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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 coöperation 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.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Rhode Island Branch
OF THE
Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

It is now seven years since the women of Rhode Island first shared in the work undertaken by the women of the church in aid of the Board of Missions. Of the forty-four parishes in the diocese, twenty-eight are helping in this work for our church and our country. As every baptized person in the church is a member of the Church Missionary Society, because the church herself is the great missionary society, so every woman should regard herself as a member of the Woman's Auxiliary.

All work in a parish done by women for objects outside parish needs, is work for the end for which the Auxiliary was formed. Its purpose is not, as some have seemed to think, to absorb and conceal under one general name the work of individuals and parishes, but it is to systematize the work so that much may not be done in some directions at the expense of other objects equally needy and deserving; and also to create a unity of action and interest in a common cause.

The last annual meeting was held in Grace Chapel, Providence, May 17, 1883. Mrs. Henry Swift, of Cheyenne Agency, Dak., was present and gave an account of her work amongst the Indians. At this meeting the res-

ignation of Mrs. J. H. Stiness, Secretary of Freedmen's Missions took effect, and Miss H. M. Barnes, who had for some months had charge of this work on account of Mrs. Stiness' illness, was elected in her place. Since the annual meeting Mrs. S. S. Keene, Secretary of Mexican Missions, has also been obliged to resign on account of ill health, and Mrs. C. S. Brewer, one of our vice-presidents, has resigned on account of expected removal from the diocese.

In addition to these changes, we desire to make loving mention of one whose heart was always with our work and whose hand was ever giving to help in all our needs, and who after a long life of usefulness has been called by our Heavenly Father to "come up higher," to the reward of the "good and faithful servant." We hope that the memory of Mrs. Moses B. Ives may be an incentive to increased interest and active efforts for furthering the missionary work of the church in us who remain.

For the purpose of distributing missionary intelligence, public monthly meetings are held on the third Friday in each month, from September to June inclusive, in room 6, Wayland Building. Eight of these meetings have been held since September. At the November meeting, Miss Buffum gave a most interesting account of her visit to the Hampton School for Indians and Freedmen, and in February the Rev. C. T. Blanchet, of Tokio, addressed the meeting upon the subject of the work in Japan. On October 23, a pleasant meeting was held at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, at which were present Miss Emery and about one hundred ladies from Providence and vicinity. In February the quarterly meeting was held in the Church of the Messiah, Olneyville, when Mr. Blanchet was present and spoke of the Japanese Mission.

We are glad to say that one parish, that of the Holy Cross, Middletown, hitherto unable to join us, has begun to work through the Auxiliary. Several parishes in the diocese are struggling to pay off debts, and are unable, yet, to join in working for others. We hope the day is not far distant when they will be able to give us their aid as well as their sympathy.

It is encouraging to report a decided increase over last year in the contributions for boxes, though the contribu-

tions in money have not been so large. We report as follows (exclusive of work among the Indians) :

Value of boxes.....	\$3,131 70
Money contributed.....	2,360 02
Total.....	\$5,491 72

The above report has been prepared by Mrs. W. Upton, who, with the consent of the Board, has discharged the duties of the secretary since February.

N. A. GREENE,
Secretary.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In the foreign department of the Woman's Auxiliary we have collected as usual \$50 for the two scholarships in Cape Mount, Africa ; \$25 for the Caroline Clark scholarship, and \$25 for the Carrington scholarship. A very interesting account of the scholarship plan, in Africa and elsewhere in the foreign field, is given in the May number, 1884, of *The Spirit of Missions*, speaking of the importance of this kind of work.

Towards the salary of Miss Riddick, a teacher in Tokio, Japan, we have collected \$250, as pledged. We have had very pleasant letters from Miss Riddick ; she seems to be much interested in her work. The girls' school-house has been completed and named "The St. Margaret's." Miss Riddick will now be able to live in the school. She writes, "It will be much better for me to be with the girls, because I can have greater influence over them, and can get nearer their hearts." Miss Williamson, a lady from New York, is now on her way out to Tokio, to join Miss Riddick in her work ; by her we forwarded some colored worsteds which the Japanese girls use very much in learning the needle-work of which they are so fond. We have also been very happy to forward from the Church of the Messiah, Providence, Rev. T. R. Cocroft, rector, the sum of \$20.25 for the Rev. C. T. Blanchet, of Tokio, Japan, to be used by him as an emergency fund, for any special purpose.

We have collected for "The Insurance Fund" on the lives of married foreign missionaries, \$50.00. Miss Emery.

writes that it is very desirable that this sum should be paid annually, as the original fund is now exhausted. When we think of the small salary a missionary receives, and in case of his death the straitened circumstances in which his family are often left, we cannot but feel the wisdom of such a fund.

A new and interesting branch of our work this year has been the payment of \$37.50 towards the fund of about \$700.00 for the education of the children of missionaries, as, of course, this cannot be done in the foreign field. Among those we are now assisting are the five children of the Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Thomson, whom we all remember so pleasantly. since their visit here of a year ago. Mr. Thomson has returned to his work in China, while Mrs. Thomson has remained in this country with her children.

In response to a plea from Miss Emery, who found that Mrs. Thomson would be very thankful for a missionary box, we have been very happy to promise her, for her younger daughter, aged eleven years, a nice outfit, valued at over \$20 from "The St. Margaret's Society" of Grace Church, Providence. Our pledges altogether this year have amounted to \$387.50. To this amount only six parishes outside of the city have contributed, viz.: Christ Church, Westerly; Christ Church, Lonsdale; St. Luke's, East Greenwich; St. Mary's, Warwick; St. Michael's, Bristol, and St. James', Woonsocket. Last year more assisted us; we should be very glad if more of the parishes in the state would help us; even the smallest amount would be thankfully received, and it would show interest in our work. The churches in the city which have contributed are St. John's, Grace, St. Stephen's, Church of the Epiphany, and Church of the Messiah. We have been very glad to receive from the Sunday School of the Church of the Saviour, in this city, the sum of \$20.50. Of this amount \$15.50 are for Japan and \$5.00 for China.

St. John's, Providence.....	\$123 00	Christ Church, Westerly....	58 21
Grace, ".....	117 29	St. Luke's, East Greenwich.	11 00
St. Stephen's, ".....	30 00	St. James', Woonsocket.....	6 00
Church of the Messiah, Prov.	25 25	Christ Church, Lonsdale....	10 00
Church of the Saviour, ".....	20 50	St. Michael's, Bristol.....	5 00
Mrs. Edwin Larned, ".....	10 00	St. Mary's, Warwick.....	5 00
Rev. W. R. Babcock, D. D..	10 00		
Church of the Epiphany.....	5 00	Total.....	\$436 25

JESSIE H. CAMPBELL,

Secretary.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The past year has been one of struggle for the Domestic Department, from several causes. The result is better than we had feared, but as usual the contributions have been confined to a few parishes.

The boxes for Bishop Whipple and Bishop Tuttle were not sent until after Easter. Since then a letter has come from Bishop Whipple in reply to the announcement of the starting of the box. He says: "Do give my thanks for the box for our clergy, which I will use as I best can. I owe the ladies of Providence a deep debt of gratitude for their help. I send you all my grateful thanks." In March we sent two boxes of books for a reading-room in Woodville, New Hampshire. This reading-room is for the employés of the railroad, who spend many spare hours there. Two valuable boxes have been sent to western missionaries by individuals.

A few weeks ago Miss Emery sent us two letters, saying she had so many left over that she hoped we might help her. It was too late to expect to do much, but one of our energetic helpers took the letters and collected enough to fill both orders. If the people generally understood how meagre are the stipends of our Domestic Missionaries they would see the absolute necessity of the work our auxiliary is doing. Bishop Potter, in his stirring appeal for "Ministerial Support," says: "When I turn to my brother in some distant missionary field, who is fighting the devil on five hundred dollars a year, with which he has to maintain a family and educate his children, with which he must dress like a gentleman though he is paid like a pauper, with which he must groan under the burden of a worry for bread, and a watchfulness for souls — then I confess I am dumb and ashamed." "As we rehearse to you the history of our endeavors, we charge you to remember that what we have given as a dole was owed by us all as a debt." Many of the missionaries say that without our help it would be impossible for them to live. The following is the list of boxes sent through the Domestic Department.

AUXILIARY BOXES.

One for Bishop Whipple, value.....	\$124 50	From St. Stephen's 3 boxes, value.....	329 34
One for Bishop Tuttle, value.....	95 00	From St. Paul's 1 box, value.....	15 00
Two for Reading-room at Woodville, N. H.....	40 00	From St. Luke's, East Greenwich, 1 box, value.....	125 00
One for a Western Missionary, with contributions, chiefly from St. John's, value.....	177 00	From St. Michael's, Bristol, 1 box, value.....	150 00
Two boxes, contents given by St. John's and St. Stephen's, with small contributions from Grace and All Saints' Memorial, Prov., value.....	145 00	From Christ Church, West-erly, 1 box, value.....	200 00
Besides these were		From Church of the Ascension, Wakefield, 1½ barrels, value.....	100 00
Two individual boxes, value.....	315 20	From St. Paul's, Pawtucket, package, value.....	18 00
From St. John's 1 box, value.....	270 00	From St. John's, Providence, 1 book, value.....	3 50
From Grace Church 7 boxes, value.....	470 00	From St. James', Providence, 1 box books, value.....	2 00
		Total value	\$2,579 54

St. Mark's, Warren, sent a box (value not given) of clothing and household articles to a western missionary. We have also received contributions for our auxiliary boxes from St. Luke's, East Greenwich; St. Andrew's, Phenix; St. Thomas', Greenville; and St. John's, Grace, St. Stephen's, St. Paul's, and All Saints' Memorial Churches, Providence.

Contributions in money have been as follows:

Through a lady from St. John's.....	\$120 00	From St. John's, Providence, for the emergency fund.....	8 00
From Miss Carter for Bishop Tuttle's work.....	5 00	From Grace, Providence, for the emergency fund...	7 00
From St. Michael's, Bristol, for the Mission Church at Hingham Falls.....	5 00	From Church of the Messiah, Providence.....	5 00
From St. Michael's, Bristol, for a missionary in Texas.....	15 00	From Christ Ch., Lonsdale..	16 00
From St. Andrew's, Phenix.....	1 00	From St. Mary's, Warwick..	2 00
		From Grace Church, Prov..	1 75
		Total.....	\$191 75

We have forwarded to Miss Emery:

From St. John's, Providence.....	\$133 00	From Church of the Messiah, Providence.....	6 00
From Grace.....	8 75	From St. Mary's, Warwick..	2 00
From Miss Carter for Bishop Tuttle's work.....	5 00	For emergency fund, from auxiliary fund	50 00
From St. Michael's, Bristol.....	20 00		
From St. Andrew's, Phenix.....	1 00	Total.....	\$221 75
From Christ Ch., Lonsdale..	16 00		

REBECCA PITMAN HENSHAW,

Secretary.

DIOCESAN REPORT.

WE are glad to report the mission work of the diocese to be, in general, in a prosperous condition. The newer stations, especially, seem full of encouragement for the future, while several older ones that have been much depressed during the past year, are hoping for better days near at hand.

The Church of the Epiphany, Elmwood, has recently relinquished all assistance from the Diocesan Board of Missions, and is now a self-supporting parish.

St. Mark's Mission, at Riverside, of rapid and healthful growth within the last two years, has assumed parochial organization, has a clergyman of its own, a Sunday School of 100 members, fifty-six communicants, and is striving most earnestly to obtain funds for a church building, the attendance upon the services having entirely outgrown the accommodations in that locality. Any assistance towards this object will be money well bestowed.

Christ Church, South Providence, stands in the same need. For a number of years the congregation has been greatly cramped for room, until, at length, they have decided to put forth strenuous appeals to the older and stronger parishes, as well as to individuals, to assist them in the undertaking.

St. Andrew's, Phenix, it will be remembered, laid the foundation of a church with its corner-stone in November last, and is now waiting for funds sufficient to raise the superstructure. Their Easter offering toward this object was \$1,200.

In the month of June the Rev. Mr. Bassett, of the Church of the Epiphany, Elmwood, inaugurated church services at Auburn, which are still continued at monthly, or semi-monthly intervals, though for want of other accommodation, they are held in the house of worship of the Second Adventists, kindly offered for the purpose. Whenever a suitable place shall present itself, a Sunday School will be established, more frequent services held, and the encouraging indications of steady growth in the future will doubtless be realized.

The mission at Pawtuxet is also in successful operation under care of the Rev. S. H. Webb, having an average attendance of about sixty, with a Sunday School of thirty members.

St. Thomas', Wanskuck, and St. Peter's, Manton, have not shared in the general prosperity for some time past; but the former, we are happy to state, is reviving under the acceptable ministrations of a young man from the Church of the Saviour, lately put in charge as the superintendent of the Sunday School, and Lay Reader; while the latter, being at present under no pastoral care, needs the services of some one who, by house to house visiting, and personal contact with, and interest in the people, shall be able to gather in those who need the instruction, guidance, comfort, and consolation of our most holy faith.

And here we realize afresh the great want of an itinerant missionary; one adapted to his work and provided with resources for carrying it on, who might go among our outlying stations that have no one to look after them, to keep alive the spark once lighted, if no more, and supply the services for which others are asking, and get no return. Surely it would seem such an one might be found through the length and breadth of the land, and the right man, once on the ground, would certainly draw out means for his support. It would be a most gratifying result of our penny-a-week collections if their steady increase in the future should enable us to offer a handsome sum, annually, toward the support of such a missionary, in addition to the original and legitimate object of the fund. To attain this would involve a more thorough canvassing of all our parishes, and a faithful and regular collection of the fifty-two cents for the year, from all who are willing to contribute. Is this too much to ask?

Our receipts from this fund since our last annual meeting are from nineteen parishes, as follows:

St. Stephen's, Prov.....	\$53 36	St. Philip's, Crompton.....	\$6 60
Grace, Prov.....	52 58	St. Michael's Bristol.....	5 00
St. John's, Prov.....	32 04	St. Thomas', Wanskuck.....	4 16
Church of the Redeemer,		Christ Church, Lonsdale.....	2 66
Prov.....	20 07	St. Andrew's, Phenix.....	2 00
All Saints' Memorial, Prov..	20 00	St. Mary's, Warwick Neck..	1 10
St. James', Prov.....	5 74	St. Paul's, N. Portsmouth...	52
Church of the Messiah, Prov	4 96	Anon.....	19 40
Christ Church, South Prov.	4 00		
Emmanuel, Manville.....	13 11		
St. Peter's, Manton.....	10 00	Balance from last year..	\$274 01
St. Luke's, E. Greenwich...	10 00		103 48
Trinity, Pawtucket.....	6 71	Total.....	\$377 49

From this amount has been expended :

For Miss Eastwood's work at Pleasant View.....	\$10 00	Express to Pawtucket.....	25
56 books for S. S. library at Manton.....	25 00	Wakefield.....	30
To Diocesan Missionary	50 00	Total.....	\$110 55
.....	25 00	Balance on hand.	\$266 94

Other contributions for Diocesan work have been as follows :

From Grace Church, Prov., 1 missionary box.....	\$160 00	From All Saints' Memorial, clothing for Saint Mary's Orphanage.	\$14 00
From St. Stephen's, Prov., 3 packages clothing.....	19 58	From Trinity, Pawtucket, clothing for St. Mary's Orphanage.....	— —
From St. Michael's, Bristol, 1 package clothing.....	15 00	From Church of the Ascen- sion, Wakefield.....	3 09
From St. Luke's, E. Green- wich, 1 package clothing	— —	From Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown, for St. Mary's Orphanage...	20 00
From St. James', Woon- socket, furnishings for St. Elizabeth's Home...	25 84	Total valuation.....	\$267 51
From St. James', Woon- socket, clothing for St. Mary's Orphanage.....	10 00		

CASH RECEIPTS.

From St. James', Woon- socket, for Pawtucket Mission.....	\$ 5 00	From St. Andrew's, Phenix, for itinerant missionary.	\$1 00
From Christ Church, Lons- dale, for Diocesan Board of Missions	15 00	From St. Stephen's, Prov., for itinerant missionary.	3 00
From Children's Mission Band, Church of the Messiah, for St. Eliza- beth's Home	5 00	From St. James', Prov., for itinerant missionary.....	1 00
From St. John's, Prov., for itinerant missionary....	28 00	From St. Mary's, Warwick, for itinerant missionary.	2 00
		From St. Philip's, Crompton, for itinerant missionary.	1 00
		Total	\$61 00

EXPENDITURES.

For Pawtucket mission....	\$ 5 00	For St. Elizabeth's Home...	\$5 00
To Diocesan Board of Mis- sions.....	15 00	Total.....	\$25 00

CORNELIA L. ANDREWS, *Secretary.*

FREEDMEN'S MISSIONS.

The Freedmen's Department of the Auxiliary reports four boxes sent to Mrs. Bessie S. Brent, Gordonville, Va. Two were Auxiliary boxes containing contributions from eight parishes, as follows :

From St. John's, contribu- tions valued at.....	\$49 35	From St. James', contribu- tions valued at.....	\$ 2 50
From St. Stephen's, contri- butions valued at.....	19 90	From Church of the Ascen- sion, Wakefield, contri- butions valued at.....	25 00
From Grace Church, contri- butions valued at.....	1 00	From Emmanuel Church, Manville, contributions valued at.....	15 00
From Church of the Redeemer, contributions valued at.....	7 00		

Of the other two boxes, one was from St. John's valued at \$33.90, and the other from Christ Church, Lonsdale, valued at \$40.

All Saints' Memorial Church sent a box to the Rev. B. B. Babbitt, Columbia, S. C., valued at \$61, and St. Paul's sent one to the Rev. C. S. Snowdon, Lake City, Fla., valued at \$15.

Emmanuel Church, Newport, 2 boxes for Mrs. Buford, value not given.

We have received for the Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., \$30 from various sources; for the Rev. C. S. Snowdon, \$10.12 from St. Paul's; for Mrs. Brent, \$42 from the Church of the Epiphany and \$1.00 from All Saints' Memorial Church; for freight on boxes, \$2.25 from St. Stephen's and \$2.55 from Christ Church, Lonsdale.

Contributions of money for Mrs. Brent's stipend are as follows:

From St. John's, Prov	\$37 00	From St. James', Woon-	
" Grace, "	10 00	socket	\$3 00
" St. Stephen's, Prov.	25 00	From Church of the Ascen-	
" Church of the Mes-		sion, Wakefield	3 12
siah, Prov.	5 00	From St. Mary's, Warwick ..	7 00
From St. James', Prov.	1 00	" St. Michael's, Bristol ..	5 00
" Trinity, Pawtucket.	6 00		
" Christ Church, Lons-		Total.	\$117 12
dale	15 00		

Since the above report was given, I have received \$10 from St. John's Church, Providence, \$1.00 from Grace Church, and \$1.00 from the Church of the Redeemer.

Amount still due, \$20.88.

H. M. BARNES, *Secretary*.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Indian Aid Society of Rhode Island.

OUR first meeting of the working year was on Sept. 27, 1883. Ten members were present.

In connection with the Woman's Auxiliary a box, value \$59, was packed for the Rev. Henry Swift, of St. Stephen's Mission, Cheyenne Agency, Dak., which was sent October 5.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Swift had been in Providence in the previous spring, and had so vividly placed before the church their work and its needs that a great deal of interest was felt for them, and very soon we had received enough to fill another box, which was sent November 2; value \$57.

The two boxes reached their destination at the same time, the day before Christmas. Mr. Swift was obliged to make a long and very fatiguing journey to take them home from the point where the last public conveyance left them. Letters expressing the most grateful appreciation were received from him and Mrs. Swift, conveying also the thanks and pleasure of the Indian women and children, as well as of their own two little boys.

On the 31st of March, we sent by mail to Mr. Swift a package of seeds for planting, value \$6.15; postage in addition, \$1.68.

April 21, a letter from Mr. Swift says they arrived safely, were distributed on the same day to the great delight of the Indians, and he has promised to write us who has the most successful garden.

We are now ready to pack a box for one of Bishop

Whipple's missionaries, the Rev. Mr. Gilfillan, of White Earth. Miss Emery thinks he, being a white man, will exercise a better discrimination in giving out the articles than even our good friend Enmegahbowh, whose people will no doubt have a generous share of the contents.

Our annual report would hardly seem complete without some mention of this grand old Christian warrior, who truly verifies his Indian name as "one who stands before his people." The past year has been one of peculiar trial to him, but some of us might learn Christian submission and faith from him. Two children have died of consumption, only a few months intervening, and now we hear that his eldest son, the Rev. George Johnson, a missionary at White Earth, has been obliged to give up his work, and has gone to his father's house seriously ill of the same disease.

Besides these domestic afflictions is one which he almost equally takes to heart, the threatened removal of his tribe from the home they have learned to love so well.

Bishop Whipple has written a most earnest protest, and urges those who have any influence in Congress to use it, "that our rulers may deal righteously with scattered remnants of the Indian nations in their charge."

Lately Mrs. Garfield has headed a petition for the restoration of a dying remnant of the Nez Perces from the Indian Territory to their old home in Oregon — thus far not granted. If such honored names as these fail to arouse a right sentiment, we fear we have long to wait for justice.

We have held twenty-four meetings during the year, with an average attendance of nearly nine members, sometimes representing five parishes, and on one occasion six.

Eighty-eight articles have been cut out, including sheets, pillow-cases, and under-garments. Most of these have been made up.

A package for Mr. Gilfillan's box has been received from St. Michael's Church, Bristol, value \$15.

A package of clothing also, from Grace Church Bureau of Relief, and many valuable gifts from individuals which will find acknowledgment in the list of donations.

We think worthy of mention one incident in the history of the year. An aged lady, not of our communion, but

whose long Christian life was full of quiet good works, wished to show her interest in Indian missions. She spent some of her last working hours in preparing, with her trembling hands and failing strength, a little offering for us. She sent us a package and two small boxes of patchwork, beautifully fitted for the Indian children to sew, with some tiny pin-cushions as prizes for the girls who made the best progress. On the card sent with these she had written her age, and a single line — “83, a labor of love.”

We sent the work to Mrs. Kinney, of St. John's Boarding School, Dak.

Our aged friend has since been called to her eternal reward. Like her, we would be found faithful to the end.

One of the members of our Board of Managers, who was present at our last annual meeting, has been taken from the midst of her usefulness in the church and in her home, and waits for us now in Paradise.

Another lady, whose name in this community is blessed, and whose sweet charities reached out to distant fields and were bounded by no race or clime, has been called away. Some of our most valuable donations this year were from her. We shall miss her ready sympathy and aid. Let a measure of her spirit rest upon each one of us, that the good work may go on.

In February we were anticipating a visit from Bishop Hare, when the news came of the fire at the Santee Mission, and he hastily returned, though he had but just arrived at the East. We all know the story of that loss; the church, the school-house, dwelling-house, all were burned, and the families of the missionaries and the Indian children lost nearly everything, but most providentially every life was saved. The interruption to the school and the work generally, is a very serious thing.

We have promised to do something in the way of making up garments and bedding for these sufferers. That is the work which we have now on hand, and we should be glad to have assistance in it.

Our friends have been extremely kind in giving money and materials for work, and very useful and many very pretty articles for the boxes.

To all these friends we are very grateful, and would say “Be not weary in well doing,” for the ignorant are still

waiting to be taught, the poor to be clothed, and the weary and faint-hearted to be cheered with the sympathy and love which are begotten of the Holy Spirit.

E. A. PECKHAM,

Secretary.

April 24, 1884.

SUPPLEMENT.

At our annual meeting, April 24, we received from a member of St. John's Church, Providence, \$100, designated for Indian work, and sent to Mr. Wm. B. Cutting, treasurer for Domestic Missions. We also voted to send to Bishop Hare \$75.00.

May 3, we sent the box to the Rev. Mr. Gilfillan, of White Earth, Minn. ; value, \$117.00.