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The monthly meeting is held in room 6, Wayland Building, North Main Street, the third Friday in every month, excepting July and August, at 11 A. M.

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, February 8, 1878, the following Constitution was adopted, and the officers appointed.

CONSTITUTION.

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

II. 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.

III. 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.

IV. This society shall hold an annual meeting in Providence in October, 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.

V. 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.

VI. 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.

VII. 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.

VIII. 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.

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

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

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

THE different branches of the work have all been carried on successfully and with increased interest during the past year.

Ten monthly, eleven Board, three Quarterly and one Summer Meeting, have been held in various parishes. October 11th the Auxiliary visited Trinity Chapel, Pawtuxet; there were one hundred and twenty-five delegates, representing twenty-two parishes present. Bishop Weed, of Florida, and Miss Sybil Carter, of New York, gave very interesting addresses. This meeting was an enthusiastic one, and the work of the year was well started. The ladies of the parish furnished a bountiful lunch to their visitors.

January 24th a Quarterly Meeting was held in the Chapel of St. John's Church; one hundred and seventy delegates were present. The Rev. J. McKim made a very interesting address upon our missions in Japan. Mr. John Brown presented the cause of the Enrollment Fund.

The Rev. Dr. Greer spoke a few stirring words for our Diocesan needs. After a very nice lunch the meeting was again called to order, and the Rev. René Vilatte of the old Catholic Misson, Sturgeon Bay, Wis., made a strong appeal for his work. The Rev. Henry Bassett and the Rev. Mr. Cocroft made some interesting statements about the Indian and Diocesan Missions.

After the reading of letters, this very successful meeting closed. In May a Quarterly Meeting was held in the

Church of the Epiphany, Elmwood, over two hundred delegates present. The Rev. E. R. Woodman gave a very eloquent address upon the present state of Japan towards Christianity. The Rev. E. H. Porter of St. Paul, Pawtucket, made a very strong and convincing address upon the needs of our Diocesan Mission. The Rev. Messrs. Fiske, Roumaniere, and Bassett made short remarks upon various branches of the work. After a very nice lunch the meeting was called to order again, and the Rev. J. B. Wicks, of Milford, Mass., spoke upon the Indian work. Yaroo M. Neesan, connected with the Assyrian Mission, spoke of the condition of Syria. After short addresses by Messrs. Webb and Cocroft, the meeting closed with a benediction.

At this meeting, the afternoon attendance was much larger than the morning, and we are glad to have such evidence of the interest in our work, especially from the clergy of the Diocese.

A Summer Meeting of the Auxiliary was held at St. Paul's parish, Wickford, July 26th, one hundred and forty delegates present. Miss Emery, the General Secretary, related interesting incidents of her recent visit in the far West, and spoke of all the missions of our Church. The Rev. George J. Magill, of Trinity Church, Newport, made a very practical address upon Diocesan Missions. After a substantial lunch the meeting was called to order. Miss Emery spoke a few words in answer to questions received. Mr. Cocroft, of the Church of the Messiah, spoke specially of our Diocesan work. The Rev. Mr. Orpen, of St. Philip's, Crompton, and Mr. James Greene, of St. Paul's parish, made a few remarks and the meeting closed.

August 28th a committee of ladies of the Auxiliary accepted Mr. Patterson's invitation to visit St. Mary's, South Portsmouth; a most delightful day was enjoyed by all, and the work of the society informally discussed with the ladies of the Guilds of the Holy Cross and St. Mary's. It is hoped that a Church School can be provided for in this very fine location. The pledges for the year have all been fulfilled, and we ask the same generous coöperation with us in the next year that has brought to such a successful termination all the work undertaken. The total amount of the boxes and the money contributed may not be as large as last year. That is not our object; we aim

first to have every woman in every parish in the Diocese interested in every branch of our work, and during the past year this has been accomplished to our great satisfaction. May the appeals made, and letters sent to us, find a willing and ready response, that the work of the Master may be more easily carried on by our faithful missionaries in the far West, in foreign countries, and especially among the colored people of our own country.

The report of the work of the year is:

Total value of boxes	\$2,677.35
Money contributed.....	4,445.64
Total	\$7,122.99

MARY B. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The year just passed, has been the most successful one for our foreign work since the organization of the Auxiliary. A tabulation of the contributing parishes and of the contributions for the years from 1883-4 to 1887-8, inclusive, shows the following result:—

1883-4, Twelve Parishes gave.....	\$436.25.
1884-5, Sixteen " 	530.35.
1885-6, Seventeen " 	461.59.
1886-7, Seventeen " 	437.50.
1887-8, Twenty-Three Parishes gave.....	652.50.

Contributions were either offered or given by two other parishes, but as the need was greater in another department, permission was given to transfer the sums. These parishes should, however, be added to the list, making the number contributing this year twenty-five, or more than double the number contributing in 1883-4.

Besides fulfilling the usual pledges, we have gladly added to them for this year. We have established two advanced scholarships of \$40.00 in St. John's School, Cape Mount, Africa, for the education of young men pledged to enter the ministry. One of these scholarships is given as a perpetual memorial of Mrs. Susan Carrington Clarke. The other, the Jessie H. Campbell scholarship, is named in grateful recognition of the faithful labors of the recent secretary of this department of the Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The sum of \$65.00 has been placed at the discretion

of the Rev. John McKim, for the establishment of a fund for erecting chapels and churches for converted Japanese.

Twenty-five dollars have been appropriated for a school in Persia, under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Neesan, to be called the Narragansett School. It is to be hoped that we may be able to support this school regularly, although no pledge has been given.

During the year we have had the pleasure of meeting the Rev. Messrs. McKim and Woodward from our mission in Japan, and the Rev. Y. M. Neesan, who, after completing his studies in this country, has returned to Persia as a missionary in priest's orders.

It gives us much pleasure to report that the annual pledge of \$25.00 for the maintenance of the Caroline Clark scholarship, at Cape Mount, Africa, is undertaken by the Sunday School and Holy Cross Guild of the Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown.

The financial report for the year is as follows:—

Bristol, St. Michael's.....	\$ 60 00	Providence, St. James'.....	\$ 3 30
Central Falls, St. George's..	2 00	" St. John's	123 50
East Greenwich, St. Luke's.	10 00	" St. Stephen's...	116 00
Greenville, St. Thomas'.....	50	" St. Paul's.....	2 00
Middletown, Sunday School of the Church of the Holy Cross	10 00	Valley Falls, St. Philip's...	2 25
Middletown, Holy Cross Guild.....	15 00	Wakeville, Church of the Ascension.....	1 00
Lonsdale, Christ Church ..	10 00	Warwick, St. Mary's.....	6 00
Pawtucket, St. Paul's.....	10 00	Woonsocket, St. James'.....	10 00
Pawtuxet, Trinity Chapel,..	2 50	Westerly, Christ Church Sunday School.....	25 00
Pontiac, All Saints'.....	3 00	Rev. W. R. Bobcock, D.D... ..	10 00
Portsmouth, St. Paul's.....	5 00	Miss Clarke	40 00
Providence, Christ Church..	2 00	Mr. Rufus Waterman.....	5 00
" Church of Re- deemer	2 00	Interest on Deposit.....	1 45
Providence, Grace Church..	175 00	Total.....	\$652 50

CORNELIA A. UPTON,
Secretary.

DOMESTIC REPORT.

We are glad to say that the interest in our missionary work does not diminish, though fewer boxes are reported than might be expected. As had been foreseen, the calls for money were more numerous and urgent, so that we increased our pledges and needed all the help we could get from the parishes to pay what we had promised.

Bishop Elliott's memorial was taken up with enthusiasm and the whole amount raised early in the year. Then the money to help educate the daughter of a clergyman, besides sums of greater or less amount for various missionary objects.

From the Wayland Building we have sent four boxes, for which we had contributions from St. John's, Grace Church, St. Stephen's, All Saints' Memorial, Church of the Redeemer, Christ Church, and St. James', Providence, and St. Michael's, Bristol. Many grateful letters were received, and read at our monthly meetings. The wife of one clergyman writes, "Your box was filled with joys and comforts to us and our poor people. May every blessing be yours! Do thank most heartily every kind friend who has so graciously assisted us." It is the earnest desire of all the members of the Board to have a larger attendance at the monthly meetings, to hear these messages which are continually coming to us.

LIST OF BOXES.

For the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, Kenyon, Minnesota :			
St. James', Providence, one package, value,.....	\$ 5 00		
St. Stephen's, Providence, one package, value,.....	44 00		
All Saints' Memorial, Prov- idence, one package, value,.....	7 45		
Church of the Redeemer, Providence, one package, value,.....	7 23		
Christ Church, Providence, one package, value,.....	2 50		
Books from auxiliary.....	7 00		
Gifts from individuals.....	26 82		
 Total.....	\$100 00		
Box to the Rev. G. H. Ed- wards, Augusta, Ga.			
St. John's, Providence, one package, value,.....	\$11 00		
		All Saints' Memorial, Prov- idence, one package, value,.....	\$18 00
		Articles from rooms, of which \$10.70 from St. James'.....	16 00
		 Total.....	\$45 00
		Box for Miss Skellie, Mica- dale school, Waynesville, N. C.	
		Grace Church, Providence, one package, value,.....	50 06
		St. Michael's, Bristol, one package, value,.....	13 00
		Church of the Redeemer, Providence, one package, value,.....	13 19
		St. John's, Providence, one package, value,.....	11 00
		Christ Church, Providence, one package, value,.....	7 50
		 Total.....	\$94 75

PARISH BOXES.

St. John's, Providence :			
One box to the Rev. Lu- ther Ebene Creswell, N. C., value,.....	\$140 00		
One box to the Rev. Wal- ter L. Burwell, Charles- town, W. Virginia, value,	30 00		
One package to Mission of the Rev. W. H. Wash- burn, Lewiston, Me.....	8 00		
		Grace Church, Providence :	
		One box to the Rev. D. H. Sartwelle, Corsicana, Texas, value,.....	\$135 13
		One box to the Rev. S. Roosevelt, Goshen, Ind., value,.....	62 10
		One box to the Rev. S. S. Bellam, Golden, Col., value,.....	120 25

One box to the Rev. F. R. Huff, Neenah, Wis., value	\$88 95	St. Luke's, East Greenwich:
One box to Mrs. M. P. Steele, Mars Bluff, S. C., value	16 00	One box to the Rev. Mr. Strok, value.....
One box to the Rev. Mr. Hunt	32 00	One box to the Rev. A. T. Sharpe, Albuquerque, New Mexico.....
One box to Miss Skellie...	129 61	One box to Grace Hospital, N. Y. No value given.
Two young girls	8 00	
St. Stephen's, Providence:		Church of the Redeemer:
One box to the Rev. W. H. H. Ross, Rice Lake, Wis., value	37 25	One package to Bishop Whiteker's School, Reno, Nev., value.....
One box to the Rev. James B. Finn, Watertown, Wis., value	110 00	Christ Church, Providence:
One box to the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, Kenyon, Minn., value.....	100 00	Two comforters, value....
One package for the same, value	65 00	Mission of the Good Shepherd, Johnston:
All Saints' Memorial Church, Providence:		One package.....
One box for Basket Makers, Tompkins Cove, N. Y., value.....	38 00	St. Stephen's:
One package for the Rev. Mr. Turner, Tyler, Texas	6 00	One box valued at.....
Church of the Epiphany, Providence:		One box valued at.....
One box to Miss Skellie, for Micadale School, Waynesville, N.C., value	64 00	One box valued at.....
St. Michael's, Bristol:		One box to Rev. Mr. Johnson.....
One box to the Rev. B. F. Miller, Logansport, Ind., value	125 00	One box to Rev. Mr. Johnson.....
One box to the Rev. Mr. Washburn, Lewiston, Me., value.....	25 00	One private.....
		Furniture valued at.....
		For Fair
		Total value of boxes.....
		\$2,306 91

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS.

To Bishop Elliott fund:		
From St. John's.....	\$250 00	
From Grace Church.....	50 00	
From All Saints' Memorial.....	10 00	
From St. Stephen's.....	363 00	
From St. Michael's, Bristol.....	100 00	
		\$773 00
To the Rev. René Vilatte:		
From St. John's.....	216 00	
From St. Stephen's.....	155 00	
From St. Stephen's.....	159 00	
From Grace Church.....	15 00	
From Fair Money.....	300 00	
From Dime Helpers.....	24 30	
From St. Luke's, East Greenwich.....	15 00	
From St. Mary's, South Portsmouth.....	1 00	
From Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown.....	5 00	
From Trinity Chapel, Pawtuxet.....	1 00	
		891 30
To Elinor Deal.....	63 00	
To Bishop Spaulding for St. Luke's Hospital.....	58 95	

To general purposes:	
From St. Stephen's.....	625 00
From St. John's.....	29 00
From envelopes.....	30 00
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Money.....	675 00
Boxes.....	\$2,461 25
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	2,306 91
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	\$4,768 16

R. P. HENSHAW,

Secretary.

In connection with the Domestic Report I wish to give a short account of the "Book Fund," in which, as many of you know, I have been for nearly five years much interested.

Until the present year it had not been very successful. I had sent nine inexpensive volumes to as many clergymen and paid a year's subscription for three copies of the "Spirit of Missions." This year I have received \$44.10, and have sent to a clergyman in Texas 19 vols, costing, with postage, \$32.49, and to a clergyman in West Virginia, three vols., costing \$5.12. This latter asked for Webster's Dictionary, but in the condition of the fund when I received the request I did not think it could afford so expensive a book. One writes, "I could only give thanks to our good and kind Heavenly Father for these blessings. Please accept my most hearty and sincere thanks." Another, "it made my heart rejoice when I opened the package and saw what it contained, and I felt like singing Te Deum and Gloria in excelsis."

ANNE V. BUFFUM.

FOR BOOKS.

St. Stephen's	\$27 00	Anonymous.....	\$ 10
St. Paul's.....	5 00	S. Michael's, Bristol.....	1 00
Grace.....	2 00	Trinity, Pawtucket.....	2 00
All Saints'.....	5 00		
Messiah.....	1 00		<hr/>
			\$43 10

FREEDMEN'S MISSION.

Two Christmas boxes have been sent from this department to Mrs. Bessie S. Brent, Gordonsville, Va., to which the contributions were as follows:

Auxiliary.....	\$ 7 80
St. Michael's Church, Bristol, 15 00	
St. Stephen's Church, Prov. 2 00	
St. Agnes Society, Grace	
Church, Providence..... 2 10	
All Saints' Memorial, Prov. 49 85	
St. John's Church..... \$10 00	
Church of the Messiah..... 18 84	
St. George's Church, Central	
Falls..... 5 00	
Church of the Redeemer,	
Providence .. 1 00	
Total..... \$111 59	

At the same time, a barrel	
was sent from the Church	
of the Ascension, Wake-	
field, value..... \$25 00	
In the spring, a small box	
was sent from St. Cecelia	
Class, All Saints' Memorial,	
value..... 16 00	
One box at Christmas from	
Christ Church, Lonsdale,	
value..... 35 00	
Value of boxes....	\$187 59

For Mobile Colored School:

St. Stephen's.....	\$65 00	For the Endowment.....	\$ 50
Epiphany..... 4 00			\$69 50

For Mr. Deal's Colored Teacher:

St. Stephen's..... \$14 50	Grace-Church..... \$ 50
Church of the Redeemer..... 2 00	Miscellaneous..... 2 25
St. Thomas', Wanskuck..... 6 57	
All Saints' Memorial..... 1 00	\$26 82

For the Colored Orphans' Home, Baltimore:

St. Mary's, Warwick..... \$3 00	Epiphany..... \$ 1 00
St. John's, Providence..... 3 00	St. Luke's, East Greenwich.. 1 00
St. Stephen's, Providence..... 4 00	Mrs. G. E. Church..... 1 00
All Saints' Memorial..... 2 00	
Grace .. 2 00	\$17 00

For the Colored Commission, to which this department pledged \$250.00 ; money has been received as follows:

From St. Stephen's..... \$141 00	From Mrs. Brewer..... \$ 5 00
" St. Paul's, Pawtucket, 37 00	" St. John's..... 2 00
" St. Michael's, Bristol.. 10 00	" Trinity Chapel, Paw-
" All Saints' Memorial.. 29 69	tuxet..... 1 00
" Sunday School, All	
Saint's Memorial... 16 31	" Cash..... 3 00
" Church of the Re-	
deemer..... 5 00	\$250 00

Contributions have been received for Mrs. Brent's Stipend (\$200) from the following sources :

St. Stephen's Church .. \$ 50 00	Church of the Ascension,
Grace Church .. 46 00	Wakefield..... \$ 1 00
St. John's Church..... 15 00	" A Friend,"..... 1 00
St. Michael's Church, Bristol 30 00	St. George's, Central Falls.. 2 00
St. James', Woonsocket.... 10 00	
St. Luke's, East Greenwich.. 10 00	\$199 00
Mission Aid Society, Christ	
Church, Lonsdale..... 15 00	Mrs. M. E. Howard..... 1 00
Holy Cross Guild, Holy	
Cross Church, Middle-	\$205 00
town..... 5 00	Left over for Freemen of
Mission Band, Church of	
Messiah..... 5 00	Fernandina, Florida, from
Trinity Church, Pawtucket. 4 00	All Saints' Memorial..... 25 00
Trinity Chapel, Pawtuxet .. 5 00	
Money..... \$593 32	Total..... \$230 00
	Boxes..... \$187 59
	\$780 91

A. A. BRIDGE, *Secretary.*

DIOCESAN REPORT.

IN looking back over the Diocesan work of the Auxiliary for the nearly completed twelve years of its existence, we find that its helping hand has been extended to almost every mission in the diocese in a greater or less degree, while the perceptible benefit rendered and the gratitude expressed therefor have been ample compensation and encouragement for future effort.

The change in the date of our Annual Meeting will cause this report to embrace an extra five months, wherein the receipts for our Diocesan Mission Aid Fund, or penny-a-week collection, will show a corresponding increase over former years, and we are glad, also, to say an increase of the number of parishes contributing, although we have by no means reached the amount, either in money or contributors, that we desire annually to attain. Let no one conceive the idea that because we have thus far carried over a small sum in our treasury from year to year, that there is no need of making systematic and regular collections of the fifty-two cents from every church member possible, for consider that whereas it comes in in pennies, it goes out in dollars, sometimes by the hundred, and that it does not take many such gifts to deplete the treasury beyond helpfulness.

Twenty-four parishes have contributed the following amounts respectively, to the Diocesan Mission Aid Fund since our last annual report:

St. Stephen's, Providence.	\$ 53 00	St. Mary's, Warwick Neck,	\$ 2 00
Grace, Providence.....	42 08	St. Thomas', Greenville.....	2 60
St. Michael's, Bristol	40 00	Ascension, Wakefield.....	1 04
Church of the Redeemer, Providence.....	20 53	St. Paul's, Pawtucket.....	1 00
Epiphany, Elmwood.....	19 50	St. Bartholomew's, Cran- ton	52
St. John's Providence.....	17 76	Mission of the Advent, Pawtucket	52
Messiah, Providence.....	18 99	St. Paul's, Wickford.....	75
All Saints' Memorial, Prov- idence.....	11 26	Collected at large.....	1 10
St. James', Providence.....	11 00	Total.....	\$ 291 64
St. Luke's, East Greenwich	10 40	Interest on Deposit	7 44
Trinity, Pawtucket.....	7 44	Received for one copy of "Church Work,"	50
St. Philip's, Crompton.....	9 58	Balance from last year.....	198 53
St. Peter's, Manton.....	5 20	Total.....	\$ 498 11
St. George's, Lincoln.....	5 77		
Chrsit, Lonsdale	3 50		
St. Barnabas', Apponaug..	3 50		
Ascension, Auburn.....	2 20		

The disbursements have been as follows:

Subscription for the "Evening Prayer Leaflet".....	13 59	vent, Pawtucket, for S. S. library books	\$ 24 93
Subscription for ten copies of "Church Work,".....	5 00	To the same, for repairs on Chapel.....	25 00
In aid of Church of the Ascension, Wakefield....	85 00	For repairs at St. Mary's, East Providence.....	50 00
Prayer Books and Hymnals for the Homeopathic Hospital.....	18 30	Toward new furnace for St. George's, Lincoln...	100 00
To the Mission of the Ad-		Total	\$ 321 82
		Balance on hand.....	176 29

The following contributions have also been reported:

St. Stephen's, Providence, 2 packages, to missions in the Diocese, value.....	48 00	sheets, 1 doz. pillow slips, and 6 bolster cases, for St. Elizabeth Home.....	\$ 14 75
St. John's, Providence, 2 packages to same, value, Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown, 1 package to St. Mary's Orphanage, value.....	22 00	St. James', Providence, Cash for same.....	2 50
St. Mary's Guild, South Portsmouth, 1 doz.	5 00	Grace, Providence, through Mrs. A. D. Chapin, proceeds of sale for same..	253 00
		Total valuation....	\$ 350 25

Our fund for a General Diocesan Missionary, for whom we still wait in faith and patience, has been increased by the following sums during the year:

From St. Michael's, Bristol.....	\$ 40 00	From St. Phillip's, Crompton.....	\$ 1 50
" St. John's, Providence.....	60 00	" St. Mary's, Warwick Neck.....	4 00
" Church of the Messiah, Providence, 7 93		" Grace, Providence..	1 00
		Total.....	\$ 114 43

The Church of the Ascension, Wakefield, has recently through its rector, very kindly placed at the disposal of the Auxiliary, a bible, font, and set of communion vessels for which they had no further use, having new ones in place thereof, and, ere they were received by the Auxiliary, a most earnest appeal came from the young and flourishing mission of St. Andrews, on Mount Pleasant, asking for just these articles which they need so much to assist them in the ministrations of the services which are held regularly and are so well attended. With gratitude we received the gift, and with pleasure transferred it to the mission above mentioned for its present use, praying that those who may be partakers of the sacred privileges furnished thereby, may be true children of God and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven.

C. L. ANDREWS,
Secretary.

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

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Cash on hand May 25, 1887.....	\$17 27
May 25. Offertory at Annual Meeting at All Saints' Memorial	50 63
Oct. 11. Offertory Quarterly Meeting at Trinity Chapel, Pawtuxet 1888.....	37 87
Jan. 24. Quarterly Meeting St. John's.....	78 23
May 9. " " Church of Epiphany.....	77 74
July 21. " " St. Paul's, Wickford	28 20
Aug. Lady from St. Mary, Warwick, as needed.....	5 00
" Trinity, Pawtucket, "	3 00
Memorial Gift.....	100 00
Indian Aid Society.....	10 00
Mrs. A., for School in Persia.....	20 00
<hr/> Total.....	<u>\$427 94</u>
Balance in Treasury.....	\$22 26
	Total.....
	\$427 94

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NOTE.

There has been received for Foreign Missions.....	\$724 50
" " " Colored "	598 32
" " " Domestic "	2,461 25
" " " Diocesan "	666 57
" " " Indian "	621 86
" " " Mexican "	5 00
<hr/> Total.....	\$5,077 50

There is invested — The General Missionary Fund, with interest, \$467 53; and in the R. I. Trust Co., to credit of Permanent Fund from estate of Miss E. Waterman, \$500; and estate of Mrs. E. Carrington, \$200.

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

OUR report at this time covers one year and a half as we change the date of our annual meeting to correspond with that of the Woman's Auxiliary.

No greater amount of work has been accomplished, however, in consequence of the pause in missionary activity during the summer months. We have received this year, by subscription and otherwise, \$621.86, of which we have now in the treasury \$6.38. Eighty-one dollars were specially contributed towards the salary of Mrs. Johnstone, teacher in St. Paul's School for boys, Greenwood, Da. We brought up the amount to \$250, from the treasury of the society. We wish to furnish this amount towards Mrs. Johnstone's salary every year, and would here solicit special offerings for it.

The attendance at the weekly sewing meetings has averaged less than two persons a week, yet forty garments have been cut and thirty-six finished.

Two boxes have been sent to Indian schools, one in December, to St. Mary's, Rosebud Agency, and one in May, to Hope School, Springfield, both in Dakota.

For the Christmas box we received from St. Michael's, Bristol, a package, value \$34; from Church of the Epiphany, Providence, articles valued at \$21.18; from Church of the Redeemer, Providence, articles worth \$3.75, and from many individuals pretty and useful gifts.

The two boxes were valued at \$163.78, including freight and other charges. Although the one sent in December did not reach the school in time for Christmas, it was greatly appreciated, as was proved by letters not only from Miss Francis, but also from the children of the

school of all ages, who wrote expressing their pleasure in the best English at their command, and it really was very encouraging to read these letters, some of them written by Indian children only eight years of age. Most certainly it proves that they are learning what we feel it our highest privilege to know.

In January we sent by mail clothing valued at ten dollars to Mr. C. H. Roberts, of Sioux Falls, Da., a young man studying for holy orders. St. James' Church, Woonsocket, sent a valuable contribution to this package. Mr. Roberts replied by a letter, written in the severe cold of their midwinter. We almost wondered he could express his thanks so warmly. A society of young girls in Grace Church, called "The Indian Society," disbanded and gave us the money in their treasury, \$7.75, and thirty-two new garments, besides several small articles.

Recently we have had a letter from Rev. Mr. Gilfillan, of White Earth, Minn. He writes of the venerable Enmegahbowh, now nearly eighty years of age, that he and his wife are well and in need of nothing, but that his one remaining son is in poor health, and with his wife and five children are partly dependent on the mission. He asks help for them, "either a little money to buy provisions, or partly worn clothing."

Also, clothing is needed for many aged and sick, and for one hundred and twenty children for whom they are hoping to establish schools. Mr. Gilfillan himself will receive and distribute whatever we may send, and we ought to need no urging. This must be our first work, for the winter is coming on apace, and unless we send quickly there will be much suffering, which prompt action now may avert.

We are also much interested in Rev. Luke C. Walker, an Indian clergyman, missionary in charge at Lower Brulé. He has charge of six stations, and his wife has three sewing schools under her care.

They have a boarding school for boys and girls at that mission. Clothing, bedding, sewing materials, and toys for a Christmas tree are among their needs.

In the year just past two of the members of our board have been called away from their earthly labors. Both were faithful, earnest workers. Both had been long withdrawn from active service, but none the less we

shall miss their sympathy and their help. Through the veil of separation, to us impenetrable, perhaps they are privileged sometimes to look, rejoicing as they see the heavenly work go on, which Christ hat taught us to do.

Then let there be no drooping hands, no faltering zeal. Let us realize the privilege it is for us, whom God has greatly favored, to help bring His blind and ignorant children to His glorious light.

“Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense
Of service that thou renderest.”

E. A. PECKHAM,

Secretary.

OCTOBER 18, 1888.

DONATIONS.

Mrs. W. Russell, 1 comforter, books, games, etc.
Miss Bassett's Sunday School Class, 1 comforter, 2 sheets.
Church of the Savior, 4 pillow cases.
Mrs. Gamble 25 articles of clothing.
Mrs. Philip Allen, articles for Christmas box.
Mrs. A. L. Chesbrough, candy and clothing, \$5.
Miss Louise E. Salisbury, "Chatterbox" and Christmas cards.
Mrs. G. Prentice, many delicacies for the sick.
Church of Redeemer, 4 pillow cases.
Mrs. Metcalf, spool cotton.
Mission Band of Church of the Messiah, 12 towels, 12 pillow cases, 8 sheets.
Christ Church, 4 aprons.
Mrs. E. A. Greene, Mrs. C. M. Smith, Miss Delia Taylor, Miss E. L. Smith, Miss Mary Tasker, clothing and articles for the Christmas box.

Indian Aid Society of Rhode Island in account with Eliza A. Peckham, Treasurer.

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RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
May 25, 1887, balance on hand.....	\$25 12
By subscription from St. John's Church, Prov.....	78 50
Two members of " " "	100 00
One member of St. John's Church, Prov.....	1 00
Dime envelopes, " " "	2 00
By subscription from St. Stephen's Church, Prov. 138 14	
Two members of St. Stephen's Church, Prov.....	25 00
For Board of Missions for Indian work, from Grace Church, Providence.....	135 50
Young Ladies' Indian Society of Grace Church, Providence.....	7 75
Ladies' Benevolent Society of St. Michael's Church, Bristol.....	50 00
For St. Mary's School, Rosebud Agency, from St. Agatha's Society, Church of Epiphany, Prov. 12 00	
By subscription from Church of Epiphany, Prov. 1 50	
For St. John's School, S. Dakota, from Mission Aid Society of Christ Church, Lonsdale.....	15 00
From St. James' Church, Providence.....	6 50
" St. Paul's " "	5 00
A member of St. Mary's Church, Warwick.....	5 00
From Trinity Chapel, Pawtuxet	3 00
" Church of the Redeemer, Providence	2 85
" Christ Church, South Providence.....	2 50
" Two members of St. Paul's Church, Pawt. 1 00	
" Church of the Ascension, Auburn.....	1 00
	\$621 86
	615 48
Balance on hand October 18, 1888.....	\$6 38

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CONSTITUTION.

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

II. Its object will 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 duties 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 to 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 giving at a stated meeting of the Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS.

I. There will be an annual meeting of the Association on the first Thursday in October 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 be appointed.

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

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

V. At the 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.

