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**THE PRAYER
for the
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, bless, we pray Thee, our work for the extension of Thy Kingdom, and make us so thankful for the precious gift to us of Thy beloved Son, that we may pray fervently, labour diligently, and give liberally to make Him known to all nations as their Saviour and their King; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE PRAYER
for the
UNITED THANK OFFERING**

O, Lord, our Heavenly Father, we pray Thee to send forth more labourers into Thy harvest, and to grant them Thy special grace for every need. Guard and guide the workers in the field, and draw us into closer fellowship with them. Dispose the hearts of all women everywhere to give gladly as Thou hast given to them. Accept, from grateful hearts, our United Thank Offering of prayer and gifts and joyful service; and bless it to the coming of Thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1878

1928

The Rhode Island Branch
of the
Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council

invites you to be present at the celebration of its

Fiftieth Anniversary

on Wednesday, February 15, at Grace Church

Providence

Holy Communion at 10:15 A. M.

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Programme
11:00 A. M.

The Rev. William Appleton Lawrence will preside

HYMN

ADDRESS: Rev. William Appleton Lawrence,
Rector of Grace Church

ADDRESS: Rev. Robert P. Frazier,
Assistant Archdeacon of Niobrara Deanery, South Dakota

HYMN

ADDRESS: Rt. Rev. John Gardner Murray, D.D.,
Presiding Bishop of the Church

ROLL CALL

OFFERTORY HYMN

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION



1:00 P. M.

Luncheon will be served in the Parish House,

HISTORICAL RECORDS:

Miss Mary G. Henshaw,
Secretary

Miss Harriet C. Edmonds,
Treasurer

Mrs. Howard Hoppin,
President

THE SECRETARY'S ADDRESS

There is a tradition that the Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary came into existence on a railroad train. While this is not literally the fact there is a large grain of truth in the assertion.

In October, 1877, four Rhode Island women—Mrs. Susan M. Crouch, Miss Elizabeth Andrews, Miss Nancy A. Greene and Miss Emily Waterman—went to Boston to attend a meeting of the newly formed Massachusetts Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. They were so much interested and inspired by what they saw and heard that in talking it over on their return journey they resolved that if Bishop Clark approved of the plan they would organize a branch of the Auxiliary in this diocese.

Accordingly, on January 19th, 1878, twenty-seven women, representing ten parishes, held an informal meeting at the home of Miss Emily Waterman, on the corner of Benefit and Waterman Streets, the house now occupied by the University Club.

As a result of their deliberations letters were sent to every clergyman in the diocese. I have here today the letter which was sent to my father at that time.

"Rev. Daniel Henshaw,

Dear Sir:

A number of ladies in this

city are desirous of forming an Association to be called 'the Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions' hoping to increase the interest of all the parishes in the Diocese in the missionary work of the Church—Foreign—Domestic—Diocesan—Indian—Freedmen—Mexican.

An informal meeting was held last week and a Committee appointed to confer with the Bishop. He cordially approved the plan and has called a meeting to be held in the chapel of Grace Church, Friday, Feb. 1st, at 12 m.

It is the earnest wish of the Bishop and the ladies that all the Clergy should be present at this meeting. Will you invite all the ladies of your parish to attend and name two to represent the parish in the ladies' meeting. Will you let me know by Monday, the 28th, how many ladies we may expect.

Nancy A. Greene,
Sec. pro tem.
19 High St.
Prov.

Jan. 22nd, 1878

To the ladies of All Saints', Providence,

You are urgently invited to attend a public meeting to be held in the chapel of Grace Church, Feb. 1st. At its close the ladies will hold a meeting for the purpose of organiz-

ing etc. A lunch will be provided for the ladies. We hope that the secretary of your society will bring us information of the work done by the ladies since the last Diocesan Convention.

N. A. Greene."

February 1st arrived and with it also arrived the worst snow storm of the season. Forty dauntless souls met in Grace Church chapel and after the bishop had opened the meeting with devotions and explained the object for which it had been called the Rev. Samuel Webb of South Providence and Mr. Baggs, a lay reader at Greenville, each gave an account of his work.

The meeting then adjourned until one week from that day.

On February 8th the chapel was filled—20 clergy, 130 women delegates and others interested in the work being present.

Missionary addresses were made by Mr. Eastwood of Pleasant View, Mr. Henshaw of Providence, Mr. Cocroft of Crompton and Mr. Odell of East Providence.

After luncheon the ladies held a business meeting. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers elected as follows:—

President, Mrs. Edward Carrington; Vice-President, Miss Emily Waterman; Secretary, Miss Nancy A. Greene; Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Andrews;

Executive Committee: Foreign Missions, Miss Emily Waterman; Domestic Missions, Miss Harriet Vaughn; Diocesan Missions, Miss Cornelia L. Andrews; Indian Missions, Mrs. Susan Crouch; Freedmen, Mrs. Eliza G. Hartshorn; Mexican Missions, Mrs. Stephen S. Keene.

Grace Church chapel seems to have been a sort of cradle for the missionary effort in the diocese. It was there that the Indian Aid Society, inspired by Bishop Hare's account of the Dakotas, was organized in 1873. When the Auxiliary appeared on the scene five years later the President of the Indian Aid was made a member of the Board and the two organizations worked hand in hand until 1909 when the Indian Aid ceased to be a separate unit and joined the Auxiliary as its Indian Department.

The newly formed Auxiliary decided to have four large public meetings each year, to be known as Quarterly Meetings. One of these, however, had to be the Annual Meeting and it was soon found impracticable to hold a large missionary gathering in the summer; but with that beautiful independence of spirit, presumably handed down to us by Roger Williams, the women kept to their original designation and to this day we hold our Quarterly Meetings *twice* a year.

In the spring of 1878 Miss Julia C. Emery wrote to the Rhode Island Branch asking if they could send a missionary box and giving them their choice of

three—a colored normal school at Raleigh, North Carolina, Rev. Mr. Rosenberg of Oregon, or a missionary bishop. Letters were immediately sent to all parish branches and the response was so encouraging that instead of choosing one from the offered list it was decided to take all three, the box for a missionary bishop going to Bishop Spalding of Colorado. A fourth box was sent to Mr. Eastwood of Pleasant View and on May 3rd, just three months after organization, the secretary reported a fifth box packed and awaiting instructions from Miss Emery.

The Board met once a month at the home of their President, Mrs. Carrington, on Williams Street, and after her death Mr. Carrington made a special request that they should continue to meet there "that the blessing might not depart" from his house.

In 1880 a kind friend gave two rooms in the Wayland Building, on North Main Street, for the use of the Auxiliary, and here the members came, singly or in groups, stopping first to take the key from its accustomed nail behind the door in Scattergood's furniture store, then mounting the stairs to room No. 6. The Indian Aid occupied the adjoining No. 5 and in these rooms many boxes were packed and much business transacted. Public monthly meetings were held at 6 Wayland Building. These were much smaller and more informal than the Annual or Quarterly Meetings but many missionaries from both for-

eign and domestic fields found their way there and were eager for the opportunity to speak to such a sympathetic audience. These gatherings always closed with the singing of the Doxology, led by Miss Cornelia Andrews. Letters were read and special appeals made; nor did the members of the Board confine themselves to their own particular departments. We of today do not realize any more fully than did those pioneer workers that it is all Christ's work and the field is the whole world and not just one little corner of it.

Miss Buffum, Vice-President and later Secretary for the Freedmen, the archaic name by which our Colored Department was known for many years, became deeply interested in the work of a missionary in North Carolina and pleaded his cause on every possible occasion. In recognition of her efforts on his behalf he sent her a charming photograph of his family. With true business ability she carried the picture to the monthly meeting and asked the assembled company if they did not "want to see Mr. Deal's beautiful family", adding that everyone who looked at it would be expected to pay at least ten cents for the privilege. It was Miss Buffum, too, who started the Book Fund, which later developed into the diocesan branch of the Church Periodical Club.

There were some people in every community in the early days who thought anything would do to

send in a missionary box. Rhode Island was no exception to this rule and the Board promptly started a vigorous educational campaign on this subject. Their efforts were so successful that Rhode Island boxes soon won an enviable reputation and were eagerly welcomed everywhere.

Mrs. Ames used to tell the story of someone who sent a quantity of old hoopskirts to the Indians. The Indians never having seen such things before mistook them for the latest thing in hencoops and immediately put them into practical use. These were not Rhode Island hoopskirts, however, for everything sent in for the boxes was carefully gone over and all unsuitable articles discarded.

The presentation to the diocese of the Bishop McVickar House, and, later, the acquisition of Diocesan Headquarters on South Water Street, did away with the necessity for 6 Wayland Building and the room was given over to the use of the Church Periodical Club.

The diocesan heads of the Church Periodical Club and the Girls' Friendly Society were for many years members, *ex officio*, of the Auxiliary Board and this close association was most helpful to all concerned.

After the World War it was decided to re-organize the box work along Red Cross lines and the Supply Department was formed to take care of all boxes, removing this responsibility from the heads of the other departments.

In these fifty years speakers have come to us from China, Japan and Africa, Porto Rico, Cuba and Hawaii, Assyria, the Philippine Islands, Mexico, Panama and Brazil, as well as from Alaska, the southern mountains and every missionary jurisdiction in this country. Regular attendants at our meetings have received a liberal education, not only in the missionary work of the Church but in geography and history as well.

A picturesque figure of the early days was Enmegahbowh, a fullblooded Chippewa Indian and a priest of our Church. He was accompanied by Chief Menogishig who spoke no English, Enmegahbowh acting as his interpreter.

Enmegahbowh was a great favorite with the Rhode Island Auxiliary and they did much to help him in his work. On one occasion, however, when they had sent him a new suit, someone evidently made a mistake in the measurements, for in acknowledging its receipt he wrote, "I try on my new suit but when I put on the coat my wife say to me, 'Enmegahbowh, you look like a robin that has no tail'."

The measurements sent us are sometimes puzzling. A few years ago an Indian priest wrote that his wife wanted "a pair of overshoes; ladies size". Perhaps all Indian ladies wear the same size shoes but the white lady who received the letter unfortunately did not know what that size was.

One of the most encouraging signs of later years has been the rapid growth of the educational work,—the increasing desire for more knowledge of the Church's Mission. This is a cause for rejoicing, for an informed and understanding Auxiliary is an interested and working Auxiliary.

Behind us lies half a century of endeavor and achievement—before us are unlimited years of opportunity.

MARY G. HENSHAW

THE TREASURER'S ADDRESS

I wish I could give to you the many little items that interested me as I looked over the financial reports of the Woman's Auxiliary for the last fifty years. The treasurer's report for 1878 showed a deficit of \$6.73, which crept back without comment in next year's report, of course from the pocket of the dear lady who always made it come out right that way. The first year's boxes were valued at over \$2700, and the amount of money contributed was \$2257. A good beginning.

Two scholarships for Cape Mount were started in 1879, and a pledge for Wuchang Hospital in 1880.

I am going to give you some figures which will represent the approximate amount of money passing through our treasury for missionary purposes during fifty years. This amount does not include legacies, nor large gifts that started or were applied to trust funds. It does not include the United Thank Offering. This amount is \$238,729.05.

This cannot be an accurate statement, owing to different methods of bookkeeping over a period of years, and incomplete records. It is fair to state,

however, that the amount is underestimated. There have been four treasurers.

The first United Offering to which the women of Rhode Island contributed was that of 1895, the amount given, \$877.85. This was increased in 1925, to \$9775. As the offering is presented every three years, we have participated in eleven offerings, our gifts totalling \$55,545.40. There have been two United Offering treasurers.

The box records are not complete, but the approximate value is \$243,108.69.

In 1900 was started the Carrington Fund of \$25,000 in memory of the first president, beginning with \$5000. After the death of Mrs. Ames the second president, her name was joined to that of her mother, in the Carrington-Ames Fund.

There is not time to enumerate the legacies bequeathed to us by devoted Auxiliary members; but I wish to state that the pioneers of the Woman's Auxiliary gave in money and boxes as much in proportion if not more than we of the parishes are giving today, for we are depending upon the interest on the legacies of the dead in great measure, to meet our pledges and increase our gifts to specials.

This would be a disgrace if it were not for the fact that in the early days there were no parish apportionments for missions to be met, and there were fewer demands for benevolent purposes far and wide.

In general, during the fifty years, the Woman's Auxiliary has continued to meet the pledges bequeathed to us by our predecessors, and has broadened widely the field of service to which our offerings are applied.

HARRIET C. EDMONDS

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

You have heard the records of our achievements in the last fifty years, now I would turn your attention to "the rock whence we were hewn" and pause to think of those who laid the foundations upon which we have built.

Our honor roll is as follows:

Mrs. Edward Carrington	}	<i>Presidents</i>
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Also our benefactors, whose bequests greatly help us in our gifts of money:

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These all have passed to their reward and their works do follow them. As we remember them on this day of our golden jubilee our hearts go out to them in gratitude for their example of faith and courage, and we pray God to bless them in their rest in Paradise and to give us grace to follow in their footsteps.

Changes have come in the name by which we are called and the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council has a larger scope than had the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, as it was originally formed, but the object has always been the same, to lend a helping hand to every effort undertaken by The Church for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. I would remind you that in becoming the handmaid to the National Council the Woman's Auxiliary has pledged itself to stand back of the general budget for the work of The Church, so that we are especially committed to this task and we should make every effort possible to see that in our several parishes every woman understands about the budget and contributes to it. Until the laity, both men and wom-

en, take this seriously to heart The Church will be deprived of responding to all the opportunities that offer for her great mission to the World, and it is our duty to make every endeavor to accomplish the object of every communicant a contributor. For this we need the fullest co-operation, and here I plead for a better understanding of what the Woman's Auxiliary really is, not a society for a few women, but the medium for the missionary activities of everyone.

In the General Convention assembled in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1872, the Woman's Auxiliary was formed by the Bishops to fill a need felt by the clergy for woman's work in The Church, so we have a sure foundation and we can build to a great height if young and old will lend a hand.

I appeal especially to the young women, whose energy and enthusiasm are needed in our ranks, and a big enough task is offered to enlist their efforts if the call is taken seriously. It is a solemn trust that is committed to us, that of spreading the good tidings of the Gospel, and it demands our best endeavors. As we strive to interpret Christ to the World, perhaps at times showing to non-Christians what the Christian life should mean, we must take heed so to develop our own spiritual lives by all the means offered by Holy Church that we are worthy witnesses for Him. To this end the Woman's Auxiliary, at the last Triennial, issued a heart-searching message, and the

executive board has recently passed in connection with this message the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council has felt very keenly the need for a deeper spiritual life and renewed consecration to our Lord Jesus Christ on the part of the women of the Church and has expressed the same through the Message of 1925, and

WHEREAS, We have experienced through the Bishops' Crusade the need of a more public and private witness for Christ in the life of today and have had a real part in the preparation and carrying forward of the Crusade, and

WHEREAS, The National Commission on Evangelism is urging the Church through all its various agencies to incorporate personal evangelism in the regular life of the Church,

BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the members of the Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary, make it our purpose to meet the need for witnessing to Christ at home as well as abroad by what we are, by what we do and by what we say, and

FURTHER, That we endeavor to make the winning of individuals to the knowledge of Christ a definite part of our corporate service through the Woman's Auxiliary.

And now as we women in Rhode Island close the

chapter of a half century of endeavor and turn to a new page, let us each one write upon it.

To the winning of souls for whom our Saviour died, I re-dedicate myself, and "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

MARY M. HOPPIN

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

A year ago the Church all over the land was working and praying for the Bishops' Crusade. At the request of our own bishop the members of the Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary took an active part in the preparation for the Crusade and it was most gratifying to hear from Bishop Perry that he considered its success in this diocese was largely owing to the efforts of the Auxiliary.

Aside from the Crusade our work during the past year has departed little from its customary lines.

The Annual Meeting was held at 86 Brown Street, Providence, January 14th, 1927. As there was not a quorum present the meeting was adjourned to February 17th.

The adjourned Annual Meeting was held at St. Stephen's Church, Providence, on Thursday, February 17th, 1927. Bishop Perry presided at the morning session and the speakers were Father Hawkins of the Holy Cross Mission in Liberia and Bishop Gilman of Hankow. Mrs. Hoppin presided at the afternoon session.

Friday, March 4th, was appointed as a World Wide Day of Prayer for Missions and we joined with the

Federation of Women's Church Societies in a service at the Church of the New Jerusalem. Women from the different Christian bodies told of the mission work being carried on in all parts of the world, prayers being offered at the close of each address for the particular work described. Our own Church was represented by Mrs. Hoppin, who spoke on missions in Latin America.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting was held at St. George's Church, Central Falls, on Thursday, May 19th. The Rev. William E. Dowty, rector of St. George's, presided at the morning session, Bishop Carson of Haiti and Miss Emily Seaman of Liberia being the speakers. Mrs. Hoppin presided at the afternoon session and Miss Eva D. Corey spoke about St. Agnes Hospital and the Training School for Colored Workers at Raleigh, North Carolina.

On October 25th eight members of the Board attended a meeting of delegates from the Province of New England at St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, when the subjects to be brought before the Triennial Meeting in Washington next October were discussed.

The Fall Quarterly Meeting was held on Thursday, November 3rd, at St. Martin's Church, Providence. Bishop Perry presided at the morning session and the speakers were the Rev. Francis J. M. Cotter, recently of St. Andrew's Mission, Wuchang, and Bishop Morris of the Panama Canal Zone. Mrs. Hoppin presided

at the afternoon session in the parish house and we formally voted to change our name from the Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, to, the Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council. This change was informally made at the time the National Council was organized but it is a satisfaction to know that we have now complied with all the legal requirements.

Board Meetings, with an average attendance of eleven members, have been held every month, with the exception of July and August.

I wish I might speak of all the good work accomplished during the year—prayer groups, study classes, boxes and money contributions, and personal visits to parish organizations—but that is not my privilege. I must leave it to the heads of the various departments.

Respectfully submitted

MARY G. HENSHAW

Secretary

REPORT OF TREASURER

*Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in
account with Harriet C. Edmonds Treasurer
January 1, 1927 to January 1, 1928*

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1927.....	\$206 02
Dividends Mrs. Peirce's Bequest.....	1,100 00
Interest on Mrs. John Carter Brown Bequest.....	202 00
Interest on Carrington Ames Fund.....	1,449 40
Interest on Cranston Fund	80 80
Interest on Brewer Bequest.....	38 38
Interest on Waterman Fund.....	21 90
Interest on Clarke Fund.....	78 58
Interest on Peckham Bequest.....	40 40
Interest on Fish Fund.....	20 20
Interest on Lippitt Bequest.....	20 20
Interest on Coggeshall Bequest.....	300 00
Interest on Call Account.....	3 23
Interest on Liberty Bond.....	3 19
Offering at Annual Meeting.....	128 09
Offering at May Meeting.....	77 54
Offering at November Meeting.....	129 72
Special St. Andrew's Harris.....	5 00
 Total	 \$3,904 65

EXPENDITURES

Interest Paid Departments.....	\$300 46
United Thank Offering.....	152 00

Transferred to Current Expense Account.....	450 00
Corporate Gift.....	100 00
Colored Department	8 00
Foreign Department	6 44
Supply Department.....	25 00
Insurance on Lives of Foreign Missionaries.....	50 00
Pledge for Assyrian Girl.....	50 00
Other Assyrian Work.....	30 00
Pillar in Boone Library.....	25 00
St. Andrew's Wuchang.....	100 00
Special Bishop Gilman.....	10 00
Girl's Hostel, China.....	100 00
Miss Seamans for Liberia.....	100 00
Holy Cross Mission Liberia.....	150 00
China Emergency Fund.....	200 00
Japanese Earthquake Fund.....	100 00
Bishop Carson, Haiti.....	200 00
Panama Canal Zone.....	250 00
St. Augustine's Raleigh, Building Fund.....	100 00
St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh.....	50 00
Christ School, Arden.....	20 00
DuBose Training School.....	200 00
St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville.....	200 00
St. Athanasius School, Brunswick, Ga.....	100 00
Appalachian School.....	50 00
Berry Mountain Mission, Arkansas.....	50 00
Flood Sufferers in the South.....	100 00
Miss Florence Everett.....	100 00
St. Andrew's Industrial School for Insurance....	300 00
St. Elisabeth Home, Cancer Ward.....	100 00
St. Thomas's, Wanskuck, Repairs.....	50 00
 Total	\$3,826 90
Balance on Hand January 1, 1928.....	\$77 75

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 1927.....	\$209 07
For Duty On Chinese Articles.....	50 00
General Treasury.....	450 00
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Total	\$709 07

EXPENDITURES

Rent Diocesan Headquarters.....	\$125 00
Travelling Expenses of Speakers.....	73 75
Printing Annual Reports.....	140 00
Other Printing and Postals.....	19 75
Expenses of New York Central Office Class B....	25 00
Provincial Meeting.....	10 00
Expenses of Provincial Representative to N. Y...	10 00
Tax Rhode Island Council of Women.....	2 00
Safe Deposit Box.....	6 00
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Total	\$411 50
Balance on Hand January 1, 1928.....	\$297 57

PERMANENT FUNDS

Carrington-Ames Fund.....	\$37,321 75
Charlotte Brewer Bequest.....	998 38
Sarah Fish Fund.....	537 02
Emily Waterman Fund.....	564 65
Jennie Clarke Fund.....	2,024 55
Mrs. John Carter Brown Bequest.....	5,202 00
Eliza Almy Peckman Bequest.....	1,000 00
Mrs. Sarah E. Lippitt Bequest.....	500 00
Mrs. Daniel Albert Peirce Bequest.....	10,000 00
Clara Lippitt Cranston Fund.....	2,000 00

PLEDGES FROM RHODE ISLAND

1927

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Salary of Miss Anna Van Kirk, Osaka.....	\$300 00
Insurance on lives of foreign missionaries.....	50 00
Two beds in Church General Hospital, Wuchang, China	60 00
Education of Assyrian girl.....	50 00

SCHOLARSHIPS

Harriet Ives, St. Hilda's School, Wuchang, China, supported by Mrs. Safe.....	40 00
Harriet Ives, Boys' High School, Cuttington, Africa, supported by Mrs. Safe.....	40 00
Susan Carrington Clarke, St. John's School, Cape Mount, Africa.....	40 00
Jessie H. Campbell, St. John's School, Cape Mount, Africa	40 00
Caroline Clarke, St. John's School, Cape Mount, Africa, supported by the S. S. Guild of the Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown.....	25 00
Harriet H. Gilpin, Eliza F. Drury Station, supported by Charlotte S. Brewer Fund.....	25 00
Carrington (in memoriam) Girls' School, St. Paul's River, Africa, supported by Miss Dwight....	25 00
Emily Waterman, Girls' School, St. Paul's River, Africa	25 00

COLORED MISSIONS

Salary of a teacher at Tarboro, N. C.....	200 00
Scholarship, American Church Institute for Negroes	100 00

INDIAN MISSIONS

Salary of a teacher at St. Elizabeth's School, South	
Dakota	\$ 250 00
Scholarship, Fort Hall School, Idaho.....	100 00
Mission at Oneida, Wisconsin.....	50 00
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Total	\$1,425 00

UNITED THANK OFFERING

Balance January 1, 1927.....	\$3,121 71
Received from parishes.....	3,283 05
Interest from Brown Bequest.....	152 00
Interest on Bank Account.....	138 57
Total January 1, 1928.....	\$6,695 33

The above figure shows that our offering is growing, but it is growing slowly. This is the last year for gathering the U. T. O. of 1928. Early next October, General Convention will meet in Washington, D. C. At the same time, the Woman's Auxiliary will hold its Triennial there. Representatives from every diocese, every missionary district at home and abroad, women of the Church from everywhere, will assemble for the great service of thanksgiving, and to present our United Gift. We would have every woman, whether active or not in Auxiliary work, share in this Offering, making her share a true expression of thankfulness for blessings received. That is our ideal. If we cannot this year reach every woman, at least every parish and mission in this diocese should be represented in our offering.

When we gather our ideal gift, for what purpose

shall it be used? To send more laborers into His harvest: women who will represent us, and carry for us Christ's message of love to other women everywhere.

We do not *beg* for the United Thank Offering. We simply offer you the opportunity to share in it.

AMEY L. M. THORNLEY
Diocesan Treasurer U. T. O.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY

The subject suggested by the Educational Department of 281 Fourth Avenue for the winter of 1926-27 was the "Church's Rural Work." It is only in recent years that the Church has awakened to the needs of this particular field, and the work is even now in an experimental stage. We, therefore, in this Diocese, since we are fortunate in having efficient and devoted workers in the rural field, decided to ask the Rev. Mr. Holcomb, Miss Platt and Mr. Harold Lowe to give practical illustrations of the needs, difficulties and possibilities of the work in rural Rhode Island.

It is easier to build our knowledge on an understanding of conditions at home, and then reach out to a realization of all the possibilities of that form of church extension.

Nearly every parish heard one or more of the speakers, which resulted in increased regard, understanding, and desire for service.

MARIEN L. O. EMERSON
Educational Secretary

REPORT OF THE SUPPLY SECRETARY

I don't think we are justified in saying that the report of the Supply Department is altogether satisfactory, when only forty out of the sixty-four churches help in the work; and only eighteen of the forty give any money for its support. About thirty of our churches do splendid work, we can't say enough in praise of their generous response to all our calls—they never fail us—which makes it possible for us to complete our allotments. If the churches who apparently take no interest in our department would only do a little what a difference there would be in the returns, and what an encouragement for those helping with the work.

Since Jan. 1st, 1927, this diocese has sent the following boxes:

MISSION SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS AND STATIONS

16	boxes	St. Barnabas Mission, Ark.....	\$698	72
14	boxes	Bishop Rowe Chapel, Alaska.....	1,425	50
15	boxes	St. John's Mission, Corbin, Ky.....	612	14
6	boxes	Miller's Tavern, Va., (G. F. S.).....	181	57
9	boxes	Reynolds Memorial Hospital, W. Va...	348	54
3	boxes	Grace Hospital, Morgantown, N. C.....	92	29
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			\$3,358	76

PERSONAL BOXES

1	box	Rev. A. M. Roberts, La Grange, Ga.....	\$341 42
1	box	Rev. Valentine Junker, Madison, S. D.....	452 55
1	box	Sister Noel Juanita, Virgin Islands.....	63 00
1	box	Rev. C. B. Pritchett, Waycross, Ga.....	187 15
1	box	Rev. Irving E. Baxter, St. Helena, Calif.	96 82
1	box	Rev. H. P. Selinger, Chadron, Neb.....	256 95
7		Christmas Mission boxes.....	35 00
1		Catechist's box—Isaac Bear, S. D.....	35 00
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			\$1,467 89
	Total		\$4,826 65

LOUISE M. M. NIGHTINGALE
Supply Secretary

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Foreign Missions

The mention of Foreign Missions must in these days instinctively bring to our minds China. It is in China that the greatest test of our missions is being made. The prediction that if foreign missionaries were withdrawn Christianity would not survive twenty-four hours can be proved untrue now, even while our missionaries are still on the ground, for the spirit which will endure ostracism, persecution, even martyrdom, is the spirit that endures. During the turmoil and distress of the war in China men and women have been baptized and confirmed, boldly witnessing to their faith in the face of active efforts to crush all religion; several men have been ordained to the priesthood, and one consecrated Bishop. Some of the schools are temporarily closed, while others are carrying on most effectively.

The summary of the situation is that there must be no relaxation of our effort to support the mission, but rather an increase in our gifts, so that the Church may be ready for the revival of the work when this turmoil is over.

During the year we have heard of our mission in China from Bishop Gilman and from Liberia from Father Hawkins and Miss Seaman. An interesting evidence of the appreciation on the part of the Gov-

ernment of Liberia of the work of Miss Margaretta Ridgeley, head of the House of Bethany for girls, is the distinction conferred upon her of *Knight-Official of the Humane Order of African Redemption*. She is thus entitled to write the six letters of K. O. H. O. A. R. after her name.

The contributions received from twenty-eight of the sixty-three parishes and missions in the diocese are as follows: Grace Church \$100; \$25 each from St. Michael's, Bristol, Trinity Church, Newport, Miss Dwight, Holy Cross S. S., Middletown; \$15 each from Emmanuel Church, Newport, St. Stephen's, and All Saints', Providence; \$10. each from Christ Church, Lonsdale, St. Luke's, East Greenwich, Christ Church, Westerly, and Church of the Messiah, Providence; \$6.10 from patients at the St. Elizabeth Home; \$6 from St. Mary's, East Providence; \$5 each from St. Philip's, Crompton; Holy Nativity, Tiverton; St. John's, Barrington; Church of the Transfiguration, Edgewood; Church of the Ascension, Auburn; Church of the Good Shepherd, and Trinity Church, Pawtucket; St. John's, St. James', and the Church of the Redeemer, Providence. From St. George's, Central Falls, \$3; and \$2 each from St. Paul's, Providence, and St. Luke's, Pawtucket. With \$138.86 interest on invested funds, and the sale of articles from the missions in China, the total is \$580.57.

CORNELIA A. UPTON

Domestic Missions

The Domestic Department received for the year ending December 31st, 1927, from eleven parishes, the sum of \$181.80. From the Newport County Auxiliary their Lenten Offering, \$314.96 and from the funds of the Diocesan treasury \$20.00, making a net total of \$496.76. This amount was distributed, \$150.00 to the Point Hope Mission in Alaska, \$273.80 to the Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital, \$41.16 to Bishop Morris for his work in the Canal Zone. The last two amounts represent the sum from the Newport County Auxiliary and were designated to those objects. \$50.00 was sent to Christ's School for mountain whites at Arden, N. C., for a scholarship, that being the sum needed for the training of one child for a year. This left in the treasury \$1.80 and to that has been added \$8.75 from St. Elizabeth Home and \$5.00 from St. Andrew's, Providence, or a total of \$15.55 for use in the coming year. I hope that every parish has had read to its Auxiliary members the thrilling letter of Bishop Rowe, published in the November number of the Diocesan Record, in acknowledgment of our gifts. His trip to Point Hope was by airplane, travel by land or water being impossible.

GRACE G. NEALEY
Domestic Secretary

Indian Missions

RECEIPTS

From 19 societies, 6 individuals, and interest on invested funds.....	\$407 36
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EXPENDITURES

Salary of a teacher in St. Elizabeth's School, South Dakota	\$250 00
Fort Hall School, Idaho.....	100 00
Mission at Oneida, Wisconsin.....	50 00
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	\$400 00
Balance	\$7 36

HELEN KING CHEESMAN
Indian Secretary

Colored Missions

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1927.....	\$28 80
Pledges from 24 churches.....	229 00
Eight Individual donations.....	121 00
Interest on Sarah Lippitt Fund.....	20 20
Transferred from General Treasury.....	8 00
 Total	 \$407 00

EXPENDITURES

Mr. Milton Weston for teacher's salary.....	\$200 00
American Church Institute for Negroes.....	100 00
St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Va.....	20 00
St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, N. C.....	15 00
St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.....	15 00
Special to Mrs. Worrall for work at St. Agnes Hospital	50 00
 Total	 \$400 00
Balance on hand January 1, 1928.....	\$7 00

SUZANNE G. MACKIE
Secretary

Diocesan Missions

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1st, 1927.....	\$2 04
Designated for special purposes.....	442 50
"Penny-a-week", or Diocesan Mission Fund.....	238 65
Total	\$683 19

EXPENDITURES

Specials:

St. Andrew's School.....	\$170 00
St. Elizabeth Home.....	65 00
St. Mary's Orphanage.....	111 00
Seamen's Church Institute.....	40 00
Miss Platt for Christmas in rural districts....	15 00
Mr. Pine's hospital work.....	10 00
Lakeside Home.....	5 00
Mr. Holcomb.....	16 50
Church of the Resurrection, Norwood.....	10 00

"Penny-a-Week" or Diocesan Mission Fund:

Seamen's Church Institute.....	60 00
Austin Priory.....	60 00
Mr. Evans for work at Wallum Lake.....	50 00
Memorial birthdays of Mrs. Ames and Mrs.	
Slocum	10 00
Silent Mission	25 00
Miss Platt for Christmas in rural districts....	10 00
Prudence Island Mission.....	15 00
Total	\$672 50

Balance on hand January 1st, 1928.....	\$10 69
Valuation of boxes sent to Diocesan Missions....	\$1,690 33

There are at present thirty-three parish branches of the Woman's Auxiliary co-operating with this department in one or more ways. We hope that this year may show a still larger number helping to make this report an accurate statement of what the Auxiliaries are doing to aid the Diocesan Missions.

ETHEL M. WALLACE
Secretary

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman of the Prayer Partnership plan is very happy to report having received letters from twenty-four of the Auxiliary Presidents saying they wish to co-operate in every possible way. Many are offering their prayers at every meeting, while others are having special prayers offered in their churches and whenever the opportunity presents itself. Several boxes were sent at Christmas, and splendid letters have been received returning thanks for the many blessings received through their loyalty and prayers, and thanking God for the good thought that prompted the plan.

Respectfully submitted

ANNIE E. HENDERSON

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Filed June 11th, 1900

I hereby certify that Anne I. C. D. Ames, Anna B. Manchester, Delia W. Porter, Eliza A. Peckham, Jennie M. Clark, Euretta McVickar, Nancy A. Greene, Mary E. W. Arnold, Mary B. Wheeler, Elizabeth E. Andrews, Cornelia A. Upton, Rebecca P. Henshaw, Susan M. S. Crouch, Abby J. Slocum, Maria E. Stiness, Edith Macomb, and Elizabeth A. Hoppin, have filed in the office of the Secretary of State, according to law, their agreement to form a corporation under the name of Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, for the purpose of uniting the parishes of the diocese of Rhode Island in mission work for the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, in accordance with law, and have also filed the certificate of the General Treasurer, that they have paid into the General Treasury of the State the sum required by law.

CHARLES P. BENNETT
Secretary of State

Eleventh day of June, 1900.

Amendment to Articles of Association

Filed November, 9th, 1927
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

November 8, 1927

WE, The undersigned Officers of The Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Rhode Island,

HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a legal meeting of said corporation, duly called for the purpose, and held in the City of Providence, in said State, on the 3rd day of November, A. D. 1927, the following amendment (x) to the Articles of Association was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of its members, viz:—

“VOTED, That the Articles of Association of this corporation be amended by changing the name from Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, to, Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council,”

Attest

MARY M. HOPPIN
President

MARY G. HENSHAW
Secretary

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Office of the Secretary of State

Providence, November 9, 1927

I HEREBY CERTIFY The foregoing to be the duplicate of Amendment of the Articles of Association of the Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, which together with the original was filed in this office on the ninth day of November, A. D. 1927.

Witness my hand and the seal of the State of
Rhode Island,

This Ninth day of November, in the year 1927.

(SEAL)

ERNEST L. SPRAGUE
Secretary of State

**The Rhode Island Branch
of the
Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions**

With the cordial approval of the Bishop of the Diocese, a society has been formed which hopes to include all parishes in the diocese, and asks the co-operation of all the clergy. It does not propose to change the work of any parish, but by united and sympathetic action to increase the interest in, and render more effective, the missionary work of the Church. It is hoped by this union that the smaller parishes that are able to do but little may unite with the larger, or with each other, in working; also that the larger parishes may learn of the needs of the smaller and assist them if desired.

At a meeting called by the Bishop, February 8, 1878, a Constitution was adopted, and the officers appointed.

Constitution

as amended to January 1st, 1928

I. This organization shall be called the "Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council."

II. Its object is to unite all the parishes in the diocese in the different branches of mission work, viz.: Foreign, Domestic, Indian, Colored, Diocesan, and United Thank Offering.

III. Any woman who is a member of a parochial branch of the Woman's Auxiliary shall be a member of this organization.

IV. The officers of this society shall be a President, as many Honorary Vice-Presidents as may be desired, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, and such other Vice-Presidents, in order, as it shall be desired to elect at the Annual Meeting; a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and an Educational Secretary, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer, also a Committee on Missions, who shall attend to the several branches of the missionary work. The Board shall fill all vacancies that may occur in the offices between annual meetings.

V. This society shall hold an annual meeting in January for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, hearing the reports, and transacting all other business. Meetings shall be held at stated intervals in different parishes. Special meetings may be called by the President, or upon the request of three members.

VI. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, and to have general knowledge of the work that is in progress. A Vice-President shall preside in her absence.

VII. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of all meetings, and an account

of the work done by the women of the diocese, as reported by the department secretaries, and to report this annually to the secretary of the "Woman's Auxiliary" in New York.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct all the correspondence of the Society, and to send notices of all meetings.

IX. 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.

X. Fifteen persons shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and five at any board meeting.

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

