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

CONSTITUTION.

I. 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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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

THE Annual Meeting was held October 23rd, in St. Stephen's Church, Providence, beginning with the celebration of the Holy Communion. Thirty-seven parishes responded to the roll-call and about three hundred and fifty women were present. After the election of officers Bishop Clark introduced Assistant Bishop Thomas, of Kansas, who urged the claims of education in the West and especially for Kansas. The Rev. William Wilkinson of Minnesota made a brief address upon the general work of the Auxiliary. After the collection which amounted to \$81.00 the meeting was adjourned. An excellent lunch was served by the ladies of the parish. In the afternoon the Rt. Rev. James S. Johnston, of Western Texas, made an earnest appeal for his work. Several clergymen of the diocese made short addresses and the meeting closed at four o'clock. The first Quarterly Meeting was held in Grace Church in January. Three hundred delegates representing thirty-four parishes were present. After the celebration of the Holy Communion the Rev. C. C. Grafton, Bishop-elect of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, made an eloquent appeal for his work in the West. The Rev. S. Snelling of St. Paul's asked for assistance in his work. A bountiful lunch was then served by the ladies of the parish. In the afternoon an address was made by Dr. Babcock upon the educating power of Missions. The Rev. Dr. Fiske, the Rev. W. S. Chase and the Rev. T. H. Crocroft made short addresses, and the meeting adjourned at four o'clock. The second Quarterly Meet-

ing was held in All Saint's Church, Pontiac, May 23rd. Two hundred and fifty delegates representing twenty-seven parishes responded to the roll-call. After the celebration of the Holy Communion the Rev. Arthur H. Locke of the Mission to China made a strong and convincing appeal for his work. The Rev. E. H. Porter spoke of our needs in this diocese. After an excellent lunch furnished by the parish the meeting was again called to order, and the Rev. E. S. Roumaniere presented the cause of Swedish Missions. Dr. Babcock and Dr. Fiske made short addresses and after the reading of letters the meeting closed. The monthly meetings have been as usual and the attendance has increased, we should be glad to have the room filled every month. Bishop Talbot much to our regret could not attend our Annual Meeting in October, he visited Providence in the following December and made many friends. The various branches of the work have all been well sustained during the past year, more boxes and of greater value have been sent, and the amount of money raised brings us forward to the front rank of other branches of the Auxiliary. All the pledges have been filled, and for the coming year we have assumed more than ever before trusting that the women of the diocese will see that it is all raised when required. The amount pledged is \$1,760.00 and a list of the same is printed with this report. We call your attention to the Mexican department and ask for your generous support for this very important work. May we commence the new year with increased interest determined to do more than ever before for the cause of missions. Let us neglect no opportunity either by work or of money to help on the work of Christ. May we ever remember the Divine command "Sow ye beside all waters."

The value of the year's work is as follows:

Value of boxes	\$3,787.97
Money	5,816.16
Total.....	\$9,604.13

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

IN the foreign department we are glad to report an increase in the number of pledges. Three new scholarships have been added since the close of last year. Two of

these are in memory of Harriet Ives, one in the Jane Bohlen School at Wuchang, China, the other in the Boys' High School, Cavalla, Africa. Both these are given by Mrs. Gammell. The third is given by the Church of the Messiah in memory of Arthur Amory Gammell, and will support a student in a mission school in Africa.

Miss Riddick, the half of whose salary Rhode Island has paid for several years, is no longer in the mission field, having married and returned to this country in the spring. The Auxiliary will now pledge the amount formerly given to Miss Riddick, to Miss Leila Bull who is teaching in a school in Osaka established by Japanese gentlemen of the higher class for the education of their wives and daughters.

Before Miss Riddick left St. Margaret's School in Tokio, she urged the great need of a piano in the school in order that St. Margaret's might compete with the better equipped schools of other Christian bodies. Since her return to this country, Mrs. White (Miss Riddick) has interested herself in trying to raise money for an instrument. A sum of money belonging to this department has been appropriated to this purpose, and one gift besides has been received. We wish, if possible, to help generously toward supplying this need and trust that other gifts will follow.

It has been wisely suggested that if each parish wou'd choose some one or more objects to which it would pledge a definite sum, the labor and anxiety of making the annual payments would be greatly lessened, but the parishes themselves would feel a deeper interest in the work for which their money is given. Such a plan should not, however, interfere with a yearly increase in the offering, for in this as in all Christian endeavor, there should be steady growth.

We have had this year much difficulty in completing our pledges, because of the adoption of the envelope system by two of our leading parishes, in neither of which is any branch of Auxiliary work upon the list of objects for which contributions are made. In one case the only unfortunate result was a delay, but in the other only a fraction of the sum usually given was contributed. We hope that our work may in the future be remembered with the other good works aided by these generous parishes.

Interesting letters from Miss Riddick, and Mrs. Brierley

have been received and read at meetings during the year, and have been circulated through the diocese. The same plan will be followed this year in order that those who cannot attend the meetings may yet be kept informed of the work and made acquainted with the workers.

We have only once, this year, had the pleasure of listening to a missionary from the foreign field,—the Rev. Mr. Locke of Hankow, China, who was present at the meeting held in Pontiac and made a stirring address.

The financial report is as follows :

Barrington, St John's.....	\$ 5 00	Providence, Grace Church..	123 18
Bristol, St. Michael's.....	10 00	" St. James	3 00
Cranston, St. Bartholomew's	2 00	" St. John's.....	50 00
East Greenwich, St. Luke's	10 00	" St. John's.....	25 00
Greenville, St. Thomas'.....	1 00	" Church of the	
Lincoln, St. George's.....	5 00	Messiah	40 00
Lonsdale, Christ Church....	10 00	Providence, St. Paul's	2 00
Manton, St. Peter's.....	2 50	" Church of the	
Manville, Emmanuel Church	10 00	Redeemer	11 02
Middleton, Holy Cross Guild.....	15 00	Providence, St. Stephen's..	55 00
Middletown, Holy Cross Sunday-School.....	10 00	Providence, St. Stephen's, in memoriam	25 00
North Providence, St. Paul's	5 00	Providence, St. Thomas'.....	12 30
Pawtucket Mission of the Advent	1 90	Wakefield, Church of the Ascension	2 50
Pawtucket, St. Paul's.....	11 00	Westover, Christ Church....	25 00
Pawtucket, Trinity.....	2 00	Woonsocket, St. James'.....	10 00
Pawtuxet, Trinity Chapel..	2 00	Mr. Rufus Waterman.....	5 00
Phenix, St. Andrew's.....	2 00	Miss Jennie M. Clarke.....	40 00
Providence, All Saints' Me- morial.....	15 00	Mrs. Gammell	80 00
Providence, Church of the Epiphany.....	10 00	Rev. W. R. Babcock, D. D.	10 00
Providence, Christ Church..	2 00	Miscellaneous sources.....	20 00
		Inter st.....	1 00
		Total.....	\$671 00

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

It is an encouraging feature of the past year that we have had contributions from several parishes and missionary stations which have never before taken part in our work. A great number of packages have been sent to the rooms, most of them containing valuable articles which have added much to the comfort of the missionaries and the many poor under their charge. Those parishes which cannot undertake to send the outfit for a family may be assured that their packages help to fill a box for some school or destitute settlement. We want good serviceable clothing, new or second-hand, sent not as charity, but as the fairly earned recompense of our missionaries. We

are seldom obliged to discard anything that we receive but when faded calicos and ginghams, garments ragged and soiled, broken toys and torn picture-books are among the gifts we can only consign them to the rubbish heap. The Rev. Mr. Johnson of Nashua has been able to make many of his poor people happy with what we have sent.

The following list of boxes and contributions of money shows what we have accomplished.

AUXILIARY BOXES.

First box for the Rev. Karl E. Oppen.		Articles found in the rooms
Packages.		unmarked..... 37 91
One package from Saint George's, Central Falls, value	\$4 00	Freight etc..... 2 25
One package from Saint John's Providence, value	25 57	Total \$69 51
One package from All Saints' Memorial, Providence, value	9 00	Bishop Thomas' box.
One package from Church of the Redeemer, Providence, value	37 65	One package from Saint Luke's, E. Greenwich, value..... \$32 19
One package from Saint Stephen's, Providence, value	12 00	One package from Saint Michael's, Bristol, value, 26 00
Freight, etc.....	2 31	One package from Saint Stephen's, Providence.... 12 40
	\$90 53	One package from Church of the Epiphany, Providence, value..... 3 50
From Treasury of Auxiliary	25 00	One package from Saint Paul's, Wickford, value. 15 00
Total.....	\$115 53	One package from Saint John's, Providence, value 10 00
Second box to Rev. Karl E. Oppen.		One package from Saint James', Woonsocket, value 9 60
One package from Saint John's, Providence value	12 15	Freight, etc 2 00
One package from Saint James', Providence value	13 70	Total..... \$110 69
One package from Saint Luke's, E. Greenwich...	3 50	One box to the Rev. Mr. Johnson, Nashua, Iowa, \$60 00
		One box to the Rev. Mr. Johnson, Nashua, Iowa.. 50 00

The two boxes for Rev. Mr. Johnson were made up from the overflow of other boxes. Of this there should be credited to the mission at Coventry, \$38.00.

PARISH BOXES.

	Value.	Value.
To a Missionary, a box of books.....	80 00	East Greenwich, St. Luke's:
Barrington, St. Johns:		One box to the Rev. W. Barnewell, Paris, Ken.... 75 00
One box to the Rev. W. E. Wright, Wausau, Wis...	100 00	One package..... 5 75
Bristol, St. Michael's:		Middletown, Holy Cross:
One box to the Rev. Chas. Campbell, St. Albans, Va.	100 00	Rev. Mr. Deal, Franklin, N. C. 33 50
		Newport, Trinity:
		One box to Eau Clair, Wis. 247 11
		One box to Newton, Kansas 271 25
		Ashland, New Hampshire.. 210 46

	Value.		Value
Pontiac, All Saints':		Redeemer :	
One box to the Rev. J. M. Davidson, Carthage, Ill..	43 62	One box to the Rev. J. H. Holineaux, Lead City, Da.	\$175 00
Providence :		St. Stephen's :	
All Saints' Memorial :		One box to the Rev. C. E. G. Oppen, Green Bay, Wis	175 00
Two boxes to the Rev. E. Gav, Tompkin's Cove, N. Y	65 00	One box for Orphanage...	50 00
Grace Church :		One box to the Rev. H. H. Barber, Ripon, Fond du Lac.....	130 00
One box to the Rev. J. M. Hillver, Goldsboro, N. C.	139 25	One box to the Rev. F. B. Lee, Winter, Ala.....	30 00
Rev. J. M. Meredith, Rich- land, Va.....	127 59	Rev. E. P. Comings, Girad, Kansas	20 00
Two boxes to Miss Skellie, Micadale, N. C.....	80 00	One box to the Rev. W. H. Barnewell, Paris, Ky.....	15 00
One box to the Rev. W. R. Powell, Cove, Oregon	23 10	One box to Pere Vilatte, Fond du Lac	72 00
One box to the Rev. J. N. Young, Plain City, Utah.	42 80	One box to Missionary, Fond du Lac.....	50 00
One box to the Rev. W. P. Burke, Petersburg, Va..	5 00	One box to the Rev. Mr. Johnson, Nashua, Iowa..	50 00
One box to the Rev. C. A. Kienzle, Los Angeles, Cal.	21 70	One box to Fair, Phenix, Arizona	18 00
One box for the Rev. W. S. Sayres, Montivideo, Minn.	11 50	Fair, Chattanooga, Tenn....	12 00
St. John's:		One box to Basket Makers, High Falls, N. Y	30 00
One box to the Rev. W. J. Frost, Carlyle, Ill.....	100 00	Woonsocket, St. James :	
		Rev. J. W. Powell's school, Cove, Oregon.....	7 20
		Value of Boxes	\$3,042 56

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS.

Elinor Deal :	
Church of the Epiphany.....	\$10 00
All Saints' Memorial	10 00
St. Stephen's.....	10 00
Through Mrs. Henshaw	5 00
Grace Church	10 00
Pawtucket, St. Paul's.....	1 00
Pawtucket, Trinity.....	1 00
St. George's, Central Falls.....	4 00
	\$51 00
East Greenwich, St. Luke's:	
To St. Thomas, N. Dakota.....	30 00
Providence, Church of the Redeemer :	
Scholarship in St. Mark's school, Salt Lake, Utah.....	40 00
Pere Vilatte.....	135 00
Bishop Garrett.....	50 00
Bishop Talbot.....	30 00
Mr. Johnson	50 00
General Work	150 00
Clergyman's Family.....	600 00
Bishop Talbot.....	500 00
For various objects, specials	1,055 00
Money.....	\$2,741 00
Boxes	3,042 56
Total.....	\$5,783 56

R. P. HENSHAW, Sec.

For the "Book Fund" I have received since the last annual meeting

From St. Stephen's church.....	\$19 50
" St. John's church.....	12 00
" Grace church.....	2 00
" All Saints' church.....	2 00
" St. Paul's church, Pawtucket.....	1 25
" Trinity church, Pawtucket.....	1 00
" Ascension, Auburn.....	25

	\$38 00

And I have sent fifteen valuable volumes to a missionary in Louisiana, and Webster's Unabridged Dictionary to a missionary in West Virginia. These cost

Fourteen volumes	\$28 51
Webster's Dictionary.....	8 50
Express and Postage.....	99

	\$38 00

The Book Fund has now lost its independence, having become an auxiliary of the "Church Periodical Club" in New York, and I trust that the good work will be very much increased. It is expected that a librarian will be appointed in every parish, who will find as many people as possible who are willing to send books and periodicals either by direct subscription or those which they have themselves just read, not only to the missionary clergy but to laymen and laywomen who cannot afford to supply themselves. Circulars stating the object of the Club and the duties of librarians will be furnished to the clergy who furnish librarians. These appointments have been made in three parishes and from St. Michael's, Bristol, four copies of the *Churchman* and seven other periodicals have been offered.

A. V. BUFFUM.

FREEDMEN'S MISSIONS.

THE pledges have been the same for Freedmen's Missions as last year's, namely: \$250.00 for the Colored Commission and \$200.00 for Mrs. Bent's stipend.

Two boxes were sent as usual, to Mrs. Bessie S. Brent, Gordonsville, Virginia, for Christmas from this department, to which the contributions were as follows:

All Saints' Memorial, clothes, etc., to the value of.....	\$ 81 50	J. W. Perry, value.....	\$108 00
St. Stephen's.....	16 50	Christ Church, Lonsdale, to Mrs. Brent, value.....	30 00
St. John's.....	2 00	Grace Church, to Rev. J. W. Perry, Tarboro, N. C., value.....	27 00
Church of the Messiah, one package, value.....	35 00	Church of the Epiphany, to Rev. Mr. Deal, Franklin, N. C., value.....	77 50
Value of boxes....	\$135 00	Church of the Epiphany, to Rev. J. W. Perry, Tarboro, N. C., value.....	49 00
Another box was sent at this time from Church of the Ascension, Wakefield, worth.....	10 00	Total value of boxes.	\$431 50
Boxes reported from St. Paul's, Pawtucket, to Rev.			

Contributions in money for Mrs. Brent's stipend have been received from the following sources:

St. Stephen's.....	\$ 50 00	St. James', Woonsocket....	\$ 5 00
Grace Church.....	29 18	St. George's, Central Falls..	2 00
St. John's.....	15 00	Holy Cross Guild, Middle- town.....	5 00
All Saints' Memorial.....	6 82	Mission Aid Society, Lons- dale.....	15 00
St. Paul's.....	2 00	Mrs. Brewer.....	5 00
Church of the Epiphany.....	3 00	Mrs. A. E Howard.....	1 00
Church of the Messiah.....	9 00	St. Michael's, Bristol.....	10 00
Trinity Chapel, Pawtuxet.....	10 00	St. Mary's, Warwick.....	3 00
Trinity Church, Pawtucket.....	4 00		
Emmanuel, Manville.....	5 00		
St. Paul's, Pawtucket.....	10 00		
St. Luke's, East Greenwich.....	10 00		

\$200 00

For the Colored Commission:

St. Stephen's.....	\$151 00	St. Paul's, Pawtucket.....	\$ 6 00
All Saints' Memorial.....	9 68	St. James', Woonsocket....	5 00
Church of the Redeemer.....	5 00	From various sources.....	15 00
St. John's.....	5 00	Grace Church.....	28 32
Mrs. Edwin C. Larnard.....	15 00		
Miss Susan Green.....	5 00		
Trinity, Pawtucket.....	5 00		

\$250 00

Money reported as having been sent:

All Saints' Memorial Sun- day School to Rev. T. W. Cain, Galveston, Texas.....	\$ 10 00	to Good Samaritan Hos- pital.....	\$ 6 44
And to Rev. J. W. Perry, Tarboro, N. C.....	10 00	Church of the Epiphany, to Rev. J. W. Perry.....	5 00
Also from St. Cecilia Class,		Check, to Rev. J. W. Perry.	50 00

The following churches, have contributed to Mr. Deal's teacher:

St. Stephen's	\$ 11 73	Outside the church.....	\$ 6 00
St. John's	3 00	Holy Cross, Middletown	10 00
Grace Church.....	50		
Trinity, Pawtucket.....	5 00		

\$36 23

Mrs. Brewer sent \$10 which was voted to Mrs. Brent in answer to an urgent appeal for coal.

Total amount of money.....	579 43
Total value of boxes.....	431 50
	\$1,010 93

A. ALICE BRIDGE, *Secretary.*

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

THE largest undertaking that the Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has ever assumed in any one department was entered upon at the beginning of the financial year just closing, as a part of its diocesan work. It was an effort to cancel the mortgage of \$5,175 on the Rectory of St. George's, Central Falls, the only encumbrance that keeps the parish from being self-supporting. Realizing how long the parish had struggled under this burden, and how long it was likely to unless some one came to the rescue, at the same time appreciating the magnitude of the undertaking, and not expecting to accomplish the task except by degrees, the venture was made in faith, with what result time must show.

A trifle over six hundred dollars has been obtained for this object during the past year, and the mortgage now stands at \$4,450, showing that something over one hundred dollars has been received from other sources, a fact we are glad to note.

Contributions through the Auxiliary have been as follows :

Mrs. Russell.....	\$300 00	Mrs. Campbell.....	5 00
Mrs. Shepard	100 00	Misses Grinnell.....	2 00
Mr. Beckwith.....	100 00	Miss Mary Buffum.....	2 00
Mrs. Prentice.....	25 00	Miss A. V. Buffum.....	1 00
Lady of St. Stephen's parish.....	25 00	Mrs. Geo. Anthony.....	2 00
Miss Clarke.....	25 00	Ladies' Guild of the Mission at Anthony, R. I.	7 00
Mr. Starkweather.....	10 00	Anon.....	3 00
Mrs. Chesbrough.....	5 00	Total.....	\$603 00
Mrs. Ormsbee.....	\$5 00		

Any sums, large or small, will be gladly received for this purpose, and any one who will speak a good word for it, especially where it is likely to be effective, will receive our warmest thanks and help on the diocesan work by so much.

Once more we must urge upon those who see or hear this report, and who have not become regular contributors to the Penny-a-week Fund, to enrol themselves without delay, and see to it that the year does not pass without their fifty-two cents being recorded among the annual receipts of the Auxiliary. Do not think the sum too

small to send direct to the treasurer, if there are no collectors or other contributors in your parish. It is the very reason we ask it, because it is small, and we would rather receive the exact fifty-two cents than even fifty-three, or fifty-five, or sixty. We desire to have the sum total represent, legitimately, what penny-a-week contributions can amount to and accomplish in this diocese.

For the past year the receipts have been as follows, from twenty-eight parishes :

St. Stephens, Providence....	\$56 13	St. Peter's, Manton.....	\$3 12
Messiah, "	22 04	St. Barnabas, Apponaug....	2 50
St. John's, "	21 71	St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant..	2 07
Redeemer, "	19 30	St. Paul's, Providence.....	1 50
Epiphany, Elmwood.....	15 00	St. Andrew's, Phenix.....	60
All Saints' Mem., Prov....	10 52	St. Mary's, Warwick Neck..	52
St. Luke's, East Greenwich.	10 00	Anon	2 75
St. Michael's, Bristol.....	10 00	Anon	10
St. George's, Central Falls..	9 56	St. Bartholomew's, Cranston	52
Ascension, Auburn.....	8 37	St. Paul's, Pawtucket....	1 00
St. James's, Providence....	8 29	St. Thomas', Greenville.....	1 04
St. Philip's, Crompton..	7 46		
Trinity, Pawtucket.....	7 35	Total.....	\$248 31
Grace, Providence.....	6 51	Interest on deposit.....	1 85
Trinity Chapel, Pawtuxet..	3 65	Received for one copy	
Christ Church, Lonsdale	3 50	" Church Work "	50
St. Mark's, Warren.....	3 00	Balance from last year.....	176 20
Mission of the Advent, Paw- tucket.....	2 60		
Ascension, Wakefield.....	2 60		\$421 95

The disbursements have been as follows :

Subscription for "Evening Prayer Leaflets".....	\$9 12	Towards furnishings for	
Subscription for ten copies of "Church Work"	5 00	Christ Church, South Providence.....	\$100 00
Towards repairs on Rectory at Riverside.....	115 00	In aid of Church of the Ascension, Auburn....	50 00
Special for St. Mark's, at Riverside.....	3 00		
To St. Peter's, Manton, towards recarpeting chan-		Total.....	\$307 12
cel.....	25 00		
		Balance on hand....	\$114 83

Other contributions within the diocese have been reported as follows :

St. James', Providence, one package to St. Elizabeth Home, value	\$3 00	St. Luke's, East Greenwich, one package for same, value.....	\$11 50
St. Mary's Guild, South Portsmouth, R. I., one package to St. Mary's Orphanage, value.....	16 80	St. Luke's, East Greenwich, one package for St. Elizabeth Home, value	3 62
Trinity Chapel, Pawtuxet, for same, value.....	12 00	St. Stephen's, Providence, one Missionary Box, value.....	120 00
		Total valuation	\$166 42

Received for General Missionary :

Providence, Christ Church, \$4 00	Bristol, St. Michael's.....	10 00
" St. John's " 9 00	Lady from Crompton	1 00
" Lady of St. John's Church 25 00		<u>\$49 00</u>

Board of Missions :

Warren, St. Mark's..... \$31 00	Crompton, a Lady.....	\$2 00
		<u>\$33 00</u>
To Riverside		\$13 00
Money		\$943 66
Boxes.....		166 42
		<u>\$1,120 08</u>

C. L. ANDREWS,

Secretary.

A PAPER

READ AT THE

Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary,

HELD IN NEW YORK, OCTOBER 3, 1889.

GIVING OF SMALL SUMS AND SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

The Christian's obligation of giving according as the Lord has prospered him will doubtless be acknowledged by all who are conversant with the Scriptures, or who have indwelling in them the spirit of Christ.

The same Scriptures, also, furnish us a guide as to the amount and manner of giving to the Lord. The tenth under the patriarchal system is increased to a fifth, or even a third, under the Mosaic dispensation, by express ordinances, while under the gospel *régime* it seems to expand almost illimitably. As one has well said of New Testament examples, "We find liberality in a rich man sanctioned up to 'half his goods,' as in the case of Zaccheus; and in a poor widow, up to 'all her living,' as with the two mites. We find a whole church selling their property and giving away without limit, and though that example is never enforced on others, it is never reproved."

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him" writes St. Paul in ordering collections for the poor saints at Jerusalem, and it is upon this principle of systematic giving that the strength of all charitable or religious enterprises depends. The large individual gift has its place and necessity at the incipiency of an undertaking, or for its endowment, or pressing needs at any time, but the smaller regular contributions are the real sustaining power.

Systematic giving also implies intelligent giving, a virtue so much to be desired in those who are willing to contribute of their substance. It assures one that time, thought, and heart have all been called in play in the apportionment of the bounty, thus blessing "both him that gives and him that takes."

Auxiliary work involving in so large a degree pledges

from year to year for different parts of the missionary field is greatly facilitated wherever such plan of regular contributions can be inaugurated. It strengthens the Branch in making its pledges, and enables payments to be promptly made, by enlarging the work on a *certain* basis.

Soon after the organization of the R. I. Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary the need was greatly felt of having *ready* money at our free disposal to render assistance, here and there, to weak parishes or mission stations, or to send a cheering gift to an underpaid missionary now and then, and to be helpful in various ways, with small sums, without making special appeals, repeatedly, and for very trifling amounts. A plan was therefore adopted asking for penny-a-week collections in all the parishes of the diocese which, though responded to by only about half the number of parishes, has supplied a fund that has been most gratifying and beneficent. Our annual receipts now average about \$213, and though, probably, no parish has been at all thoroughly canvassed, yet at the end of ten years we are able to report that some \$2,137 has passed through our hands from this single source. A more general collection would easily have doubled this amount and no one would have felt financially embarrassed. Fifty-two cents a year is a possibility coming within the means of nearly every communicant, and faithful, interested collectors can scarcely fail of making the plan a success. One specially gratifying feature of this penny-a-week system is that it enables even the weakest mission station to contribute to the general missionary work of the church, and when report is made from time to time, that \$100 was given toward a furnace, or organ for this chapel, or a like amount for furniture or repairs on that Rectory, or perhaps \$50 for a Sunday-School library, the heart of each contributor feels an interest in the gift and encouraged to do more another year. The plan, thereby, becomes an educator, as well as a pleasure, teaching those of small means how valuable is their *penzy*, and how welcome it is in the treasury of the Lord when deposited "not grudgingly, or of necessity for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

C. L. ANDREWS,

For the R. I. Branch Woman's Auxiliary.

PLEDGES FROM RHODE ISLAND

FOR 1889-90.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Salary Miss Bull, teacher in Osaka, Japan, . . .	\$290 00
Insurance on lives of foreign missionaries, . . .	50 00

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Harriet Ives, China, supported by Mrs. Gammell,	40 00
Harriet Ives, Africa, supported by Mrs. Gammell,	40 00
*Susan Carrington Clarke, Africa, supported by Miss Clarke,	40 00
*Arthur Amory Gammell, Africa, supported by Church of the Messiah,	40 00
*Jessie H. Campbell, Africa,	40 00
Emily Waterman, Africa,	25 00
Carrington, Africa, supported by Members of St. Stephen's,	25 00
Caroline Clark, Africa, supported by Sunday-school and Guild of the Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown,	25 00
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Total,	\$615 00

FREEDMEN MISSIONS.

Salary of teacher at Tarboro, N. C.	\$200 00
Colored Commission,	250 00

INDIAN MISSIONS.

Salary of teacher at Greenwood, Da.,	250 00
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DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Education of Elinor Deal,	70 00
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MEXICAN MISSION.

Salary and traveling expenses of teacher in Mexico,	375 00
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Total,	\$1,760 00

* Advanced scholarship for students pledged to the ministry.

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

RECEIPTS.	1888.	EXPENDITURES.
Cash on hand Oct. 23, 1888.....	\$22 26	
Oct. 23. Offertory at Annual Meeting at St. Stephen's.....	81 04	
1889.		
Jan. 29. Offertory at Quarterly Meeting at Grace Church	82 70	
May 23. Offertory at Quarterly Meeting at All Saints', Pontiac	63 10	
Indian Aid Society, for Reports	10 00	
Memorial Gift.....	100 00	
Sale of Papers.....	2 12	
Interest drawn from Invested Fund.....	50 00	
For Foreign Missions.....	671 50	
For Domestic Missions.....	2,741 00	
For Indian Missions.....	431 35	
For Freedman Missions.....	579 43	
For Diocesan Missions.....	943 66	
For Book Fund.....	38 00	
		1889.
	Feb. 11.	Books to Reno.....
	Feb. 15.	H. M. Coombs & Co., Binding Twenty Volumes.....
	July 10.	Rev. S. C. M. Orpen, Crompton
	" 23.	Rev. H. C. Johnson, Nashua, Iowa
	" 23.	Rev. O. O. Wright, Riverside.....
	"	Papers for Mrs. Brent's School.....
		Secretary, Expense of Meetings.....
		Freight and Express on Eight Boxes.....
		Rev. A. H. Locke, Hankow, China
		St. Paul's Parish House.....
		Care of Auxiliary Rooms.....
		Foreign Work.....
		Domestic "
		Indian "
		Freedman "
		Diocesan "
		Book Fund.....
		Balance.....
		\$5,816 16

There is invested — The General Missionary Fund, with interest.....	\$518 11
Miss E. Waterman's Bequest.....	500 00
Mrs. E. Carrington's Memorial.....	200 00

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

To the Indian Aid Society during the past year has been entrusted four hundred and thirty-one dollars and thirty-five cents, of which we have paid out four hundred and twenty-five dollars and thirty-five cents, leaving in the treasury at the present time six dollars.

Of the amount received \$186, was given specially for Mrs. Johnston's salary. The \$64, necessary to complete our pledge for that object was supplied from the treasury. This is now the third year since we assumed this duty. The reports that reach us from all the Indian Schools show that no better work is done for the elevation of the race than is done in these school's and none of us can duly estimate the labors and the sacrifices of the missionary women thus engaged. We count it a privilege to know of their work and to help it forward.

In December 1888, we sent three boxes, two to Rev. Mr. Gilfillan of White Earth, Minnesota, and one to Rev. L. C. Walker of Lower Brulé, Dakota.

The value of these boxes including freight and other charges was \$147.49. Articles were contributed for them from the Ladies' Benevolent Society of St. Michael's Church, Bristol, from St. Luke's, East Greenwich, Christ Church, Lonsdale, and St. James', Woonsocket, also from several parishes in Providence.

The box sent to Rev. L. C. Walker was not acknowledged for nearly a year and we had quite made up our minds that he never received it, but we have just had a very apologetic and grateful letter, saying that the box arrived safely and that everything was very acceptable and asking for a continuance of our "deeds of mercy and a place still in our prayers."

In December we sent ten dollars to Rev. Mr. Gilfillan for the relief of the family of Rev. Mr. Johnson son of J. J. Enmegahbowh. He died before the money reached him but Mr. Gilfillan assured us it should all be faithfully spent for them.

His widow and five children are, as we understand, now a part of Enmegahbowh's family and his present salary does not suffice for all their needs. They are often assisted by the missionary in charge. We sent Rev. J. J. Enmegahbowh \$10, as a token of our sympathy with him in his disappointments and trials and our continued interest in his welfare. This man has been a hero of which any race might be proud. Now old age is upon him, his children are all dead and he is cast down with many trials, but not destroyed. His Christian faith is still strong and fervent and his reward not very far off.

Not all "hearts have been touched with pity for the red men," but those whose hearts have been so touched must work and pray for them till this whole nation shall rise to its duty and its opportunity towards that much abused and much enduring people.

E. A. PECKHAM.

Secretary.

OCTOBER 17, 1889.

DONATIONS.

Box from St. Luke's, East Greenwich, value \$15.00.

Box from St. Michael's, Bristol, value \$23.92.

Package from Christ Church, Lonsdale, value \$20.00

From St. James', Woonsocket, value \$6.00.

Contributions from Mrs. A. L. Chesbrough, Mr. Lewis J.

Chace, Mrs. Hummel and Miss Bassett, Mrs. Breck,

Miss S. W. Arnold, Miss Taylor, Misses Wooley and
others.

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

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Oct. 18, 1888, balance in treasury.....	\$6 38
By subscription from St. John's Church, Prov.....	71 50
Two members of " " " "	100 00
Two members of " " " "	4 00
From St. Stephen's " " " "	100 00
" Grace " " " "	92 14
" All Saints' Memorial " " " "	1 75
" St. James' " " " "	6 00
" Christ " " " "	1 00
" St. Paul's " " " "	2 50
" Church of the Redeemer " " " "	10 38
" St. Mary's Church, Warwick.....	5 00
" St. George's Church, Central Falls	3 00
Two members of Trinity Church, Newport.....	2 00
From St. Michael's Church, Bristol.....	10 00
" St. Philip's Church, Crompton.....	3 00
" St. Paul's Church, Pawtucket.....	1 00
" Trinity Church, Pawtuxet.....	1 00
" Christ Church, Lonsdale.....	10 70
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	\$431 35
	425 35
Balance on hand October 17, 1889.....	<hr/> \$6 00

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BOARD OF MANAGERS.

OF THE

Indian Aid Society of Rhode Island.

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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.

