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OF THE
Rhode Island Branch
OF THE
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OF
The Indian Aid Society
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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.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

THE RHODE ISLAND BRANCH of the WOMAN'S AUXILIARY to the BOARD of MISSIONS meets to-day to give an account of the work done in the past year — not of all that has been accomplished by the women of this diocese, but only of that portion of it that is connected with the Auxiliary.

We have held three meetings since our last annual meeting — the first in St. Paul's Church, Pawtucket, Oct. 20, 1880, when there were present one hundred and sixteen ladies, representing twenty-four parishes, and also five of the clergy of this diocese. The second meeting was held in the chapel of St. Stephen's Church, Providence, when there were over two hundred ladies present, representing twenty-four parishes. There were present also, the bishop of this diocese, and the bishop of Niobrara, and fifteen of the clergy. On the 22d of April, the Auxiliary took possession of the rooms 5 and 6, Wayland Building. For this home we are indebted to one of the ladies of St. John's Church, in this city, who has in this way, and in furnishing the rooms with seats, shown her interest in our work, and enabled us to go on with renewed zeal. From the beginning of our work, we have greatly felt the need of a place where we could hold monthly missionary meetings, as well as store the goods sent from the parish societies, until we were ready to send

off the boxes, but the money in our treasury has ever been too low to warrant our hiring one, and the thought that some one might give us a home had never entered our minds. But now, we have a local habitation, as well as a name, and our next endeavor will be to get two extension tables for cutting and packing garments, and three wardrobes, that the work of the different branches may be kept, each by itself. We hope to begin our monthly meetings in September, more social and informal than the quarterly meetings, and as soon as we have sufficient income shall be glad to engage the services of a lady, so that the rooms can be kept open every day. In February the Secretary received a letter from Miss Margaretta Scott, asking for help from the Auxiliary for her work in Liberia. In answer to a letter written to the Secretary of Foreign Missions — the Rev. Mr. Kimber — we learned that Miss Scott had no official relations with the Foreign Board, and that help given her was not helping African Missions except in a roundabout way. As we were still far behind in Miss Eddy's salary, the Executive Committee did not think it well to take up this work. At the meeting in St. Stephen's chapel, it was proposed that we raise \$300, in the coming year, towards supporting an itinerant missionary for this diocese. Postals were sent to each of the clergy, that we might know how much help might be expected from the women of their parishes, by means of the penny-a-week collections, before we ventured to assume the responsibility of making the pledge. Answers have been received from nine, heartily approving of the plan, from two disapproving of it, and nothing whatever from the rest — so the matter is dropped for the present. What to do with the money already paid in and with what has been pledged, will come up as one of the subjects for this afternoon's session.

We have received reports from the secretaries of thirty-one parishes, as follows.

St. John's, Barrington. We sent a box to Northern Texas this spring valued at \$35.00. Last fall we sent a contribution to a box which went from Providence to the Freedmen, worth \$20; to Japan \$6; Domestic Missions, \$3.

St. Michael's, Bristol. To Colored Mission, St. Louis, \$5; Diocesan Aid Fund, \$5; Church Orphanage, E. P.,

\$5 ; Freedmen, \$5 ; Mexican League, \$5 ; Miss Eddy, Japan, \$5 ; Rev. B. Eastwood, Pawtucket, \$11 ; one box to Rev. F. B. Ticknor, Alabama, \$125 ; Indian Aid, one package, \$20 ; Pleasant View, two packages, \$25 ; Bishop Tuttle's School, one package, \$21 ; Bishop Spalding, for Wolfe Hall, one package, \$29 ; Bishop Vail, one package, \$7.

St. George's, Central Falls. Total amount received by the Guild — members' dues, work and entertainments \$569.71. We see by a notice in the *Journal* that we have paid \$800 towards the debt. The report is a mistake. We have \$870 subscribed, but have not paid it in, and as we find that some of the money cannot be collected until the first of June, we shall endeavor to obtain the remaining \$130 before that time.

Crompton, St. Philip's. Almost all the work of this parish devolves upon the ladies. The meetings of the Guild are held regularly every week, usually at the rectory. We have twenty working members. We have received \$120 for work done. We have paid towards the support of the parish, \$109.10. At present, we are very much interested in the enlarging of our church and are waiting anxiously to know just what is to be done. \$1 has been given to the African Scholarship ; \$2, to Japan ; \$5.24, to Diocesan Fund.

St. Mary's, Cumberland Hill. We have been able to do nothing outside of our parish work and would not like to pledge anything for next year, as there remains so much to be done to our chapel.

St. Luke's, East Greenwich. The Missionary Department of St. Luke's Church has sent through the Rhode Island Branch, Woman's Auxiliary, since May, 1880, two boxes, one to Rev. Mr. Portmess, Texas, value \$92 — one to Bishop Vail, value \$83 ; \$10 has been paid towards the salary of Miss Eddy ; \$10 for the itinerant missionary fund. This is exclusive of the Sunday school box for Bishop Tuttle, sent through the Auxiliary, which was valued at \$25. We also sent eleven garments for the Indian box.

Christ Church, Lonsdale. The Mission Aid Society have contributed several large packages of articles for mission boxes, besides, for Miss Eddy's salary, \$10 ; itinerant missionary fund, \$10 ; pledged towards an Indian

scholarship in Bishop Hare's jurisdiction, \$30; two packages for Christmas boxes for Salt Lake City, and the schools for Freedmen, under Mrs. Brent, \$105.65; one package for Bishop Vail's box, \$26; one package for the Unique Sunday School, Jacksonville, Miss.; also \$20 for Mexico.

St. Peter's, Manton. Our first work since November, 1880, was to procure the salary for our rector, in which we succeeded so well, that we were encouraged to attempt a Christmas tree for our Sunday School. We found ready helpers and the result was satisfactory to all. The society connected with the parish has been reorganized, and thus far has been able to dispose of the articles made. There was contributed six garments for Bishop Vail's box and \$4 pledged to the itinerant missionary fund. We have procured — assisted by friends — a small library, not sufficient for the wants of the Sunday School, but a great comfort, nevertheless. The Easter festivities were unusually pleasant and for the first time the Sunday School made a special offering. We have changed our arrangements for lighting the church from candles to lamps. Though not satisfactory, they are an improvement and we are patiently looking for something better in the future. Our last effort has been to raise money sufficient to repair the outside of our church. The interior needs renovating, but that can wait. From the sale of articles made by the society, and two entertainments, we have realized \$166. This week we hope to begin the work of repairs upon the church, to continue so long as our money shall hold out. To the kind friends in this city who, from time to time, have encouraged us by words and deeds, we are more than grateful. Hoping at no distant day to be able to report ourselves free from debt, we respectfully submit this report.

Emmanuel, Newport. We have sent a box to Mrs. Buford for the Freedman School, value \$140; a bundle to the Indian Aid, valued \$10, and \$25 to the Mexican League.

St. Paul's Pawtucket. Articles for Auxiliary box to Unique Sunday School, \$17.78; box to Rev. G. B. Cooke, \$8; our portion of box to Rev. D. McManus, \$42.50; articles sent to Rev. D. Flack, \$10; Diocesan Aid Fund, \$5; freight money, \$4.50; yearly subscrip-

tion of one member, divided between the Auxiliary, five departments, \$2.50.

Trinity, Pawtucket. The share of this parish in the box for Rev. D. McManus, was \$45. We have sent a package to the Indian Aid Society, value, \$3; and have now ready a barrel of clothing for Bishop Hare, value, 50; given for domestic work, \$4.72; St. Mark's School, Salt Lake City, \$40; Rectory at Treyno City, Cal., \$10; Wolfe Hall, Denver, \$10.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Pleasant View, Pawtucket. I hardly know how to meet the wish you have expressed that I should give an account of my special work. The fact is, that anything coming up in the mission needing my help, I do not spare myself. I do not know what it is to be free from care and work. Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and assisting the unfortunate has been a large part of my task, and so must it continue to be for some time. We struggle on as best we can, gathering in and doing some little good to those with whom we are brought in contact, and our labor is not without its reward. At the present time, I am sorry to say that many of our best supporters are working but three days in the week and another class four days. This, as a matter of course, affects our income most seriously. The earnings of my own hands for the support of the mission and charitable purposes amounted in the past year to \$180. On the first of July we have to meet half yearly interest on the church, amounting to \$46.90; where it is coming from I cannot tell. I am grateful to the ladies who have given us assistance in our good and arduous work here. A little help has often brought us great relief from the heavy burden we have to bear. Any assistance you can render us in meeting the dreaded interest money, we shall be very thankful to receive. We, at the rectory, have a dread of getting up any kind of an entertainment to meet the demand. If we can only see our way out of it, we shall be glad to do so. One difficulty we have to meet is that of getting the children out to church. The rector, however, has hit upon a plan which at present seems to meet the case. He gives out, that all children at the evening service will receive a card. They come in flocks now, and thus we keep them out of the street, and are able to give them a little church teaching. We never

know what it is to be idle. But I must say a little rest would be welcome as a temporary relief.

St. Paul's, North Portsmouth. I am sorry to write that we have not been able to do any missionary work for the Auxiliary this year. The demands of our parish have been all the ladies could attend to. It was hoped that we might send a package at Easter, as we have for several years, but owing to the severe winter, and other causes, our work was so urgent it was decided we could not contribute.

St. Mary's, North Portsmouth. There has been no meeting of the Church Aid Society during the year, consequently no work has been done by the ladies of the parish. We still keep up our church fund, however.

All Saints', Pontiac. I believe this is the first time I have been able to send you any account of work done in Pontiac. Aside from offerings for different objects, we are not able to do much. I succeeded in sending for the Bishop Vail box a good sized package of articles, new and old, and some papers. There were thirty-five new articles and nearly the same number of old. We will try and send an offering for the Itinerant Missionary. We have contributed \$5 to Japan; \$10 for Domestic Missions; \$5 to Mexican League; \$2 to Diocesan Aid Fund.

St. Andrew's Mission, Phenix. St. Andrew's Guild has been unusually energetic during the last year. Our receipts have been quite satisfactory, amounting to \$81.24. We held our annual festival last November, and cleared \$255; this amount was placed in the hands of the trustees to pay the salary, and the rent of the hall. We have had various calls to assist in making up boxes for missionaries, but we felt we could only answer to one appeal, and sent a small package, the value of which amounted to only \$3. We sent an appeal to Mr. William Goddard during the winter, for him to give us land upon which to erect a chapel. He promised a lot, providing we could raise money sufficient to build this year free of debt. There are no families of means connected with the mission, and while each individual is ready to do all he can, the amount cannot be raised unless we have help. The collections were saved during the Lenten season from the Sabbath School Guild and services, all of which amounted to \$190, for our Easter offering. During the last winter the Guild

has put \$40 at interest, and a year ago this Easter we had \$58 for an offertory, making a sum total at interest for the church fund \$288. We are a small number of workers, and not easily disheartened, but after having services in the hall four years we feel now the necessity of something better, in order to increase the growth of the church and preserve the interest. The hall is *just* as attractive as we *possibly* can make it, but to get there we have to ascend a steep flight of stairs. The roof is tin, rendering the rooms in summer intensely hot, and there being no blinds, the sun pours in upon us. In winter it is quite impossible to heat the room with the stove we have, and yet *near* the fire people suffer with the heat. There is *no* way of ventilation, and *for this* room we have to pay \$80 per year. We often wonder our services are so largely attended. We are confident, had we a church, our numbers would increase. We know of elderly people who would like to commune, but who dare not attempt to kneel at our low chancel without a railing. At present, we are all enthusiastic and hopeful, but should we not be able to raise the money and have to forfeit the land, we fear the depression would be so great that the mission would sink under it.

St. John's Providence. One box to the Rev. Edwin Wickins, Texas, \$120; one to Rev. Samuel Unsworth, Utah, \$100; one to Rev. Oliver Wilson, Louisiana, \$170; one package to Kansas, \$32; contribution to Christmas box for Utah, \$15; one box to Bishop Hare, \$225; one package to Pleasant View, \$19.35; for African scholarship, \$25; for Japan, \$100; for Domestic Missions, \$40; for Mexico, \$169; Diocesan missions, \$144.86; for work among Indians, \$202.50.

Grace Church, Providence. Six boxes, value \$518.43; to Africa, \$18; to Japan, \$100; for Freedmen, \$5; for Domestic Missions, \$30; Mexico, \$10.50; Diocesan Fund, \$27.94; Indian Missions, \$71; three packages for Diocesan use, \$60.50.

St. Stephen's, Providence. Two boxes, \$106.15; package for Auxiliary box, \$63.77; to Japan, \$25; Diocesan Fund, \$2.72; Indian Aid Society, \$49.

All Saints' Memorial, Providence. For Japan, \$1; Indian Missions, \$21.50; Mexico, \$5.70; Diocesan Aid Fund, \$29.60; Domestic Missions, \$6.46; package to

Freedmen, value \$4; one box to North Carolina, \$100; package for Kansas box, \$31.32.

Church of the Redeemer, Providence. The ladies of this church have sent a package of clothing, and one of toys and picture books to the Auxiliary box for Mrs. Brent; one of clothing to the Niobrara store-room through the Indian Aid Society. Through the Auxiliary and Miss Buffam, two packages of papers, magazines and school-books to the Unique Sunday School; \$9 to Japan; \$12.56 to the Diocesan Fund, and \$11 to the Indian Aid Society.

Church of the Epiphany, Providence. The ladies of this church sent in November, to Mrs. Brent, a box of useful articles and some money, value \$55; \$10.40 has been pledged towards the salary of an Itinerant Missionary for this diocese. Through the sewing society a stated sum is contributed each month for the support of public worship, and the ladies have assisted in opening a free reading-room which has been established during the past month in this vicinity, under the auspices of a committee of the Guild connected with this parish. Strenuous efforts are being made to reduce, if not to extinguish, the debt upon the church.

Church of the Messiah, Providence. The ladies of this society have raised during the year, \$249 towards the liquidation of the church debt; \$26.80 for other church purposes; offerings of sewing school, \$5; penny-a-week collection for Diocesan Fund, \$16.67.

Christ Church, South Providence. During the past year, the Ladies' Aid Society has raised \$60. This amount was applied towards the parish indebtedness. It has also, aided by some of the choir-girls of the church, assisted in furnishing a box sent by the Auxiliary to the Indians, value, \$10.

St. James' Church, Providence. This parish has sent a box of clothing and articles for Christmas, valued at \$12.50, also one hundred and fifty squares of basted patch-work to Mrs. Brent. The ladies have also given \$2 towards Miss Eddy's salary, and \$1 to the Indian Aid Society.

St. Thomas', Wanskuck. Our report this year is not as good as we would like it to be. Last May our society had ninety-seven dollars in the treasury towards a building fund, but our contributions have not been enough to pay

our pastor's salary, so we have been obliged to use it. We have no money in our treasury. The Rev. A. B. Carver is our pastor. He officiates once a day, but one hundred and fifty dollars a year is all we are paying him. We feel ashamed to offer him this, to come such a long way, but it is the best we can do, as we have no aid from any one. A lady kindly presented us with a font for an Easter offering, for which we feel very grateful, as we have been obliged to use a glass dish for baptism. Our penny-a-week contribution amounts to \$6. We are hoping to have a better report for the coming year.

St. Paul's, Wickford. For various reasons our society has not been able to accomplish any missionary work. I trust next year we may do better.

Church of the Ascension, Wakefield. We sent a large box near Christmas time, of clothing, books and papers to the Auxiliary. We have also sent \$2 for Japan.

Christ Church, Westerly. The ladies sent to Providence for the Auxiliary, a box, valued at \$130.

St. James', Woonsocket. We have done what we could, not what we would like to have done, during the past year. A package for Bishop Spalding's box, value \$5. Parish box for Unique Sunday School, \$100. Six garments for Bishop Vail's box, value \$3. We have to make so many demands upon our church people for parish purposes that it is very difficult to raise money for mission work outside. Our work for the year amounts to the following: Value of boxes and packages, \$3,081.62; money, \$2,104.02; total, \$5,185.64.

The report for the year is ended, and active work will cease until the autumn comes. What shall we do in the mean time? Take our rest, by all means, but rest does not mean total abstinence from good works. Our Christmas boxes must start early in the fall, and this cannot be done unless provision is made beforehand. Our boxes are well filled with useful articles, but if we could send something ornamental to each member of the family with the useful articles, we should give additional pleasure to the recipients. Will each person to whom this report comes send one such gift, or its equivalent in money, to the Auxiliary Room, No. 6 Wayland Building, in the early fall.

N. A. GREENE, *Secretary.*

**Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, in account
with E. Andrews, Treasurer.**

May 18, 1880, Cash on hand.....	\$ 6 35	
Collection at annual meeting.....	57 92	
Oct. 20, 1880, Collection at St. Paul's, Pawtucket.....	39 20	
Feb. 10, 1881, Collection at St. Stephen's, Providence.....	75 61	
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	\$179 08	\$179 08
May 18, 1880, Paid balance Mexican scholarship.....	8 00	
" " Paid Rev. Mr. Enmegahboroh.....	19 00	
" " Paid do. for expenses.....	6 00	
" " Paid for printing annual reports.....	15 00	
" " Paid Secretary's expenses.....	20 00	
" " Paid for printing 400 cards.....	2 50	
" " Freight and expenses on 6 boxes, 2 bbls.....	43 32	
April, 1881, For keys and lettering Auxiliary rooms	4 50	
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	\$118 32	\$118 32
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Balance on hand,	\$ 60 76	
April, 1881, Received for Itinerant Missionary.....	49 23	
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	\$109 99	

Deposited with Wilbour, Jackson & Co., May 21, 1881, \$100.

CHURCHES.	Domestic Boxes.	Auxiliary Boxes.	Freedmen Boxes.	Indian Boxes.	Diocesan Boxes.
Bristol, St. Michael's.....	\$125 00	\$86 00	.....	\$20 00	\$25 00
Barrington, St. John's.....	35 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....
East Greenwich, St. Luke's.....	92 00	108 00	.....	.....	.....
Lonsdale, Christ Church.....	.....	26 00	105 65	.....	.....
Newport, Emmanuel.....	.....	.....	140 00	10 00	.....
Pawtucket, St. Paul's.....	52 50	10 00	25 78	.....	.....
" Trinity.....	45 50	.....	.....	50 00	.....
Providence, St. John's.....	420 00	47 00	.....	225 00	19 35
" Grace.....	447 43	71 00	.....	.....	60 00
" St. Stephen's.....	106 15	63 77	.....	.....	51 90
" All Saints' Memorial.....	100 00	31 32	4 00	.....	.....
" Church of the Saviour.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" St. James'.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....
" Christ.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....
" Church of the Epiphany.....	45 00	.....	55 00	.....	.....
Phenix, St. Andrew's.....	.....	3 05	.....	.....	.....
Wakefield, Ch. of the Ascension.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....
Westerly, Christ.....	.....	130 00	.....	.....	.....
Woonsocket, St. James'.....	.....	8 00	100 00	.....	.....
Warren, St. Mark's.....	44 12	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$1,512 70	\$584 14	\$514 43	\$315 00	\$155 35
Value of Boxes.....	.....	.....	.....	\$3,081 62	.....

CONTRIBUTIONS IN MONEY.

CHURCHES.	Domestic.	Freedmen.	Africa.	Japan.	Diocesan.	Mexico.	Indian.
Bristol, St. Michael's....	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$21 00	\$5 00	.....
Barrington, St. John's....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....
Crompton, St. Philip's....	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	5 24	.....	.....
E. Greenwich, St. Luke's....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....
Lonsdale, Christ....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00	21 50	30 00
Manville, Emmanuel....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newport, Emmanuel....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....
Pawtucket, St. Paul's....	5 00	50	.....	50	5 50	.....	50
" Trinity.....	64 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prov., St. John's....	40 00	.....	25 00	100 00	149 86	169 00	202 50
" Grace.....	30 00	5 00	13 00	100 00	20 38	10 00	71 00
" St. Stephen's....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	3 83	.....	49 00
" All Saints' Memorial	11 46	.....	1 00	.....	29 60	5 70	21 50
" Ch. of the Redeemer	3 00	1 00	.....	9 00	12 56	.....	11 00
" Ch. of the Messiah....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 67	.....	.....
" Ch. of the Saviour....	40 00	.....	.....	12 00	.....	40 00	.....
" St. James'....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	1 00
" St. Gabriel's....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Pontiac, All Saints'....	10 00	.....	.....	5 00	4 00	5 00	.....
Warwick, St. Mary's....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Wanskuck, St. Thomas'....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....
Wakefield, Church of the Ascension....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Westerly, Christ....	.....	5 00	17 00	.....	.....	12 00	.....
Warren, St. Mark's....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....
Members of Auxiliary....	74 50	.....	.....	.....	14 00	8 00	.....
	\$209 18	\$94 00	\$50 00	\$309 50	\$298 64	\$301 20	\$391 50
Total.....							\$1,654 02
Through Mrs. Carrington for general work from ladies of St. John's and St. Stephen's, Providence.....						450 00	
							\$2,104 02

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In this department there is but little to report. For the Caroline Clark and the Carrington scholarships we have received \$25 each, for the support of two children at Cape Mount Mission School, Liberia. Our pledge of \$300 for the support of Miss Eddy, in Japan, has been redeemed. After seven years of diligent and exhausting missionary work, Miss Eddy has resigned her post and returns to take charge of an invalid mother. Two ladies are to take her place, the salary of Miss Michie, who has already reached Osaka (amounting this first year to about \$1,100), has been assumed by the Foreign Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of New York. It would seem that the interest in carrying the Gospel to those who sit in darkness ought to be more earnest and fruitful every year. It is true that so large a sum has not been asked, but the contribution of our branch of the Auxiliary to Foreign Missions has been but little more than one-half of what it was last year.

Can we not do more in the year on which we are about to enter, and while increasing our contributions to the diocesan and domestic fields, where the light is already shining, can we not also more liberally respond to the call of the heathen to rescue them from their ignorance and misery by lending our aid in sending to them the Gospel?

E. WATERMAN, *Secretary.*

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

At the beginning of our working year, as usual the first call in this department was for Christmas boxes. The Mormon Schools in Utah being considered of such great importance, — indeed our first care in the purely domestic fields, — it was decided that one should be sent to Rev. Samuel Unsworth, in charge of St. Paul's Chapel, Salt Lake City, a beautiful church erected at the cost of \$20,000, the magnificent gift of three sisters in New York City, one of whom, dying, left \$10,000 for the church, which has been supplemented by the others. The value of the box was \$85.63. In acknowledging it, Mr. Unsworth writes:

"Believe me, dear friends, a blessing lighted down on every gift you sent. I only wish you could have been here with us, every one of you, to have received a reflection of its radiance from the faces of the children blessed.

"Your box has been doing missionary work, the bright hoods and the warm mitts, and the pretty scarfs, and tool-chests, and dolls, and all the other presents have been having open-air revival meetings and preaching quite stirring missionary sermons to the children. God bless you all and keep warm in your hearts the love of His little ones, love which He will graciously receive as shown to Him."

A Christmas box, valued at \$100, was sent by All Saints' Memorial Church, for the third year in succession, to two Sunday Schools under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Gleason, at Waynesville, North Carolina, Rev. D. H. Buel, D. D., missionary in charge. Mrs. Gleason writes: "I bless any church that teaches the children to help the poor and less favored ones. Until my lot was cast among these people, I never knew how effectual such gifts were in spreading the Gospel. With your addition to our library which you commenced two years ago, we now number over a hundred volumes, the only library west of the Blue Ridge."

An auxiliary box has been sent to Rt. Rev. Daniel Tuttle, D. D., value \$175.72; and a box and two barrels to Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D. D., value \$250. These boxes were filled with stores for the comfort of the suffering, and they prove an invaluable aid in helping to meet some of the many pressing demands for relief made upon our missionary bishops. Valuable contributions for these boxes and for the Christmas box sent to Utah were received from the parishes of Christ Church, Westerly; St. Luke's, ~~East Greenwich~~; St. Michael's, ~~Bristol~~; St. George's, ~~Central Falls~~; Christ Church, Lonsdale; St. James', Woonsocket; St. John's, ~~Barrington~~; St. Peter's, ~~Manton~~; All Saints', ~~Pontiac~~; Church of the Ascension, Wakefield; from a daughter of the church in ~~Warwick~~, and from St. John's, ~~Grace~~ Church, St. Stephen's, ~~All Saints'~~ Memorial, Church of ~~the Saviour~~, St. James' and St. Thomas', Providence.

We wish you all could read the letters received in return for these boxes, full to overflowing of grateful, loving

words. One clergyman says of these boxes, "they were not mentioned particularly in our text-books, or the subject as telling 'Evidences of Christianity,' but they are such evidences. Probably the reason of the silence is that they talk so convincingly themselves of that love of Christian unto brother Christian, which so aroused the wonder of the heathen: 'Lo! how these Christians love each other.'

H. N. VAUGHAN, *Secretary.*

FREEDMEN'S WORK.

THE last year has brought increased interest in the work for the Freedmen, and the result has been more encouraging from the fact that the interest has been general and not confined to the few city parishes as heretofore. The appeals have been heartily responded to by nearly all the churches. Mrs. Brent's telling letters, together with the very interesting ones of the Unique Sunday School, created much enthusiasm early in the year, and contributions for our boxes were not wanting. Three generous boxes were sent to the Rev. Mr. Tucker, of the Unique Sunday School, together with \$45 in money, and four to Mrs. Brent with \$10 in money. The Church of the Redeemer and Grace Church sent \$19 to the Rev. Mr. Dunlop, of Georgia, for his work among the plantation negroes; \$20 was sent to Mrs. Buford; Emmanuel Church, Newport, sent a box to Mrs. Buford, value \$140; one of the boxes to the Unique Sunday School, value \$100, was sent by St. James' Church, Woonsocket; and one of the boxes for Mrs. Brent, value \$55, was sent by the Church of the Epiphany, Elmwood. The auxiliary boxes were made from articles and money contributed by the following churches: St. John's, Grace, All Saints' Memorial, St. Stephen's, Church of the Saviour, Church of the Redeemer, St. James', Providence; Christ Church, Westerly; St. Luke's, East Greenwich; St. George's, Central Falls; St. Paul's, Pawtucket; St. Michael's, Bristol; Christ Church, Lonsdale; Emmanuel, Newport, and Emmanuel, Manville. Value of boxes, \$431.28. While the contributions to this department of our work have been larger for the past than for any previous year, it should be remembered

that we are still far short of what we might do, and would be glad to do, and much farther short of the necessities and opportunities for practical benevolence that are constantly before us. The work is to be carried on year after year, and requires steady and continuous help. A single contribution cannot suffice. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the interest of the past year will not prove to be temporary or spasmodic, but a constant and growing charity for a race to whom as churchmen and citizens we owe so much. MRS. J. H. STINESS, *Secretary.*

MEXICAN REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Mexican League has received since last yearly report:

From Grace Church.....	\$5 00
Church at Lonsdale.....	21 50
From members of Auxiliary to complete a schol-	
arship.....	8 00
From St. Mark's, Warren.....	12 00
Litt'e Guardy scholarship.....	40 00
All Saints' Mission	5 70
Emmanuel, Newport	25 00
Ladies' Benevolent Society, of St. Michael's, Bris-	
tol.....	5 00
From Mrs. Anthony, Pontiac, towards Auxiliary	
scholarship.....	5 00
From Miss E. Waterman, for Auxiliary sholarship,	5 00
From St. John's Church.....	169 00

	\$301 20

E. H. KEENE, *Secretary.*

DIOCESAN REPORT.

THE close of another year finds the mission work of the diocese in a most encouraging condition. Old stations taking on new life, new stations full of growing interest and activity. Some seeking to enlarge their borders, that they may be enabled to say: "And yet there is room;" others striving to build a "House of God" where He may be worshiped decently and in order." Some rejoicing in emancipation from debt, and others happy in temples builded and consecrated.

With earnest hearts and hands, the missionaries prosecute their work in the home field, not without trials and discouragements, even as those who labor in more distant places, and an intelligent and sympathetic interest manifested by the churches throughout the diocese would go far to strengthen and cheer them in their efforts to make the Gospel a personal message to all within their reach. The statistics for the past year are as follows: Two churches builded and consecrated, St. Mary's, Warwick Neck, and St. Matthew's, Jamestown. Two freed from debt, Church of the Messiah, Olneyville, and St. Mary's, Cumberland Hill, the latter thereby receiving prompt consecration. Re-opening of St. Bartholomew's, Cranston, and of the Sulday School, of Trinity Church, South Scituate. A new and thriving mission inaugurated at Apponaug, and another between Providence and Pawtucket; \$870 pledged toward another; \$1,000 upon the debt of St. George's, Central Falls; \$365 deposited toward a church building at Apponaug, and about \$1,500 available for a church edifice at Phenix.

To the latter mission has been promised a lot of land for building purposes, on condition that sufficient money be raised during the year to insure the erection of a church without encumbrance.

Vigorous efforts are in progress to this end, and a helping hand from any source would be most welcome.

The following donations of money for special objects in the diocese have been received:

For debt on St. Mary's, Cumberland Hill :
 From St. John's, Providence..... \$59 00
 From members, Auxiliary..... 14 00

 \$73 00

For debt on Church of the Messiah :
 St. John's, Providence..... \$50 00

For St. George's, Central Falls :
 From St. John's, Providence..... \$7 00
 From Grace, Providence..... 6 00
 From All Saints' Memorial, Providence..... 2 00
 From St. Stephen's Providence. 50
 From St. Paul's, Pawtucket..... 5 00

For St. Peter's, Manton :
 From St. John's, Providence..... \$3 00

 \$146 50

Other donations have been made as follows :
 One box from St. Stephen's, to S. Providence... \$57 00
 One package from St. John's to Pleasant View... 19 35
 One package from Grace to Pleasant View..... 22 00
 One package from Grace to S. Providence..... 26 00
 One package from Grace to St. Gabriel's..... 12 00

One large Bible, prayer-book, and hymnal, for the
 Mission at Apponaug, from St. John's, Prov-
 idence \$12 00
 Books for reading-room at Elmwood, from St.
 John's, Providence..... 7 00
 Books for Sunday School at Manton, from same.. 5 00

 \$24 00

The receipts for the year from the penny-a-week collec-
 tions have amounted to \$117.03, to which may be added
 a balance from last year of \$14.25, making a total of
 \$131.28.

From this amount has been expended for 48
 prayer-books and hymnals for Apponaug... \$ 21 60
 Christmas gifts to several missionaries..... 20 00

Lamps for St. Philip's, Crompton.....	10 00
For Christmas tree at Manton.....	3 00
Toward Sabbath School books for Manton.....	15 00
Six Tucker's hymnals for Manton.....	7 50
Millinery for Miss Eastwood.....	12 17
Express.....	25
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Total.....	\$89 52
Leaving a balance on hand of.....	\$41 76

The constant and increasing usefulness of this fund is more and more seen and felt. Some 319 prayer-books and hymnals have been supplied to our various mission stations from this source alone, beside other assistance rendered, thus avoiding the necessity of special appeals when these wants become known.

It is hoped that no parish will neglect their contributions to this fund, but will rather increase them as much as possible.

C. L. ANDREWS.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Indian Aid Society of Rhode Island.

THE report of this society read at the quarterly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in February, leaves little to be said now.

This report is essentially the same as that read at our annual meeting, on Tuesday in Easter week, one month ago. A few additions will make it complete for the Auxiliary year.

Since Oct. 7, 1880, we have sent off six boxes, valued at \$355, and two packages, value, \$51. We are also allowed to report to the Auxiliary, as through this society, a large barrel of clothing, value, \$50, from the ladies of Trinity Church, Pawtucket. One box was sent to Rev. Dr. Watson, of Red Wing, Minn., three to Rev. J. J. Enmegahbowh, of White Earth, Minn.; one to Rev. E. A. Goodnough, of Oneida, Wis.; and one to Niobrara store-room. We sent one package to Niobrara of one dozen comforters, and another large package of clothing to the same place through St. John's parish in this city. The barrel from Trinity Church, Pawtucket, also went to Niobrara.

We had on hand, at the beginning of our working year, \$18.01, to which have been added \$464.72, of which \$465.92 have been paid out, leaving a balance of \$16.81.

From nearly all our city parishes we have received valuable contributions of clothing, and we return our thanks to all. At the time that our special appeal was made for Rev. Mr. Enmegahbowh, the response was so full and prompt as to be almost overwhelming to us and to him. The help thus afforded was most timely, but the story is too familiar to be repeated now.

The visit of Bishop Hare, of Niobrara, at the quarterly meeting of the Auxiliary was cause of special congratulation to us, for none can hear him plead for the Indian without being moved to do something in his behalf. None can hear him without being convinced that the work

is a hopeful one, and one, moreover, for which we are all in a degree responsible. One suggestion of his, that we should sometimes put into our boxes some little decorative articles for the tired and faithful missionary women, who often miss the comforts and luxuries to which they have been accustomed, has been responded to by a class of young girls in Grace Church Sunday School. Their gifts were wrought by their own hands, during Lent, and presented as an Easter offering. They were really beautiful. Having thus tasted the pleasure of working for others for Jesus' sake, may it grow to be one day the habit of their lives.

In May, 1880, but too late to be acknowledged in last year's report, we received a package of clothing from Trinity Church, Pawtucket; value \$3.50. In December we received a box from Emmanuel Church, Newport; value \$10.00. And one package from St. Philip's Church, Crompton.

It is also very gratifying to report the scholarship for one of Bishop Hare's Indian schools from Christ Church, Lonsdale.

The Indian Aid Society meets every Thursday afternoon, for six months in the year. For two or three years past we have met in the chapel of St. Stephen's Church, and at our late annual meeting a vote of thanks to that parish was passed for their kindness in allowing us the privilege. Next fall we anticipate the pleasure of occupying one of the rooms lately so kindly offered to the Auxiliary for its permanent use.

We shall be very glad if at that time we have a large accession to our working force.

During the past winter the average attendance from week to week has been larger than in any previous year, but it has been only about eleven ladies.

Most of the garments that we send away are cut and made by this little band. More than 114 garments have been cut and finished this year.

While thus working together in a common cause, and in the holy name of Christ, our Lord, we draw nearer to each other and nearer to Him. Therefore we feel that it is a blessed work, and therefore we will persevere.

E. A. PECKHAM, *Secretary.*

MAY, 1881.

DONATIONS.

For Rev. J. J. Enmegahbowh. Money, \$81.31 ; clothing in value, \$125 ; received from Mrs. George Hoppin, Mr. C. A. Hoppin, Mme. Livesay, Mrs. Chaffee, Miss Keith, Miss Arnold, Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. H. N. Campbell, Miss Bucklin, Mr. Lewis J. Chace, Mrs. George H. Corliss, Miss Candace Allen, Mrs. H. Bloodgood, Mrs. Ware, Miss Barnes, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Edward A. Greene, Mr. D. Taylor, Mrs. W. T. Barton, Miss Greenwood, Rev. Mr. Crocroft, Mr. H. B. Campbell, Mrs. Bogart, Mrs. Crawford Allen, Mrs. R. H. I. Goddard, Miss H. N. Vaughan, Mrs. Joshua Buffum, Miss Wilde, Miss Phebe Jackson, Miss M. J. Peckham, Misses Clarke and many others.

Received, May 22, 1880, from Trinity Church, Pawtucket, seven children's night-dresses.

December, 1880, from Emmanuel Church, Newport, a box containing thirteen boys' shirts, some patch-work, basted, and a few games.

From girls of Christ Church choir, Providence, one package of paper and books, ten white shirts, four pillow-cases, remnants of cotton cloth, etc.

From St. Stephen's, twelve pairs woolen socks, one comforter, one dozen towels, and other articles.

From Miss Delia Taylor, one stereoscope and fifty pictures, remnants of cotton cloth, etc.

All Saints' Memorial Church, one bundle of second-hand clothing, one coat, one whole piece and one remnant of calico.

Church of the Redeemer, second-hand clothing, twelve yards calico, twenty-four pillow-cases, thirty-four under-garments, etc.

St. Gabriel's Church, one comforter.

Miss E. Waterman, groceries and other articles, value, \$6.18.

Dr. The Indian Aid Society in account with Mary M. Paine, Treasurer, for the year ending April 29, 1881. Cr.

1880.		1880.	
April 5.	Balance on hand.....	\$ 18 01	April 6.
	Two members of St. John's Church, Prov. towards Rev. J. J. Enmegahbowh's ch.	15 00	Freight on box..... \$ 5 00
	St. Philip's Ch., Crompton, for Bish. Hare	1 25	Printing annual report..... 12 00
	St. Michael's Church, Bristol.....	2 00	Rev. J. J. E.'s expenses..... 6 00
1880.	Donations for Rev. J. J. Enmegahbowh, from various friends.....	81 31	Sent Rev. J. J. E., for his church..... 15 00
1881.	Mission Aid Soc. of Christ Ch., Lonsdale, for scholarship in Bishop Hare's school.	30 00	Sent Rev. J. J. E., stove for church..... 46 00
	St. John's Church, Prov., subscriptions..	97 50	Sent Rev. J. J. E., personal use..... 5 00
	Grace Church, Providence, subscriptions.	41 00	Paid for articles for boxes sent to him..... 16 12
	St. Stephen's Church, Prov., subscriptions	42 00	Freight and expenses on these boxes..... 13 60
	All Saints' Memorial, subscriptions.....	8 00	Sent to Bishop Hare..... 1 25
	St. Gabriel's Church, subscriptions.....	5 00	Freight on box to Red Wing..... 3 01
	Church of the Redeemer, subscriptions.....	1 00	12 comforters sent to Niobrara store-room..... 21 00
	Donation from member of St. John's Ch.	5 00	Scholarship in Indian School..... 30 00
	Cash.....	16	Materials for work..... 65 26
	A friend.....	1 00	Paid for sewing for missionary box..... 2 00
1881.			Money order and stamps..... 59
April 19.	A member of St. John's Church, Prov...	100 00	Postage on packages..... 42
	All Saints' Memorial Church.....	11 50	Express on boxes..... 95
	A member of All Saints' Mem. Church..	2 00	12 suits of boys' clothes for Hobart Church Indian Mission, Oneida..... 38 75
	Easter offering from a member of Grace Church	5 00	Sent to Mr. Lloyd W. Wells..... 175 00
	Miss Taylor's S. S. Class of Church of the Redeemer, for Bishop Hare.....	9 00	Paid for comforter for Niobrara box..... 2 00
	Two members of St. Stephen's Church...	5 00	One dozen towels..... 3 00
	Church of the Redeemer.....	1 00	Freight on box to Oneida..... 1 41
	St. James' Church.....	1 00	Freight on box to Yankton..... 2 56
			\$465 92
		\$482 73	Balance in the Treasury..... \$16 81

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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, bazars, tea-parties, dramatic entertainments, or any forms of lottery.

Report of St. Mary's Orphanage.

SINCE May 1st, 1880, contributions amounting to \$800.-55 have been received from sixteen parishes in the diocese, viz.:

All Saints, St. Stephen's, Church of the Redeemer, St. John's, Grace, Christ, Providence; St. Mary's, East Providence; Epiphany, Elmwood; Church of the Savior, Providence; St. Mary's, Cumberland; Christ Church, Westerly; St. John's, Barrington; Zion, Newport; St. Michael's, Bristol; St. Mary's, South Portsmouth; All Saints', Pontiac; Trinity, Newport; St. John's Mission, Newport.

Fifteen children have been received during the year, and with rare exceptions have enjoyed uninterrupted health.

By the unanimous vote of the Board of Managers of the Providence Nursery, at their dissolution, the house occupied by them, with building-lot and an invested sum of \$1,000, was donated to the Trustees of St. Mary's Orphanage. At the earnest solicitation of some of the Managers of the Nursery, six of their little ones were received into the Orphanage, thus necessitating more ample accommodations, and a temporary arrangement has been made by securing a small house opposite, at a moderate rental, as a nursery department.

E. H. KEENE, *Secretary.*

