments. Since the house has become a more certain undertaking there will be need for more regular and systematic giving, so that the care of the orphanage shall not come heavily upon any parish. The orphanage is not to be parochial, nor the work of one city, but diocesan. We would express our warmest thanks to all who have directly or indirectly done anything towards furthering the work of the orphanage.

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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The Rhode Island branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has met twice since the annual meeting. The first of these meetings was held in St. Andrew's Mission Hall, Phenix, Oct. 1st, 1878. There were sixty ladies present. After prayers, letters were read from the different missionary fields, and from those missionaries to whom boxes had been sent the previous spring. It was proposed to raise one hundred dollars towards the endowment of Bishop Schereschewsky's college in China; forty dollars for two scholarships in Africa; and to request every lady in the diocese to give at the rate of one cent a week towards a Diocesan Aid Fund. For this latter purpose the committee in charge of Diocesan work was requested to send out a general letter. Copies of this letter were sent into every parish, and all who read or heard it read were impressed with its earnestness and devoted interest to the Saviour's work. Reports of the Executive Committee were read, and, after singing the Doxology, the meeting adjourned to January, 1879. On the thirteenth of that month a meeting was held in St. George's Church, Central Falls. One hundred and two ladies were present. Prayers were said by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Pyne. The Foreign Committee reported the receipt of the one hundred dollars for China, and forty dollars for Africa. The Diocesan Committee reported seventy-five dollars paid towards reducing the mortgage on the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pleasant View. Letters

were read from all departments of missionary work, and, after devotions, the meeting adjourned to May. At both of these places we were cordially welcomed and hospitably entertained. During the year the Secretary has written twenty-seven letters, three hundred and one postals, and mailed over one hundred reports and circular letters.

NANCY A. GREENE,

*Secretary.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, in Account with E. Andrews, Treasurer, for year ending May 23d, 1879.*

1878.

May 3,	To Balance due Treasury.....	\$6 73
	Traveling expenses of Gen'l Sec'y.	10 00
June 8,	Printing Annual Report.....	24 00
	“ 50 leaflets and 200 circulars.....	18 00
	Stationery and postage.....	5 55
April,	Traveling expenses of Mr. and Mrs. Fair.....	10 00
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1878.

June 8,	By cash from Grace Church for Auxiliary expenses .....	\$2 00
“ “	By cash from Grace Church for printing	1 00
“ “	“ “ “ St. John's “ “ “	8 00
“ “	“ “ “ Indian Aid Society.....	12 00
Oct. 1,	“ “ “ Special donation.....	13 80
“ “	“ “ “ St. John's Church for circulars.....	20 00



April, By cash for Mr. and Mrs. Fair's expenses.....	\$10 00
1879.	
May 23, Collection at annual meeting.....	41 00
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	\$107 80

May 23, 1879. Balance on hand, \$33.52.

The Executive Committee voted to appropriate \$15.96 to cancel the amount due upon the mortgage fund, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$17.56.

E. ANDREWS,

*Treasurer.*

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## FOREIGN COMMITTEE REPORT.

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In the Foreign Missionary Department the endowment of scholarships in the Chinese college was considered one of the most important works. An endowment of \$1,500 will furnish an income which will support one pupil always. The Auxiliaries in some of the larger dioceses have assumed the whole of one or more endowments. It was proposed by Miss Emery that the smaller dioceses should unite in raising the money for one scholarship. On this plan, the portion assigned to the Rhode Island Branch was \$100 for two years. The first one hundred dollars was contributed and sent to Miss Emery on the 8th of February, and we have a little on hand for next year. We also proposed to raise two scholarships (by the annual payment of \$25 for each) for the support of pupils at Cape Mount, Africa, where Bishop Penick has just established a school, from which he hopes great good will result. The money for these scholarships for this year has been received and sent. With one exception, *all* that has been received for the China college, and the larger part of what has been given for the African scholarships, was contributed by the parishes in Providence.

It is very much to be desired that the parishes in other towns should take part in this work. For the ensuing year, we wish again to give one hundred dollars to the China college, fifty dollars for the two African scholarships, and six hundred and fifty dollars for the support of Miss Eddy in Japan. We also propose to send a box to Bishop Penick in Africa, containing cloth and various useful articles which will aid him much in his work. A list of the things required has been sent to each Parish Secretary; and it is suggested that this should be our summer work, that the box may be filled before our next meeting. No garments are required. We hope that the interesting missionary services recently held in this city, and the visits of Rev. Mr. Fair and Mrs. Fair of Africa, and of Miss Nelson of China, have awakened renewed interest in the cause of Foreign Missions.

EMILY WATERMAN,

*Secretary.*

## MEXICAN REPORT.

The sums received this year for the work of the Church in Mexico are as follows:—

From All Saints' Memorial Church.....	\$94 62
“ St. John's Church.....	194 00
“ the Church of the Saviour.....	10 00
“ Boys' Bible Class in Grace Church Sunday School.....	8 00
“ a legacy.....	25 00
“ St. Paul's, Pawtucket.....	20 00
“ St. Michael's, Bristol.....	5 00
“ All Saints', Pontiac.....	5 00
“ an entertainment on Feb. 22d.....	313 46
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Dr. Riley visited us two weeks since, and told of good progress in the work. The great Cathedral of St. Francis



has been finished, and a daily service is held there. There are in all fifty-three organized congregations, with three thousand communicants—the clergy working with great fidelity. The Seminary has sixteen theological students; there are five hundred children in the Orphanage and day schools. The President of the Republic has subscribed \$10 annually. In the country especially the Romanists still continue their persecutions. While the little Church is desperately cramped for means, other Protestant bodies are making efforts to encroach upon our field. It is considered a sign for encouragement that the Romanists are placing upon their church doors placards warning and threatening the people against taking any interest in these labors. Miss Hamilton writes concerning Mr. Valdespino: "A consultation of physicians, held on the 9th inst., pronounced the polypus a minor matter, but not susceptible of treatment, by reason of a grave state of the bronchial tubes and lungs. I do not know exactly what the growth is, but possibly an aneurism which is beyond human skill, and must, in the opinion of ten or twelve able surgeons, result in death. When this painful annunciation was made to Mr. Valdespino, he bore it with Christian fortitude and submission, saying only, 'It is the Lord's will.' He expressed a most earnest desire to return to Mexico at once and devote the brief remnant of his days to the service of the Master and the infant Church. Having been specially commended to the care of the League by the General Synod of the Church in Mexico, we at once informed the Foreign Committee, and at their meeting on the 13th inst. the League was requested to make arrangements for the immediate departure of our Mexican brother and family. This was done at once, and they left us on the steamer of the 17th inst. A farewell communion service was held at St. Luke's Hospital, and Mr. Valdespino said a few parting words, beautiful for their simplicity and pathos. He asked for our prayers, and expressed the hope that as we would meet no more on earth we might be reunited in the Heavenly Kingdom."

A. E. TYNG,

*Secretary.*

## DOMESTIC REPORT.

The first work taken up after our last annual meeting in behalf of Domestic Missions was the preparing of a Christmas box; that was sent to St. Mark's School, Salt Lake City. Nine parishes sent nice packages for this purpose; valuation of the box, \$111.21. In this box was sent two suits of clothes from All Saints' Memorial Church for two promising boys — once Mormons — that are now in St. Mark's School, studying with reference to Holy Orders. Mrs. Tuttle writes in acknowledgment: "I wish I could make you and all the loving workers who helped to prepare that box fully understand how thankful we are for it, and how much good it will do us. I think dear little children have gathered their own toys, which their own dear hands have played with, and have sent them here to make a bright Christmas for these children of the mountains, whose knowledge of Christmas has all been taught them by our Church since Bishop Tuttle began his work here. Am I not right in thinking that the gifts came in this way — the fruits of the self-denial of the children? We thank you all for your box, and assure you that your help will be of great service to us at this Christmas-time, when we are all feeling very poor. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in prepaying the freight charges." Early in October some orders were taken for missionary boxes, and the result of work in that direction has been the sending of four boxes by St. John's Church, Providence, six boxes by Grace Church, one by St. Stephen's, two by All Saints' Memorial Church, one by St. Luke's, East Greenwich, and one by Christ Church, Westerly. At Epiphany, when the Church calls particularly on her children to remember them "that sit in darkness and the shadow of death," an appeal was sent to many of the parishes for contributions of clothing, hospital stores, etc., for distribution to some of the very poor in Bishop Tuttle's jurisdiction. It met with a hearty response, and after filling one large box and sending it on its way, we had enough on hand to fill a larger one. There was some delay in sending the second box, owing to the difficulty of raising money to pay



the freight. In a letter from Mrs. Tuttle, dated May 13th, after receiving the first box and not knowing that another was in store for them, she says: "The welcome box has arrived safe and with all charges prepaid. Mrs. Miller and I have unpacked it and stored away its contents for use as we need them — at the hospital — among our school children, and for our Mother Baskets. The box was a very useful one, and we desire our warmest thanks to all who assisted in its preparation. They can never know how much comfort this labor of love will bring to needy and suffering and laboring ones, to whom such help comes as a benediction. The Bishop left home this morning for his long journey through Montana. He will not be home with us again until the 26th of September. I am stunned and stupid to-day, and am wearily trying to gather up the threads of my new life and new responsibilities, which these departures always bring me. I cannot write you the letter which your box deserves." Total number of boxes, 18; value, \$1,825.46. May another year show still more accomplished, and all for the love of Christ, "Who hath so loved us." Surely we are learning that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

HARRIET N. VAUGHAN,

*Secretary.*

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## FREEDMAN REPORT.

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In January last we received through Miss Emery a letter from the Rev. Mr. La Roche of St. Mark's Church, Charleston, S. C., asking aid in behalf of the Freedmen of that city. Notices were sent to the different churches in the diocese, and in response to this appeal we received donations in clothing from eight of the parishes, with \$5 from St. Nicholas, Bristol, and \$3 from Grace Church, Providence. A box was sent, April 30th, valued at \$95, and containing 332 articles, most of which were for distribution among the Freedmen; a few for the clergyman and his family. The money was expended in purchasing

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cloth for garments for the latter and defraying expense of freight. A note of acknowledgment has been received, thanking us for our timely aid. It has gladdened many a Freedman's heart, for they are as grateful as they are needy. I trust that we may not tire of doing good in this branch of our missionary work.

M. E. STINESS,

*Secretary.*

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## DIOCESAN REPORT.

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The report of diocesan work at the close of the first year of our Auxiliary organization can scarcely be more than a recapitulation of the quarterly reports rendered in October and January last; yet, in a general retrospect of the past twelve months, we feel that we have much cause for thankfulness and encouragement, not only in what has been accomplished, but, also, in the increased and increasing interest manifested in what we desire to do. One evidence of this interest comes to us from several sources in the form of earnest solicitations that our quarterly meetings should be held at different points in the diocese from time to time, with the promise of a cordial welcome and a deeper interest in our work. Another, is the response we have received in some form, from several parishes outside the city limits, to the appeals of our circular letter issued in November last, showing a better understanding of our cause and a desire to co-operate according to their ability. A third, and more convincing, proof may be found, perhaps, in summing up the amount of material and money that has been received and disbursed through this department alone. To several of our Mission stations, such as Pleasant View, South Providence and Manville, packages for general distribution among the needy of those parishes have been sent from several of our city churches, containing upwards of 450 garments, valued at fully \$200. One missionary box has also been sent, valued at \$150. One hundred and sixty-



nine garments from the Young People's Society of Grace Church, and \$35.65 from the same parish have been given to the Orphanage. During the year there has been contributed to the Mission Aid Fund—better known, perhaps, as the penny-a-week collection—\$46.38. This fund has now 91 subscribers, of which 35 are in St. John's Church, Providence, 25 in St. Stephen's, 24 in All Saints' Memorial, 20 in Grace Church, 6 in St. James', Woonsocket, and 1 in All Saints', Pontiac. It is again earnestly urged upon each parish secretary to do what she can toward increasing subscribers to this fund. The small sum of fifty-two cents a year comes within the possibility of so many of moderate means, who now feel that they can do nothing because not able to give more largely, that we feel persuaded that attention once called to the subject would meet with a prompt and cheerful response in nearly every case, as we have already had abundant testimony, and thus hundreds of dollars might be raised among our own people for our home work, with little effort and no burdensome oppression. Special contributions for other diocesan purposes amount to \$66.02. It will be seen, therefore, that aside from the supply of garments, we have received in cash \$148.05, from which amount we have furnished to St. Andrews' Mission, Phenix, 58 prayer-books and 50 hymnals, and to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pleasant View, 75 hymnals; and, also, 18 straw hats for the children of the Sunday School. Seventy-five dollars has also been paid on the mortgage held upon the church at Pleasant View, and \$34.25 given to the Mission at Greenville.

Through the active and earnest efforts of a lady in Grace Church, \$221 has been collected toward reducing the debt on St. George's, Central Falls. This amount was supplemented by \$100, pledged in the parish itself, so that at the close of April the mortgage was reduced from \$6,000 to \$5,700, and the heavy burden they carry was proportionately lightened.

At the last session of our General Assembly an act of incorporation was obtained for St. Mary's Orphanage, East Providence, and the following gentlemen were appointed trustees, viz.: The Bishop of the Diocese, Rev. D. H. Greer, Rev. J. W. Colwell, Rev. G. J. Magill, Hon.

J. H. Stiness and Hon. W. W. Blodgett. By those most nearly interested in the Orphanage it is hoped the trustees will take active steps, at once, in establishing it upon a sound and strong foundation, that the diocese may thereby be encouraged to give it a ready support. Eleven children are now sheltered therein, and the matron having sole charge of the home as well as the parish school, numbering thirty-four pupils, finds her time and strength greatly taxed. The supply of "daily bread" constitutes the chief part of the mental strain, but when it is known that at an average of fifty cents per day she engages to furnish the household with abundant and wholesome dinner, it would seem that relief might be regular and constant. Any contributions in money or provisions to this object will be most gratefully received.

Since our last annual meeting the chapel at Cumberland Hill has been reopened for services by the Rev. Mr. Hague of Emanuel Church, Manville, with an average attendance of about forty persons. A Sunday School has been gathered, which, under a most efficient superintendent, is doing an excellent work. Fruits of the missionary's labors already begin to appear. Two candidates await confirmation, and there is an evident deepening of spiritual life in the community at large. Unfortunately a debt of \$140 prevents the consecration of the chapel.

At Manville our church is the only Protestant church in the village, but the congregation is small, and the opportunity for church work limited on account of the population being largely composed of French Canadians. These, of course, are Roman Catholics. Mr. Hague regretted to find much ignorance and indifference in religious matters among the American residents, but sees evidence of an awakening which we trust will result in renewed spiritual life.

About one mile and a half from Manville is the village of Albion, with a population of about one thousand. Of this Mr. Hague says: "For years there has been no service held there excepting a Roman Catholic mass once a month. Lawlessness and sin were naturally on the increase in the community, and this condition of things weighed so heavily on my mind that I determined to see what could be done for its improvement. After a few



slight discouragements services were begun in the old school house, kindly loaned by the Superintendent of the Albion Co. The result has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of all concerned. The services are held on Thursday evenings and the attendance has averaged nearly fifty in the face of many stormy nights." Not being familiar with the church, the people had to be taught the service from Mission leaflets, but now they respond heartily and take great interest. A Sunday School has been started and a number of library books belonging to the Methodist Sunday School held there many years ago have been appropriated to this, as also an organ. He adds, "I believe much may be done here by the grace of God for the furtherance of His kingdom." The stations with which we are more familiar and which have been mentioned in other connections are in their usual state of active development. St. Peter's, Manton and St. Thomas', Greenville, are to be combined under the charge of one clergyman at no distant day. St. Phillip's Mission at Valley Falls has been adopted as a station by the Diocesan Board with a stipend of \$100, a like amount being pledged from the mission itself. The new church of St. Matthew's, Jamestown, will be built the coming season. May we not indeed thank God and take courage?

*L. L. Andrews. Sec.*

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*Domestic Work*—Miss HARRIET N. VAUGHN, 37 South Angell St., Providence.

*Indian Work*—Mrs. SUSAN CROUCH, 51 George St., Prov.

*Freedmen Work*—Mrs. JOHN H. STINESS, 9 Halsey St., Prov.

*Diocesan Work*—Miss CORNELIA L. ANDREWS, 61 Washing-  
St., Providence.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES,

*St. John's*—Mrs. GEORGE SPARHAWK, Ashton.

*St. Michael's*—Miss ANNA B. MANCHESTER, Bristol.

*Trinity*—Mrs. JAMES D. W. PERRY, Bristol.

*St. John's*—Miss SOPHIA TILLINGHAST, Nayatt. (Barrington.)

*Calvary*—Mrs. MARY E. WHITE, Burrillville.

*St. George's*—Mrs. P. M. Pyne, Central Falls.

*St. Bartholomew's*—Mrs. ALFRED SMITH, Cranston.

*St. Philip's*—Mrs. ELIZABETH COCROFT, Crompton.

——— Mrs. WILLIAM WATERMAN, Cumberland Hill.

*St. Luke's*—Miss ELEN E. ELDRIDGE, East Greenwich.

*St. Thomas'*—Mrs. JOSEPH ESTES, Greenville.

*St. Matthew's*————— Jamestown.



- Christ*—Mrs. E. M. PORTER, Lonsdale.  
*St. Peter's*—Miss PHEBE BROWN, Manton.  
*Emmanuel*—Mrs. E. B. BUXTON, Manville.  
*Holy Cross*—Miss SUSAN MANCHESTER, Middletown.  
*Emmanuel*—Miss MARY L. HOWLAND, Newport. (Box 614.)  
*Trinity*— ———, Newport.  
*Zion*—Mrs. MARSHALL STEDMAN, Pelham St., Newport.  
*St. Paul's*—Miss ELIZA F. WEEDEN, Pawtucket.  
*Trinity*—Mrs. C. B. FARNSWORTH, Pawtucket. (92 Canal St., Providence.)  
*Church of Good Shepherd*—Miss EASTWOOD, Pawtucket.  
*North St. Paul's*—Mrs. ABBY S. SISSON, Portsmouth.  
*St. Mary's*—Mrs. GEORGE R. CHACE, Portsmouth. (Box 122, Newport.)  
*All Saints'*—Mrs. J. E. LINDHOLM, Pontiac.  
*St. Andrew's*—Miss SOPHIE SNOW, Phenix.  
*St. John's*—Mrs. J. H. MARTIN, 59 Westminster St., Prov.  
*Grace*—Miss E. ANDREWS, 12 Green St., Providence.  
*St. Stephens'*—Miss C. PEARCE, 43 George St., Providence.  
*All Saints, Memorial*—Miss E. A. HOPPIN, 126 Fountain St., Providence.  
*Church of the Messiah*—Mrs. S. B. ANTHONY, Providence. (Olneyville.)  
*Church of the Saviour*—Mrs. CHRISTINE HOOD, Cook St., Prov.  
*Church of the Redeemer*—Mrs. C. WHEELER, 166 Prospect St., Providence.  
*Christ*—Mrs. SAMUEL H. WEBB, Burnside St., Providence.  
*St. James'*—Miss MARIA BASSETT, 70 Elm St., Providence.  
*St. Gabriel's*—Mrs LEVI E. SALISBURY, 103 Smith St., Prov.  
*St. Thomas'*—Miss M. FISHER Prov. (Box 9, Wanskuck.)  
*Church of the Epiphany*—Miss J. E. KNIGHT, 157 Greenwich St., Providence.  
*St. Mary's*—Miss MARY ARMSTRONG, (care Rev. D. I. Odell, Watchemoket), Providence.  
*Church of the Ascension*—Miss JENNIE ROBINSON, Wakefield.  
*St. Mark's*—Mrs. CHARLES HANDY, Warren.  
*Christ*—Miss MARY SMITH, Elm St., Westerly.  
*St. Paul's*—Mrs. WILLIAM A. SHAW, Wickford.  
*St. James'*—Miss E. L. ROBINSON, Woonsocket.

CHURCHES.	Jaffa.	China.	Africa.	Mexico.	Indian.	Freedmen.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Orphanage.	Auxiliary Boxes.	Parish Boxes.	Diocesan Boxes.	Parish Expenses.	Total.
St. John's, Providence.....	\$25 00	\$30 00	\$5 00	\$219 00	\$223 25	\$29 80	\$56 67	.....	.....	\$77 64	\$603 72	\$58 15	.....	\$1,328 23
Grace, Providence.....		50 00	15 00	.....	46 00	3 00	43 97	\$5 00	\$35 15	105 00	505 57	203 36	.....	1,012 05
All Saints' Memorial, Prov.....		7 00	.....	78 32	77 98	.....	15 25	2 75	.....	49 00	40 00	95 00	.....	365 30
St. Stephen's, Providence.....		5 00	5 00	.....	41 00	15 00	13 00	.....	15 00	50 00	150 00	20 00	.....	314 00
Church of the Saviour, Prov.....		.....	.....	10 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Church of the Redeemer, Prov.....		.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 07	2 00
Church of the Messiah, Prov.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	2 00	.....	.....	.....	200 000	352 07
Church of the Epiphany, Prov.....		3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	205 75
St. Michael's, Bristol.....		5 00	5 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	.....	125 00	.....	.....	162 00
Christ, Westerly.....		.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	.....	.....	155 00
St. Paul's, Pawtucket.....		.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	40 00	105 00	.....	.....	169 00
All Saints', Pontiac.....		.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
St. Mark's, Warren.....		.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
St. James', Woonsocket.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Zion, Newport.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	45 00	.....	75 00
St. Paul's, Wickford.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	31 26	.....	.....	.....	32 01
St. Luke's, East Greenwich.....		.....	.....	.....	52 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85 00	.....	270 00	407 00
St. Paul's, North Portsmouth.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Entertainment, Feb. 22d.....		.....	.....	313 46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	313 46
Collected by a lady.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	221 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	221 50
From depository.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Special donation.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 80
Aux. coll. for Mr. & Mrs. Fair.....		.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00
Auxiliary collection at Diocesan meeting, May 23d.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64 50
Aux. coll. at Annual meeting.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 00
St. Thomas', Greenville.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	321 87	321 87
St. Andrew's, Phenix.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	319 23	319 23
St. Thomas', Wanskuck.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	562 00	562 00
St. Mary's, Watchemoket.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	172 00	172 00
	\$25 00	\$100 00	\$50 00	\$651 78	\$447 23	\$54 80	\$485 69	\$15 25	\$57 15	\$358 90	\$1,794 29	\$421 51	\$2,197 17	\$6,658 77



## SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# Indian Aid Society of Rhode Island.

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BEFORE beginning the story of this year's work, we would state that on May 23d of last year, about a month after the annual meeting, we sent to the Niobrara store-room the box which had been prepared for Rev. Mr. Hemans, of the Santee Mission. The death of Mr. Hemans left no one there to attend to the receipt of goods, and Miss Emery advised this disposal of the box.

The work to be recorded in this Sixth Annual Report was begun on the 3d of October, 1878. As we had several garments left over from last year, we were ready in a few weeks to pack a box, valued at \$60, for Mrs. Dingan at Crow Creek. This started November 25th, but, as navigation closed about that time, we have not yet heard of its arrival. We find that freight should be sent off as early as the 1st of November, as cold weather sets in early in those northwestern borders.

A letter from Rev. Mr. Gilfillan, of White Earth, incited us to work with much interest for two Indian deacons at Red Lake — Rev. John Coleman and Rev. Mark Hart. They have been recently married, have *very* small salaries, and commenced housekeeping with almost nothing. Remembering how much our own usefulness depends upon comfortable and cheerful surroundings, we have done what we could, with kind assistance from others, to give them a start in life. We sent a complete clerical suit to each of the men, and a dress to each of the women, besides other clothing and some housekeeping articles. We have just sent a large box to Mr. Gilfillan,

valued at \$125, the contents of which, after the articles intended for these two deacons are distributed, are to be used according to his own discretion.

In October we sent \$25 to the mission at Red Lake.

We have met, as usual, weekly — twenty-five days in all, five of which were very stormy, and the attendance then very small. The largest number meeting at any one time was fourteen. Two ladies have cut out one hundred and twenty-five garments. About one hundred garments have been finished, either at our weekly meetings or at home. We have had generous donations of clothing, materials for work, and money, and several valuable valuable second-hand garments, for all which help we here tender our grateful thanks. We wish also to express our thanks to the collectors of the annual subscriptions in the several parishes.

We have received in money \$446.23, variously appropriated, as the Treasurer's account will show.

We have reported our work at the quarterly meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary at Grace Church, Providence, at Phenix, and at Central Falls.

In February Bishop Hare came to Providence and spoke in Grace Church, hoping to interest a large number in the recital of work that had been accomplished under his charge; but the night was very stormy, only a few attended, and the offering we had hoped for was not solicited. We had dedicated it in our minds to the William Welsh Memorial Fund for building a cathedral at Yankton, Dakota. Early in the fall we were asked to unite with other Indian Aid Associations in contributing to this fund. The church is much needed, as the one they are using is too small to accommodate the number who would be glad to worship there. They will use it for school purposes as soon as a larger one can be built. We hoped to have raised \$100 as the Rhode Island contribution toward this fund, but the amount collected fell far short of that, and we made up the sum from the treasury.

We have received from St. Michael's, Bristol, a package valued at \$18.92; from St. Luke's, East Greenwich, \$52 for mission work under Bishop Hare; and from St. John's parish, Ashton, a box of patchwork nicely basted,



needles and thread, and nine garments made up; from Grace Church Employment Bureau, twenty-four garments valued at \$8; and from St. John's Sewing Society, fourteen garments valued at \$4.

Most of the letters from the West tell, in no boasting nor complaining spirit, of laborious tasks accomplished, and of much suffering in consequence of extreme cold; but there is no evidence of one of those brave men or women being weary of the work or despondent of the result. They ask for our help, our sympathy and our prayers, and if we do not respond their hands must fall.

We are of those who believe that missionary work among the Indians is not a failure, but is bearing blessed fruit and will yet bear more.

Archbishop French says: "There have been races, which, under the transforming influences . . . of the Gospel of Christ, have laid aside their inborn fierceness, but this without laying aside or losing the strength and energy of character, of which that fierceness had been the perverted utterance, races which have brought their energy with them into that new and higher sphere in which now they moved, and found room to exercise it there."

It is too much to hope that this may yet be true of the Indians? It may be long before it is true of them as a race, but that it has been wonderfully exemplified in many individual instances we know well. Those who have read of the conversion of the Indian chief, Isaac Tuttle, and of Little Pelican, will understand what we mean.

We earnestly desire that interest in this branch of missionary work may grow in our diocese. So sure we are that a heavy responsibility rests upon the Nation towards this much-abused race, and that God calls us to do our part in bringing them to Him.

E. A. PECKHAM,

*Secretary.*

TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK, 1879.

BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF THE  
Indian Aid Society of Rhode Island.

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OFFICERS.

PRESIDENTS.

Mrs. SUSAN CROUCH.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Miss SARAH W. ARNOLD,  
Miss ELEANOR S. TROTTER, Bristol.

SECRETARY.

Miss ELIZA A. PECKHAM.

TREASURER.

Miss MARY M. PAINE.

COLLECTORS.

Miss PAINE, Miss TAYLOR,  
Miss JENNIE BUCKLIN, Miss STEERE,  
Miss BASSETT.



## MANAGERS.

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### *All Saints' Memorial Church.*

MISS NEWTON,  
MISS S. R. STEERE.

### *Grace Church.*

MRS. CLIFTON A. HALL,  
MRS. GEO. W. PRENTICE.

### *St. John's Church.*

MISS. MARIA CORLISS,  
MISS JULIA RANDALL.

### *St. Stephen's Church.*

MRS. JAMES H. COGESSHALL,  
MISS EMMA H. COUCH.

### *Church of the Redeemer.*

MISS HARRIET BARNES,  
MISS MARY WHEELER.

### *Church of the Messiah.*

MRS. D. L. G. RICE.

### *Church of the Saviour.*

MISS CHRISTINE HOOD.

### *St. Gabriel's Church.*

MISS LEVI SALISBURY.

### *St. James' Church.*

MRS. W. D. W. SHEARMAN,  
MISS MARIA BASSETT.

### *St. Michael's Church, Bristol.*

MRS. ANDREW TROTTER,  
MRS. ANNA B. MANCHESTER.

### *St. Philip's Church, Crompton.*

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### *St. John's Parish, Ashton.*

MRS. GEO. SPARHAWK,  
MRS. RICHARD SWEET.

## DONATIONS.

- Mrs. Howard, Richmond, 24 new, finished garments, 2 comforters.  
 Mrs. James H. Coggeshall, 1 dress, 1 coat, and packages of gelatine,  
 corn starch, and arrowroot.  
 Mrs. Chesborough, 2 poloniases.  
 Miss Steere, dress and cloak, stockings, mittens, and picture-cards.  
 Miss Barnes, 4 garments.  
 Rev. Mr. Colwell, 22 yards cotton cloth, 2 coats and vest.  
 Mr. Ames, bundle of shoe-strings.  
 Grace Church Bureau of Relief, 24 garments valued at \$8.  
 St. John's Sewing Society, Providence, 14 garments, valued at \$4.  
 St. John's Parish, Ashton, 9 garments, box of patch-work, needles  
 and thread.  
 St. Michael's, Bristol, package of clothing and house-keeping  
 articles, valued at \$18.92.  
 Miss Corliss, 1 flannel dress.  
 Miss Keith, felt hat and other articles.

## 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 the 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 Associ-



ation 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.

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## BY-LAWS.

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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 meeting 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.

RHODE ISLAND INDIAN AID SOCIETY *in account with* MARY M. PAINE, *Treasurer, for the year*  
ending April 15, 1879.

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1878.	Balance from last year.....	\$54 77	1878.		
Oct. 3.	All Saints' Memorial Church.....	22 10	April.	Sent to Rev. R. C. Rogers, being part of the balance of an offering of a Sunday- school class of St. Stephen's Church.....	5 25
	Subscriptions from St. Stephen's Church.....	33 00		Freight on box to Yankton Agency.....	4 99
	Subscriptions from St. John's Church....	98 00	June.	Printing Annual Report.....	12 00
1879.			Oct.	Sent to Church at Red Lake, Minn., in charge of Rev. Fred Smith, Deacon.....	25 00
Jan. 30.	Offering from All Saints' Memorial Ch., for Indian Missions.....	37 26	Dec.	Freight on box to Cow Creek.....	3 38
April.	Subscriptions from Grace Church.....	40 00	1879.		
	From a member of Grace Church, for box sent to Red Lake.....	5 00	Feb.	Sent to Treasurer of Indian Department, offering from All Saints' Memorial Ch....	37 26
	All Saints' Memorial Church.....	12 62		Materials for work for the year.....	46 70
	St. Stephen's Church.....	3 00	April.	Articles for box sent to Red Lake.....	1 10
	Church of the Redeemer.....	2 00		Express charges on box.....	30
	St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich, for Missions under Bishop Hare.....	52 00		Paid freight on box to St. Paul.....	4 13
	From a member of the Society.....	25			
	From a member of St. John's Church....	100 00			\$140 11
	From members of St. Stephen's Church for Bishop Hare.....	5 00			
	FOR WILLIAM WELCH MEMORIAL FUND.				
1878.					
Dec.	From two members of St. John's Church.	25 00			
	From St. Michael's Church, Bristol.....	5 00			
1879.					
April.	From members of All Saints' Memorial Church.....	6 00			
	From a member of Grace Church.....	1 00			
		\$502 00			
		140 11			
Apr. 15.	Balance on hand.....	\$361 89			

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Miss Emery, General Secretary Woman's Auxiliary then addressed the meeting, giving very interesting information concerning the work of the church in different parts of the world, and suggesting that it would be well for each branch of the Auxiliary to assume the entire support of one woman missionary. The Rev. Mr. Greer Rector of Grace Church was invited to add a few words. He gave a most practical turn to Miss Emery's remarks by requesting the Rhode Island Branch to make provision then and there for the support of a lady, advising them to choose one to whom the largest salary is paid. Acting upon this suggestion, the Branch agreed to raise \$650 for the support of Miss Eddy in Japan. Two hundred dollars was pledged by Grace church, \$200 by St. John's Church, \$10 by the Church of the Saviour, \$10 by Christ Church, Westerly, and \$10 by St. John's Church, Barrington.

After the collects and Doxology the meeting adjourned for lunch. This was followed by a conference of the parish secretaries, who were earnestly requested by the President to use their effort to increase the number of subscribers to the Mission Aid Fund for the China College, the scholarships in Africa, the support of Miss Eddy, and above all to interest the ladies of their respective parishes in praying for this branch of the Church's work that God's blessing may rest upon it, that it may bring forth much fruit.

The meeting then adjourned to September, 1879.

*R. I. rept.*

THE  
RHODE ISLAND BRANCH  
OF THE  
Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

WITH the cordial approval of the Bishop of this diocese a society has been formed which hopes to include all the parishes in the diocese, and asks the co-operation of all the clergy. It does not propose to change the work of any parish, but by united and sympathetic action to increase the interest in and render more effective the missionary work of the Church. It is hoped by this union that the smaller parishes that are able to do but little may unite with the larger, or with each other in working; also that the larger parishes may learn the needs of the smaller and assist them if desired.

At a meeting called by the Bishop, February 8, 1878, the following Constitution was adopted and the officers appointed:—

CONSTITUTION.

This organization shall be called "The Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions."

Its object is to unite all the parishes in this diocese in the six branches of mission work, viz: Domestic, Diocesan, Foreign, Freedmen, Indian, Mexican.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer; also an Executive Committee of six ladies, who shall attend to the several branches of missionary work. This Board shall fill all vacancies that may occur in the offices between the annual meetings.

This Society shall hold an annual meeting in Providence in May, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, hearing the reports of the Parish secretaries, electing delegates to the general meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary and transacting all other business.

This Society shall also hold meetings at stated intervals in the different parishes for mutual intercourse and information. Each parish shall send delegates to the annual meeting, also a written report to the Secretary of the work done during the year.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the annual meeting, and to have a general knowledge of the work that is in progress. The Vice-President shall preside in her absence.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, send notices of the meetings and keep a record of them, keep an account of the work done by the women of the Diocese as reported by the Parish secretaries, and report this annually to the Secretary of the "Woman's Auxiliary" in New York.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all money sent to her for any branch of missionary work and for the expenses of the Society, and shall present a report at the annual meeting.

Seven persons shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and five at a Board meeting.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the persons present.