

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Rhode Island Branch
OF THE
WOMAN'S
Auxiliary to the Board of Missions
WITH THE
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OF
The Indian Aid Society
OF
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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, Feb. 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.

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THE third annual meeting of the Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Episcopal Church was held in the chapel of Grace Church, Providence, Tuesday, May 18, at 11 a. m.

The services commenced by saying the Nicene Creed and singing the hymn, "Come Holy Spirit," after which, prayers were said by the President, Mrs. Edward Carrington. At the roll-call, one hundred and thirty ladies responded, representing twenty-two parishes. There were also present the rectors of St. John's, Grace, All Saints' Memorial, St. Gabriel's, St. James', Church of the Saviour, Providence; Christ, Lonsdale; St. Pauls, Pawtucket; St. Mark's, Warren; St. Philip's, Crompton; the Rev. J. J. Enmegahbowh, an Indian Priest from the White Earth reservation, Minnesota, with his friend, Menogishig, a Chippewa Chief, and Miss Julia C. Emery, of New York, General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary. The reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee were then read and received, after which the officers for the coming year were elected. The Branch was then addressed by the Rev. Mr. Enmegahbowh, who gave a most interesting account of his work among his own people and the success which was attending his efforts to raise money among "the pale faces," to build

his church. After he had concluded his remarks, the Chief, Menogishig, spoke to the audience in his own language, the Rev. Mr. Enmegahbowh acting as interpreter. A collection was then taken for the Auxiliary amounting to \$38, and \$19 for Mr. Enmegahbowh—total, \$57. Miss Emery then spoke to the ladies about the general wants of the Board of Missions, relating some very interesting stories concerning the work among the Freedmen. After lunch, a short time was devoted to more informal remarks regarding the work in this Diocese, after which the meeting adjourned.

The Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has held three meetings since the annual meeting of May 23, 1879. At that time there were ninety-three ladies present, representing twenty-four parishes. The officers of the previous year were re-elected and two Vice-Presidents added to their number. Miss Emery, of New York, and the Rev. D. H. Greer, of Providence, made the addresses. At this meeting the Branch increased its work, by promising to raise six hundred and fifty dollars for the support of Miss Eddy in Japan.

The next meeting was held in Emmanuel Church, Newport, September 10, 1879. One hundred and seventy-five ladies present. Addresses were made by Bishop Clark, of this diocese, Bishop Riley of Mexico, Rev. Dr. Henry Potter, of New York, and the Rev. R. Peet, rector of the parish.

At the request of the Rev. Mr. Hewlett, rector of the Church of the Saviour, Providence, a special meeting was held in that church. Owing to the storm, there were but forty-seven ladies present.

A quarterly meeting was held in the chapel of St. John's, Providence, January 23, 1880. One hundred and six ladies present, representing twenty-one parishes. Prayers were said by the rector, the Rev. C. A. L. Richards, and an address made by Dr. A. C. Bunn, missionary physician from Wuchang, China.

The Secretary would like to correct a misunderstanding, relating to the parish reports. Some of the secretaries have not sent in any statement of their work, thinking that their report should go to the Diocesan Convention through their rectors, which is undoubtedly very

proper. While the Auxiliary would be decidedly unwilling to do anything that would have the slightest appearance of interfering with the work of those who are set over us in the Lord, it would be a source of great comfort and encouragement to us, if we could know how much of the missionary work of the church is done by the women of this diocese.

It would be a great help to the Executive Committee, if the parish secretaries would send the *value* with the list of their donations of garments. It is a very delicate matter for us to set the value of others' gifts.

There are a few parishes in the diocese who do not exactly understand the working of the Auxiliary, and there are some of the smaller parishes that have never sent delegates to our meetings. We should be very glad to have them all co-operate with us, and the Executive Committee will, at any time when desired, send some of their number to meet those ladies who desire information regarding this work.

NANCY A. GREENE,

Secretary.

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CHURCHES.

	Japan.	China.	Africa.	Mexico.	Indians.	Freedmen.	Diocesan.	Diocesan Boxes.	Domestic Boxes.	Sister Eliza.	Jaffa.	Total.
St. Michael's, Bristol.....	\$5 00		\$5 00	\$7 00		\$5 00	\$15 00	\$11 00	\$167 00			\$215 00
St. John's, Barrington.....	10 00						3 90					10 00
St. Philip's, Crompton.....	4 00				\$1 25							9 15
St. Luke's, East Greenwich.....			3 00									3 00
Christ, Lonsdale.....	22 00	\$40 00		225 00		15 00			240 00			62 00
Emmanuel, Newport.....												480 00
St. Peter's by the Sea, Narragansett Pier.....			5 00									5 00
St. Paul's, Pawtucket.....	2 00				1 00		5 11					8 11
All Saints', Pontiac.....					2 00		2 00					4 00
St. Andrew's, Phenix.....							3 39					3 39
St. John's, Providence.....	200 00	41 00	14 00	169 00	220 00		44 29	175 00	244 00		\$25 00	1,132 29
Grace, Providence.....	200 00	41 00	20 00	52 15	59 00	3 00	40 23	157 55	221 00			794 43
St. Stephen's, Providence.....	36 00				52 30		28 55	35 00	257 75			409 60
All Saints' Memorial, Providence.....	15 60	3 00	1 00	43 27	37 34		32 11	7 00	208 00	\$12 00		358 72
Church of the Saviour, Prov.....	15 00			2 00	2 00		1 05					20 05
Church of the Redeemer, Prov.....	6 00					1 00	3 50	5 23				15 73
St. James', Providence.....	3 00		50									3 50
Auxiliary Collection.....	34 00			160 00	21 00							215 00
St. Mary's, East Providence.....										5 00		5 00
St. Thomas', Wanskuck.....	23 00		3 00				10 00					10 00
Christ, Westerly.....								30 00				56 00
St. Mark's, Warren.....				\$22 00								22 00
	\$575 00	\$125 00	\$54 00	\$680 42	\$394 89	\$26 50	\$190 86	\$415 55	\$1,337 75	\$17 00	\$25 00	\$3,839 97

E. ANDREWS, Treasurer.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee for Foreign Missions is happy to report a more general interest and larger contributions than in the previous year.

Our first effort was to complete our part of the endowment fund for the scholarship in St. John's college, China.

The \$100 required was sent December 19, 1879, and was contributed by: Christ Church, Lonsdale, \$40; Grace Church, Providence, \$41; St. John's Church, Providence, \$16; All Saints' Church, Providence, \$3.

For the Elizabeth Bunn Memorial Hospital, Wuchang, China, \$25 was contributed by a lady of St. John's Church, Providence.

The box for the African Mission, at Cape Mount, was sent to Bishop Penick, December 18, 1879. Its contents, which we had been so long collecting, were pieces of bed-ticking, cotton cloth, jean and cheviots, slates, screws, etc., valued at about \$60; contributed chiefly by St. John's, All Saints', and Grace churches, aided by donations from St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich, and Christ Church, Westerly. For Cape Palmas, \$1 was sent.

The annual payment of \$25 for our first African scholarship was made January 21st, the full amount for the second was secured to-day. The contributions are from Christ Church, Westerly; St. Michael's, Bristol; St. Peter's, Narragansett Pier; Church of the Saviour, Grace Church, St. John's and St. James', Providence.

From this Mission, which was begun less than three years ago, are reports of the most encouraging progress. Dwelling-houses and school-houses have been erected, a large portion of land cleared and planted, and over eighty children are receiving the benefits of Christian instruction.

During the year twenty-five dollars have been sent for a scholarship in the mission school at Jaffa.

Our greatest difficulty has been in securing the \$575, pledged by the Auxiliary for the salary of Miss Eddy, in Japan, but we are happy to report that the whole amount is at last received.

For this object the contributions are from

Providence, St. John's Church	\$200 00
" Grace Church.	200 00
" St. Stephen's Church.	36 00
" All Saints' Church.	15 00
" Church of the Saviour	15 00
" Church of the Redeemer	6 00
" St. James' Church.	3 00
Westerly, Christ Church	23 00
Lonsdale, Christ "	22 00
Barrington, St. John's.	10 00
Bristol, St. Michael's	5 00
Crompton, St. Philip's	4 00
Pawtucket, St. Paul's	2 00
Collection.	34 00

Four of Miss Eddy's pupils have presented themselves for baptism. The missionaries in Japan represent most emphatically that the present time will decide whether the Japanese will be a heathen, an infidel, or a Christian people. They have lost faith in their own religion and are prepared to receive the Gospel, and it would seem to be a privilege to do all that is possible toward winning that nation to the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

For the coming year we wish to pay \$50 for our two scholarships in Africa and as large a sum as possible for Japan.

E. WATERMAN,
Committee for Foreign Missions.

FREEDMEN'S WORK.

In regard to the work of the Auxiliary in this department there is cause to feel encouraged, as we have been able to accomplish more in the past year than in any before. Owing to the interest created at the autumn meeting which was held at Newport, we received

\$15 from Emmanuel Church of that city, which is the largest amount that has ever been contributed for this branch of the work; also \$5 from St. Michael's, Bristol; \$3 from Grace Church, Providence, and \$3.50 from Church of the Redeemer, Providence.

In December last we sent a Christmas box to the Rev. Mr. Benton, Fayetteville, N. C., valued at \$35. It consisted mostly of books and toys, and was contributed by several different parishes of the diocese. We received in acknowledgment thanks, both from the rector and superintendent, and an account of the festival given at that time. In March we contributed \$5 toward the support of David A. Webb, a teacher in the mission school for colored people at Ivy Cliff, Halifax County, Va., Mr. Webb is the son of the former secretary of the Freedmen's Commission, who is voluntarily engaged in an interesting and self-denying work. All of the readers of the *Spirit of Missions* and the *Churchman*, have become familiar with the interesting work of the unique Sunday school, Jackson, Miss., in charge of the Rev. Mr. Tucker. Last month we sent out a box to that mission, containing 225 articles, valued at about \$60. This also was the contribution of several parishes. A few weeks ago we sent a box, valued at \$50, to Mr. Ransom, of Charleston, S. C., who is superintendent of the Sunday school of a Mission Chapel in charge of the Rev. Mr. Jackson. This department of the work of the Auxiliary has never excited much enthusiasm. We have had no teacher or missionary with us at any meeting, to tell us of personal experiences or enlist our sympathy, and it has been by persistently laying it before the people that we have been able to accomplish the little we have done. Let us hope that in the coming year, we shall meet with favorable responses from the churches, when we shall have laid out future work in this department.

M. E. STINESS,

Committee, *Freedmen's Work*.

MEXICAN REPORT.

When the announcement was first made to the members of the Mexican League that Bishop Riley had left this country for a prolonged stay in Europe, a feeling of apprehension possessed the minds of many, lest, in the absence of its pioneer, with his burning zeal, untiring devotion, and soul-stirring narratives, interest in the Mexican cause might flag. It is most gratifying to learn from the recent annual report of the general secretary that the parting message of the absent husbandman, "Occupy till I come," has found an echo in multitudes of generous hearts. Our own little diocese bears witness that the seeds of interest in this work here sown have fallen in the soil of willing, responsive minds. Since our last annual meeting we have received for general work in Mexico,

From Grace Church, Providence.....	\$45	15
" St. John's, Providence	169	00
" St. Michael's, Bristol.....		7 00
" St. Mark's, Warren.....		22 00
" Emmanuel, Newport.....		25 00
" Misses Rhinland.....		200 00
" All Saints', Providence.....		43 27
" little boy, Grace Church Sunday school		7 00
" little Earl.....		2 00
" members of the Auxiliary for scholarships.	160	00

		\$680 42

Bishop Riley, when last with us, especially desired that as a diocese we should, in our work, keep before us the education of the young in the schools and orphanages of Mexico, particularly the orphanages, those homes of children whose parents, in many instances martyrs both in will and deed, joyfully laid down their lives for the Master's cause, committing their little ones confidently to the care of the Holy Mother, the Church of Christ. Perhaps we may be pardoned for introducing here one little instance of the many which might be cited, as evidences of the comfort to the dying parents the thought of the orphanages gave, leaving their children, else, as they surely would have done, as

lambs, a ready prey for waiting wolves to devour. When about to repair one of the rescued churches, contracts for such repairs were given out, the successful candidate was a recent convert. Ere the building was quite completed, news came to Dr. Riley, that the brave workman, who wrought untiringly (inspired by love and gratitude to Him), who, in the mid-day of life, had, like St. Paul, been "turned from the power of satan unto God,"—this brave man had fallen from the church spire and was hopelessly crushed. Full of emotion, Dr. Riley hastened to his side, there to see a face transfigured, despite the frightful wounds, by the expression of "the peace which passeth all understanding," as the dying man exultingly confessed the Faith, then pointing to his little daughter, said, "O, I can leave my child in the loving keeping of the Church of Jesus." Subsequently, the Bishop learned that the poor workman, in his zeal to render loving service to Him who had "brought him out of darkness into light," had placed his estimate so low, that in order to fulfill his contract, he had denied himself the food necessary to sustain him, and thus being weakened had become giddy, lost his footing, and fallen from the church spire. The native characteristics of the Mexican people, so passionate and warm-hearted, and so courageous when controlled by Christian principle, and guided by God's spirit, will doubtless make zealous workers for the Master's cause, while their earnestness and natural eloquence will render them very powerful defenders of the Faith. It is a great pleasure to record that four scholarships for the orphanage have already been pledged — one from a loving parent in memory of her own little one now in Paradise — a second from a young mother, grateful for the health and happiness of two little ones — a third from the children of St. Michael's Church, Bristol, and the fourth by different members of the Auxiliary, this last to be known as the Auxiliary scholarship. Are there not members of different parishes in this diocese, who would willingly contribute during the coming year, each some small sum towards the forming of a fifth, to be called the scholarship of the diocese of Rhode Island?

MRS. S. S. KEENE,

Committee for Mexican Work.

Read and Circulate.

While we have time, let us do good unto all men; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith.—*GAL : vi. 10.*

To the Women of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Rhode Island :—

The annual meeting of the Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held in May, 1880, and there is much work to be done before that time; therefore the Executive Committee make this appeal to you, hoping that you will help them in redeeming their pledges.

Since the last May meeting the Foreign Department has sent a box of goods to Africa, and \$100 to Miss Emery, for the China College, and \$25 for an African scholarship. We are pledged for another \$25 for Africa, and \$575 for the support of Miss Eddy in Japan. Of this latter, all has been promised with the exception of \$90. There is nothing pledged for the second African scholarship.

The Indian Aid Society are filling a box, to be sent to St. Paul's Boarding-School for Boys, at Yankton, and will be glad to receive donations of bedding, towels, soap, table-linen, handkerchiefs, and clothing of all sizes—second-hand clothing if in good order.

The Domestic Committee propose sending a box of clothing for men, women, and children, of all sizes, to Bishop Spaulding, of Colorado.

The Mexican League needs money for scholarships and the various calls incident to the work in Mexico.

The Freedmen Committee are desirous of sending a box to some point in the South, to be designated by Miss Emery.

The Committee for Diocesan Work urges the secretaries of the different parishes to bring the penny-a-week collections to the notice of all the ladies in their respective churches. We are receiving appeals from the mission stations in this diocese for help, and we cannot furnish it unless you fill our hands.

Will you think of these things and give as you are able? "If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity."

Contributions of money may be sent to the Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Andrews, 12 Greene St., Providence.

Any parish desiring to contribute garments, are requested to write to the Secretary, Miss N. A. Greene, 19 High St., Providence.

In behalf of the Executive Committee,

N. A. GREENE,

Secretary.

FEBRUARY 9, 1880.

DIOCESAN REPORT.

At the close of another year we find the mission work of the diocese still actively progressing and faithfully carried on at the several stations, now become somewhat familiar to us. Changes have taken place among the missionaries in charge, but no station has been abandoned. We regret, however, to say that the Diocesan Board has felt necessitated to reduce the stipends allotted to several of the missionaries, ostensibly, in part, to prompt the missions to efforts against too long dependence, but presumably, in a far greater degree, because of the difficulty in obtaining the funds necessary to carry on the work. \$2,750 was appropriated last year for eleven stations, an average of \$250 each, and we understand that the Board is in arrears for this amount. Does any one suppose that \$2,750 is too much for the diocese of Rhode Island to raise for its own missionary purposes, or that among forty-three parishes it cannot be done, without being a burden upon any? Is not the deficiency rather owing to the want of realizing our individual responsibility as members of the Church of Christ, in doing and giving according to our strength for the spread of the Gospel? If we have a living faith and have "tasted that the Lord is gracious" and believe that "out of Christ, there is no salvation," shall we not be forward to do whatsoever in us lieth to bring the means of grace near to each soul, at least, within our own borders? May we not expect to be called to give an account of our stewardship?

It is gratifying to note that St. Bartholomew's Church, Cranston, has been again resumed by the Board as a mission station, as has also St. James', Providence, now under the Rev. W. F. B. Jackson, late of Philadelphia.

Rev. Arthur T. Parsons, from Danielsonville, Conn., has been in charge of St. George's, Central Falls, since the first of March. This parish is still struggling perseveringly with its burdensome debt, endeavoring each year to reduce it by \$1000. At last accounts, however, the one thousand for the year just closing had not been realized by some \$350. Any help towards this sum would be thankfully received.

The mortgage on the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pleasant View, Pawtucket, has been reduced \$10, since our last meeting, so that it now stands at \$1415.

St. Thomas', Greenville, has cleared itself of all indebtedness the past year, and will now devote its energies to securing a rectory, for which a lot has been given on condition that it be built upon within a certain time. Mr. Baggs still devotes himself to the interests of this parish.

The mission of St. Andrew's, Phenix, continues in charge of the Rev. Mr. Cocroft, of Crompton, who earnestly feels that it should be made, itself, a centre of operations, with a special missionary in charge, for the surrounding villages. Could a lot of land, centrally located, be generously given for the erection of a neat church edifice, for which there is a fund already accumulating, and a missionary appointed, the successful establishment of a permanent and self-supporting parish would be almost assured.

During the last two months, efforts have been made to raise the last \$100 of the debt on St. Mary's, Cumberland Hill, in order that it may be consecrated. The amount is not completed as yet; \$27 has been received and more pledged, and it is hoped that the whole will be obtained. The Rev. Mr. Hague, of Manville, still ministers here and gives, also, a week-day evening service at Albion.

Half way out upon the main road from Providence to Pawtucket there has been a Union Mission in successful operation for something over two years, but which, coming at length to feel the need of a leader and more definiteness of purpose, has recently been placed under the care of the Rev. Mr. Porter, of St. Paul's, Pawtucket. It has a Sunday school of 72 members and, with God's blessing, we hope to see it established upon strong and abiding foundations.

In October next, the Church of the Messiah, Olneyville, completes the twenty-fifth year of its organization, and earnest efforts are making to cancel, against that date, an obligation of \$1,600, contracted seven years ago for extensive and necessary repairs, that the anniversary may be one of unalloyed joy and thanksgiving. The people of the parish are active and persevering workers, but their resources are limited, and if members of the

church at large will come to their assistance during the next few months, the object of their hearts' desire may be attained. To facilitate the raising of the above sum, the amount has been divided into sixty-four shares of \$25 each, thirty-seven of which have been assumed by members of the parish.

The receipts for diocesan work, in money and garments, for the year, so far as reported, are as follows:—

St. John's for Christmas tree at Phenix.....	\$3 00
Grace Church, " " "	3 00
St. John's for Central Falls.....	13 00
St. John's for Pleasant View.....	10 00
St. John's for Cumberland Hill.....	25 00
Grace Church for " "	2 00
St. Michael's, Bristol, for Pleasant View	5 00

FOR THE ORPHANAGE.

St. Stephen's	\$19	00
Grace Church	6	58
All Saints', Providence	5	00
St. Michael's, Bristol	5	00
St. Philip's, Crompton	1	30
 Total of donations	\$97	88

BOXES.

Grace Church,	6 Diocesan Boxes, value	\$157	55
St. John's, Prov.,	1 " " " ..	125	00
St. John's,	3 packages, " ..	50	00
St. Michael's, Bristol,	1 " " ..	11	00
St. Stephen's, Prov.,	1 Box, " ..	35	00
Christ Church, Westerly,	1 " " ..	30	00
All Saints' Memorial,	1 package	7	00
St. Stephen's,	1 package, unvalued		
		<u>\$415</u>	<u>55</u>

Contributions to the Diocesan Mission Aid Fund in penny-a-week collections have been received from thirteen parishes, viz.:—

Grace Church,	Providence	\$33 65
St. John's,	"	21 24
All Saints' Memorial,	"	27 11
St. Stephen's,	"	9 55
Church of the Messiah,	"	8 04
Church of the Redeemer,	"	5 23
Church of the Saviour,	"	1 05
St. Thomas', Wanskuck	.....	10 00
St. Paul's, Pawtucket.	.....	3 59
St. Andrew's, Phenix.	.....	3 39
St. Philip's, Crompton	.....	2 60
St. Michael's, Bristol.	.....	5 00
All Saints', Pontiac.	.....	2 00

		\$132 45

Of this, \$8.22 was expended for children's hats for Miss Eastwood, in October; \$23.44 for prayer-books and hymnals for St. Thomas', Wanskuck; \$35 was sent to the Rev. Mr. Magill, for the new church at Jamestown, and \$16.24 was spent in purchases for the Orphanage, as requested by the donors; \$8.08 more for hats for Miss Eastwood: leaving a balance in the treasury of \$48.25.

GARMENTS FOR ORPHANAGE.

St. Stephen's	13
St. James', Woonsocket	24
Church of the Messiah	39

C. L. ANDREWS,

Committee for Diocesan Work.

DOMESTIC REPORT.

Active work in the Domestic Department of our Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary began late this year—owing in part to the extreme heat of October, and in part to urgent calls within our own diocese. Consequently we cannot report as great an advance as we had hoped for,

though much good has been done. Two missionary boxes have been sent by St. Johns' Church, four by Grace Church, two by St. Stephen's, two by All Saints' Memorial, one by the Church of the Saviour, Providence, one by Emmanuel Church, Newport, and one by St. Michael's, Bristol. One Auxiliary box has been sent to Bishop Spalding. This had been suggested several months ago, but contributions came in so slowly that we feared we must defer it until next season. A valuable box from Christ Church, Westerly, gave us new courage, and with the help of nice packages from St. James' Church, Woonsocket, St. Paul's, Portsmouth, Emmanuel Church, Newport, St. Luke's, East Greenwich, St. John's, Grace Church, St. Stephen's, the Church of the Redeemer, and the Church of the Messiah, Providence, a large and well-filled box was sent.

This ends our work for the year, but we would suggest that each parish should collect or make, during the summer months, articles suitable for Christmas boxes. Toys, books and clothing are all acceptable, and it is only by beginning early that the boxes can reach our western missionaries when they are most needed. Fourteen auxiliary boxes have been sent out during the past year; the value of eight of these was \$740. Owing to the absence of the lady who has the charge of this branch of the work we are unable to give the value of the other two boxes.

In acknowledgment of a Christmas box sent to a destitute Sunday school a lady writes, "I am more grateful than I can express for the aid it gives us in our war against ignorance and prejudice. On receipt of your box last year we opened a branch school in our settlement with twenty pupils; before Christmas it numbered eighty, and last Sunday it was crowded. I am preparing twelve children for baptism, their parents taking the step first, to be able to stand for the children. I would like, if I had time, to enumerate every article in the box and tell you where it is, and how every little heart to-day is rejoicing in the possession. Before leaving home for the Christmas tree I dressed three little girls in hats, sacques, and pretty little dresses." (Until then they had been wearing the white sun-bonnets made for them in the spring by this lady.)

"Our Christmas tree was the greatest triumph. The

thought of one hundred and forty children, expecting something and needing so much, had kept me awake nights, for it seemed as if nothing but an Aladdin's Lamp could supply us."

This is but a specimen of many letters we are receiving.

MRS. D. HENSHAW,

Domestic Committee, pro tem.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Indian Aid Society of Rhode Island.

THE Indian Aid Society reaches to-day its seventh anniversary. There has been no falling off in numbers, nor in the work yearly accomplished, nor apparently in the interest felt. Rather in all these respects there has been an increase, so let us take new courage, and still persevere.

It is no small pleasure to receive the assurance of those whom we have helped that we have clothed the shivering, added comforts to the sick, given pleasure to childish hearts, and drawn closer the ties that knit together the elect of God in one communion and fellowship.

On the eighteenth of last September, we began our weekly meetings, and on Oct. 27, sent our first box—value \$90, to Rev. Luke C. Walker, a native Indian missionary of the Lower Brûlé Agency, Dakota. Then we began to work for our old friend, Rev. Mr. Enmegahbowh, and in December his box was sent—value \$75. When this latter box was gratefully acknowledged, and the vivid picture presented to us of the suffering caused by the severity of the winter, it having been the coldest ever known in the northwest, we felt that our work in that direction was not complete. Laying aside for a time the work we had begun for S. Paul's School, Yankton, we hastened to dispatch another box to Enmegahbowh, which went from here Feb. 14—value \$135. Before that could reach its destination a letter from him, written from Chicago, was received, stating that with the urgent advice

of Bishop Whipple he had started for the East, to move the hearts of the "pale faces" to give him money to build a comfortable church for his people. Their zeal in attending divine service exceeds, by far, that of most of us *pale faces*.

Even old women are not deterred by insufficient clothing and miles of hard walking, often through the snow. And when the faithful pastor felt that it was not safe for them to thus expose themselves, especially as the church was very cold and uncomfortable, he told them the services must be discontinued for a while. The next Sunday morning, however, he heard the bell ringing at the usual hour, and going to the church he found it filled with people. So he can no more bid them stay away, and now he has left his home to solicit help from us of another race, but of the same faith, a faith which makes us all one in Christ Jesus. If he comes to this city let us not miss the opportunity of helping him according to our means. Let us so fulfill our duty to these poor and ignorant ones that

"These, too, that gather up the crumbs
May eat the children's bread."

We are now ready to send our fourth and last box for the year, to St. Paul's Boarding School for Boys, at Yankton,— value \$144.

Besides the money which the Treasurer reports, we have received many gifts of clothing, new and old, and valuable gifts of materials for cutting out work.

For these kindnesses we are indebted to individuals and to parishes, and they will please accept our thanks.*

As many as one hundred garments have been cut out in the Society and nearly all of them made up.

Our work for next fall is already assigned us, and if our forces are recruited there is no doubt but there will be enough for all to do.

In reading Bishop Hare's report of his work, in the December number of the *Spirit of Missions*, we find allusion to St. Mary's Church, Flandreau, which was finished a little more than a year ago, and since then regularly filled with happy and thankful worshipers every Sunday. This

* See page 25.

is the memorial of Mrs. Mary E. Hinman, to which we contributed in 1877.

It is interesting to know that the first gift toward the building fund was made by an Indian woman who presented a horse.

We may be pardoned for the pleasure with which we listen when Bishop Hare says "Each year adds to the admiring thankfulness with which I view the persistent interest, which month after month, through good report and evil report, the members of the church, and especially the women who have associated in behalf of Indian Missions, bestow upon our work."

It seems appropriate that the anniversary of a missionary society should occur at the close of a season in which we have been trying to learn anew the lesson of self-sacrifice. Having followed for a brief period the steps of our Master and listened to the story of what He did for us, are there no new desires awakened in us to do something for him?

What does He say to us?

"I in your care my brethren left,
Not willing ye should be bereft
Of waiting on your Lord.
The meanest offering ye can make —
A drop of water — for love's sake.
In Heaven, be sure, is stor'd."

E. A. PECKHAM, *Sec'y.*

MARCH 30, 1880.

NOTE. Among the contributions from parishes outside of this city, but connected with the Society, we mention a box of clothing from St. Paul's Church, Pawtucket, value \$15.50, and three packages from St. Michael's Church, Bristol, valued in all at \$42.

DONATIONS.

Mrs. Dr. Hartshorn, 1 piece of calico.

Mr. Herbert Richards, 43 yards calico and pieces for patchwork.

Mrs. Chaffee, 1 piece of delaine, 1 piece of calico.

Mrs. Howard Richmond, 6 dresses, 1 apron.

Miss Candace Allen, 5 yards gray flannel, 1 blanket, 1 calico wrapper, and several articles of underclothing, coat, vest, and pants.

Mrs. Edward A. Greene, large package of aprons and handkerchiefs.

Miss S. W. Arnold, Scripture cards.

Mrs. L. Dwight, hats, stockings, underclothing.

Miss Taylor, stockings.

Mrs. Metcalf, toys, note paper, and Christmas cards.

Miss E. Waterman, 1 dozen handkerchiefs and a variety of toys.

Mrs. J. Coggeshall, remnants of calico, various articles of clothing and books.

A friend, 2 flannel skirts.

All Saints' Memorial Church, flannel and calico, two coats, vest, and underclothing.

St. Stephen's Church, dress skirt, shoes, rubbers, etc.

Grace Church, 14 aprons, several articles of underclothing.

St. John's Church, 63 pillow cases, 17 sheets, 14 shirts, 8 night gowns, 1 woolen shawl, several undergarments.

Church of the Redeemer, 16 pillow cases, 16 cornucopias, package of envelopes, 1 dozen spools basting cotton, buttons, pins, ribbons, papers, etc.

Church of the Messiah, 1 package of various articles.

St. Paul's Church, Pawtucket, 1 box, value, \$15.50.

St. Michael's Church, Bristol, 3 packages of clothing, bedding and small wares value \$42.

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

March 30, 1880.

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1879.		
April 16.	Balance from last year.....	\$361 89
Sept. 11.	From a member of Grace Church.....	10 00
	Domestic Aid Society of St. Paul's Church, Pawtucket, for freight on box.....	1 00
Oct. 23.	Two members of Society, for box.....	2 00
	Two members of Society.....	2 50
Nov.	From a friend for Rev. J. J. Enmegah- bowh.....	5 00
1880.		
Jan.	Offering from All Saints' Memorial Church.....	17 91
Jan. 8.	From a member of Society, for box.....	2 00
Jan. 28.	A member of St. Stephen's Church.....	10 00
Jan.	A member of St. John's Church.....	10 00
Feb. 19.	Three members of Society for box.....	9 50
	Subscriptions from St. John's Church..	110 00
	Subscriptions from Grace Church.....	39 00
	Subscriptions from St. Stephen's Church	37 00
	Subscriptions from Church of the Re- deemer.....	1 00
	Donations from two members of Grace Church.....	10 00
March 28.	Easter offering of two classes in St. Ste- phen's S. S.....	5 30
March 30.	Offering from All Saint's Memorial Church.....	19 43
	Offering from a member of St. John's Church.....	100 00
		\$753 53

1879.		
April 17.	Sent to Mrs. L. W. Wells, Treasurer, for William Welsh Memorial Fund.....	\$100 00
	To Bishop Hare.....	57 00
	For Indian Missions.....	127 50
	Suits of clothes for two Indian deacons..	40 00
	Printing Annual Report.....	12 00
	Postage and stationery for the year.....	5 00
	Freight on box sent in April to White Earth Reservation.....	2 85
	Material for work during the year.....	78 14
	Articles sent in boxes.....	13 84
	Sent to Rev. J. J. Enmegahbowh.....	5 00
	Sent to the Treasurer, from All Saints' Memorial Church.....	17 91
	Suit of clothes for Rev. L. C. Walker...	19 80
	Freight on three boxes.....	12 45
		26
Nov.		
Oct. 25.	Shawl for Rev. J. J. Enmegahbowh ...	10 50
	Twelve suits of boys' clothes for St. Paul's School, Yankton Agency.....	44 10
	Sent to Mrs. L. W. Wells, Treasurer, for Indian Missions.....	170 00
	Sent to Mrs. L. W. Wells, Treasurer, the offering from All Saints' Memo- rial Church.....	19 43
		\$735 52
1880.		
Feb. 16.	Balance in the Treasury.....	\$18 01

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OF THE

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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 Treasurer 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 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 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.

