

FIRST REPORT
OF THE
Woman's Auxiliary of the Niobrara Deanery
OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

To the Bishop and Clergy and the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Niobrara Deanery, the following report is submitted:

An attempt was made to present to you, in *Anpao*, a year ago, a report of the organization and work of this Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Being unsuccessful, this second statement will include reports of the several Branches from the time of their becoming auxiliary until the reports were sent in.

Hereafter the Bishop desires that the Auxiliary reports shall correspond in time with the reports of the missionaries, which will make our year end May 31st. Reports should be made at that time and sent to the secretary, so that a full and complete record can be ready for Convocation.

The Secretary of this Branch of the Auxiliary received her appointment from the Bishop in November, 1886, but it was not until January, 1887, that the work was fairly introduced.

Sewing-societies were in operation at nearly all the principal stations, and much has been done in time past, by the women, for their own Church work.

'The additional work suggested for individuals or societies, as members of the Auxiliary, was:

1. That all should remember the missionary work of the Church and pray for it, using the prayer for missionaries at all the regular meetings of the societies.
2. That some part of the money earned by the societies should be appropriated for work in South Dakota, and given to the Bishop at Convocation for that purpose.
3. That systematic contributions for Foreign and Domestic Missions should be made through mite boxes, the sum suggested being one cent a week.

Nearly all our Branch societies have adopted these suggestions. The prayer for missionaries and the one for more laborers, used by the general Auxiliary in English, have been translated into Dakota, and printed on heavy cards for distribution among those who can read.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary occurs at the time and place of the annual Convocation of the Deanery. The first was at Cheyenne Agency, October 1st, 1887, the second at Pine Ridge Agency, October 1st, 1888.

The following reports have been compiled from letters and reports received since the introduction of the work of the Auxiliary.

Santee Agency.

A "Women's Meeting" was established here in the early days of the mission, and as other missions have been established, the example of this, the parent mission, has been followed. The weekly meeting at the Church of Our Merciful Saviour, either as sewing-society or for

religious service and instruction, has been continued with little interruption for eighteen or twenty years. Many of the people from this station have moved to distant parts of the Reserve, forming other societies.

In reply to the invitation to all the Women's Guilds in the Deanery to become Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, two societies were reported as accepting the invitation and ready to adopt the suggestions, viz.: the Church of Our Merciful Saviour, at the Agency, and the Church of Our Blessed Redeemer, Mini Waxte.

CHURCH OF OUR MERCIFUL SAVIOUR, THE AGENCY.

President and Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Stroh; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Fannie Moore.

1887.	1888.
General Missions, from work.....	Foreign Missions, from boxes.....
\$14 60	\$2 72
General Missions, from boxes.....	Domestic Missions, from boxes.....
1 90	2 65
	Home Missions, from work
	20 00
Total.....	Total.....
16 50	\$25 37

CHURCH OF OUR BLESSED REDEEMER, MINI WAXTE.

President, Mrs. Nancy Paypay; *Secretary*, Mrs. Lucy Chapman.

The Secretary reports for:

1887.	1888.
Expended for church furniture	For Christmas tree.....
\$20 80	\$ 2 70
	For Foreign Missions, from boxes.....
	5 17
	For Domestic Missions, from boxes.....
	5 20
	For Home Missions, from work.....
	10 00
Total.....	Total.....
\$20 80	\$23 07

The President writes: "Our meetings are going on very well. It seems as if every one's heart is turned towards the work." One woman writes that she has planted a missionary garden.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY FAITH, WABASHA.

A Branch of the Auxiliary has been formed here, and the members have taken missionary boxes. They have also appropriated from their earnings for the extension of work in Dakota, which I call Home Missions, ten dollars.

1888. Home Missions..... \$10 00

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FLANDREAU.

The Women's Society here became auxiliary and reported having bought carpet for chancel and some furniture, but the exact amount expended for 1887 was not stated.

President, Margaret Weston; *Vice-President*, Julia Good-Teacher; *Collector*, Julia Taylor; *Secretary*, Judith Wakeman; *Treasurer*, Alice Arrow.

The following is reported for 1888:

For Home Missions, native clergy	\$20 00
Foreign Missions, from boxes.....	4 08
Domestic Missions, from boxes.....	3 83
Home Missions; church at Sisseton Agency.....	10 00
Home Missions; church at Standing Rock Agency.....	5 00
 Total	 \$42 91

Sisseton Agency.

This was the second mission to report in favor of the Auxiliary, in response to the general invitation, and reports from there have always been prompt.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, THE AGENCY.

President, Mrs. Edward Ashley. Members, 20.

	1887.		1888.
Domestic Missions (colored), from boxes.....	\$ 6 95	Home Missions, native ministry	\$10 00
Materials for work in Guild.....	15 29	Domestic Missions, from mite boxes.....	6 95
For Bishop's chair.....	10 83	General Missions, from mite boxes.....	1 96
Home Missions, native ministry	10 00		
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Total.....	\$43 07	Total.....	\$18 91

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH, LAKE TRAVERSE.

This society has only recently reported as auxiliary. The President writes: "We have President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Collector. The winter is cold, with many blizzards, but we do not get tired, and try never to miss any meetings."

President, Mrs. D. J. Robertson.

1888. General Missions, from mite boxes	\$3 83
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ST. JAMES' STATION, ENEMY LAKE.

A Branch of the Auxiliary has recently been organized here, but has not yet had time to report work done.

Lower Brûlé Agency.

Three stations of this mission have reported as Branches of the Auxiliary. The use of missionary boxes has been adopted, but no report from them has been received yet.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR, THE AGENCY.

	1887.		1888.
For windows and carpets. \$50 00	\$50 00	Home Missions, native ministry	\$15 00
	—	Home Missions, for ch'rch at Medicine Creek....	22 00
Total.....	\$50 00	Total.....	\$37 00

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, BIG MANE'S CAMP, FORT HALE.

	1887.	1888.
For altar-cloth and lamps.	\$56 00	For church at Charger's
General Mission work; home.....	23 60	Camp..... \$ 6 00
	—	For native ministry 6 00
	Total..... \$79 60	For home chapel..... 30 10
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		Total..... \$42 10

ST. LUKE'S CHAPEL, WHITE RIVER.

	1887.	1888.
For bell at home.....	\$28 00	For sewing materials ... \$18 50
For prayer and hymn books.....	8 00	For setting bell..... 4 00
	—	For font and communion service..... 15 00
	Total..... \$36 00	—
		Total..... \$37 50

Crow Creek Agency.

There are two Branches of the Auxiliary at this Mission, and much interest is shown.

CHRIST CHURCH, THE AGENCY.

	1887.	1888.
Painting church and work in cemetery.....	\$65 57	General Missions, from boxes..... \$ 7 19
Home Missions, South Dakota.....	10 00	For Liberia Missions, from boxes..... 5 72
	—	Domestic Missions (col- ored), from boxes..... 5 72
	Total..... \$75 57	Altar hangings (home)... 20 00
		Home Missions, South Dakota..... 12 00
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		Total..... \$50 63

An account of their last meeting for the year says: " Every member was present, and the missionary boxes were opened. Then we had an interesting and almost spirited time over what we should do with the money. Mr. Burt mentioned the four branches of missionary work,

and illustrated that especially in Africa and China. Mrs. —— asked with real animation, "Who need money the most?" We answered, "Probably the Blacks." Then came the question, "The Blacks in Africa or America?" On putting it to vote, we found one more for Africa than America. We were so nearly equally divided that we hesitated, when another woman spoke up, "Why not give half to each?" An answering smile rippled all the way round the room. Hands were asked and every one voted, and voted in favor."

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LOWER CAMP.

1887.

Furniture for home chapel	\$42 00
For church at Owl Creek.	30 00
For Mrs. Geo. Paypay, Cheyenne.....	5 00
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Total.....	\$77 00

1888.

General Missions, from boxes.....	\$11 21
Domestic Missions (In- dian), from boxes.....	17 63
Paint and work on home chapel.....	40 88
Home Missions, South Dakota.....	15 00
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Total.....	\$84 72

Cheyenne Agency.

The Auxiliary here has met with a great loss in the removal by death of the missionary in charge—the Rev. J. W. Handford.

When the Auxiliary work was first introduced, the Rev. Mr. Swift was away, and it was some months before his successor took charge. When Mr. Handford came he did all he could to promote the Auxiliary work. At the time of his death many missionary boxes were in use, and one hundred more were ordered. Of the guilds Mr. Handford wrote, "It is their custom to meet once a

week. The Catechist in charge is usually present to lead the meeting in reading, singing and prayer."

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MOREAU RIVER.

When Mr. Handford took charge here, the women had been holding meetings at this point for about eight years. At this time Mrs. Le Beau was Secretary, and had written for instructions. Mr. Handford took the correspondence, and September 15th, 1887, he writes, "I have received and distributed fifteen missionary boxes and will have to call for more." Later Mrs. Handford writes: "Our meeting begins with a hymn followed by suitable prayers, then a passage of Scripture with comments, after which I call upon some one to speak. We close with a hymn and prayer, after which, during the cold weather, they have a cup of hot coffee. We have twenty-two names on our roll, and from eight to twelve generally present. Ten of them have taken boxes. The money raised by their winter's work they wish to have used, one-half for the 'Extension of the work in South Dakota,' and one-half for the poor and needy of the camp."

1887.

	1888.
Entertainment at Convocation.....	\$13 00
For Foreign Missions, from boxes.....	\$ 4 24
For Domestic Missions, from boxes.....	4 24
For Indian Missions, from boxes.....	4 24
For Colored Missions, from boxes.....	73
For Home Missions, na- tive ministry.....	16 00
Total.....	\$13 00
Total.....	\$29 45

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, MOUTH OF THE
MOREAU.

The work here has been organized about two years, and is a Branch of the Auxiliary.

1887.	1888.
For a new church..... \$14 00	For Foreign Missions, from boxes..... \$ 48
To the Bishop..... 2 50	For Domestic Missions, from boxes..... 48
	For Indian Missions, from boxes..... 47
	For Colored Missions, from boxes..... 47
	For Home Missions, na- tive ministry..... 1 81
	For their own church.... 1 75
Total..... \$16 50	Total..... \$ 5 46

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, THE AGENCY.

This society has been working about twelve years. At the time of and since the introduction of the Auxiliary work they have at that station been working for new buildings for church and school, both which are now completed. This was one of the stations for which Mr. Handford ordered boxes.

1887.	1888.
For bell..... \$25 00	For new church, from sale of articles..... \$ 5 00
For Catechist..... 8 50	Home Missions, native ministry..... 15 00
For new church..... 7 30	Window screens in church 12 00
Total..... \$40 80	Total..... \$32 00

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MCKENZIE'S POINT.

This society has been in operation about eleven years.

	1887.	1888.
For church repairs.....	\$20 00	Home Missions, native
For lamps and furniture. 53 00	———	ministry, from sale of work.....
Total.	\$73 00	\$16 25

There were twenty-nine missionary boxes which were waiting to be opened till Mr. Handford's next monthly visit, which have not yet been opened

EMMANUEL, OR ST. THOMAS' CHAPEL, WHITE HORSE CAMP.

This Branch of the Auxiliary has been in operation about eighteen months. A large number of articles were given at the first annual gathering, to be sold towards building their church. So far only a few have been sold, the proceeds being sent the Bishop.

	1888.
Toward new church, from sale of articles given.....	\$12 35
For Foreign Missions, from boxes.....	1 38
For Domestic Missions, from boxes.....	1 38
For Indian Missions, from boxes.....	1 38
For Colored Missions, from boxes.....	1 37
Total.....	\$17 86

CALVARY CHAPEL, SWIFT BIRD'S CAMP.

This Branch has been in operation about eighteen months.

They had only just received their mite chests at the opening in January last, but brought them in to be opened.

For Foreign Missions, from boxes.....	\$ 54
For Domestic Missions, from boxes.....	57
For Indian Missions, from boxes.....	34
For Colored Missions, from boxes.....	34
For Mr. Handford.....	3 00
For stove for chapel.....	4 61
 Total.....	 \$9 40

ST. ANDREW'S STATION, CHARGER'S CAMP.

This Branch has been at work two years.

1887.	1888.
For a Church building....\$30 00	For Foreign Missions, from boxes.....\$ 2 09
For Mrs. Paypay..... 5 00	For Domestic Missions, from boxes..... 2 29
	For Indian Missions, from boxes..... 2 09
	For Colored Missions, from boxes..... 59
	For Mrs. Handford..... 2 00
	For Home Missions, South Dakota,..... 3 00
 Total.....\$35 00	 Total.....\$12 09

STANDING ROCK AGENCY, ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH.

No report.

Pine Ridge Agency.

At this Agency but two guilds date back beyond the last Convocation. A number have been organized since, and many mite chests are in use. The Missionary holds a monthly service for the women.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, THE AGENCY.

Secretary's Report.

"At the last June meeting the saleswomen brought in the amount of money needed to complete the sum for the chancel window, \$100.00. As nothing would be left for

the annual offering at Convocation, it was decided to continue the meetings for a time, instead of closing for the vacation. All work begun was finished during August, when the number of saleswomen was increased to six, and enough work was sold to present \$24.49 at the Convocation, for the Native Clergy Fund. Almost every member of this branch took a mite box, late in the winter, and as the result of systematic giving and much self-denial, the sum of \$63.52 was contributed, and divided equally between Foreign and Domestic Missions.

"Excepting the society at St. Barnabas', the Branches at all the stations are but a few months old, but are now provided with experienced heads, and we hope the reports next year will show the progress they have been silently making this year. All are using mite boxes, and the universal interest is good to see.

"A society of young girls has been formed at the Agency, which, by suggestion of Miss Julia C. Emery, is called a Junior Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Though not a year old, it has contributed \$10.00 to the Native Clergy Fund, nine dollars for the sale of work, and one dollar from the price of a hide taken from a beef which was presented for the dinner by one of the girls, in the name of the society. This dinner, gotten up by our women for the members of the Convocation and their families, is estimated to have cost in money contributions and in value of materials, about \$200.

"Mrs. C. S. Cook,
"Secretary."

*President, Mrs. Pallardy; Treasurer, Mrs. Robinson;
Secretary, Mrs. C. S. Cook. Membership, 25.*

1887.

For Home Missions, Na-	
tive Ministry.....	\$25 00

1888.

For Foreign Missions, from	
boxes.....	\$ 31 26
For Domestic Missions,	
from boxes	31 27
For Home Missions, Na-	
tive Ministry.....	24 49
For Chancel Window.....	100 00
From Girls' Branch, Native	
Ministry.....	10 00

Total.....	\$25 00
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Total.....	\$197 02
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ST. BARNABAS' CHAPEL, MEDICINE ROOT CREEK.

President and Secretary, Mrs. Lucy Ross. Members, 33.

At the Convocation which met at Yankton Agency in 1886, this society was the only one that had remem-
bered and acted upon the suggestion, made at a previous-
gathering at which Mrs. Twing was present, "That each
society should bring to Convocation a portion of their
earnings, for the extension of the work in South Da-
kota."

The first half-year as auxiliary, this Branch had but
the general mite box to be used at their meetings. They
have expressed great pleasure in working in unison with
others.

Mrs. Ross has written a letter to the other
Branches.

1887.

For lamps and altar cloth...	\$25 00
For wire for cemetery	
fence.	7 00
For the sick	2 50
For Domestic Missions,	
from boxes.....	2 90
For Rev. C. S. Cook, assis-	
tance after burning of	
house.....	5 00

Total.....	\$42 40
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1888.

For Foreign Missions, from	
boxes.....	\$ 4 07
For Indian Missions, from	
boxes.....	10 00
For Home Missions, Na-	
tive Ministry.....	22 00

Total.....	\$36 07
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ST. PETER'S STATION, YOUNG-MAN-AFRAID'S CAMP.

President, Mrs. Iron-Crow; *Secretary*, Wm. Tall-Man.
Members, 16.

For Foreign Missions, from boxes.....	\$ 53
For Domestic Missions, from boxes.....	52

Total.....	\$1 05
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ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, WOMEN'S DRESS OR SKUNK'S CAMP.

President, Mary Tahocokawaxtewin; *Vice-President*, Isabella Tyon; *Secretary*, Sarah Mann; *Treasurer*, Dora Catkawin; *Collector*, Fannie Wanbli. *Members*, 18.

For Foreign Missions, from boxes.....	\$ 58
For Domestic Missions, from boxes.....	59

Total.....	\$1 17
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ST. JULIA'S CHAPEL, PORCUPINE TAIL.

Secretary, Miss Carrie Meloin.

For Foreign Missions, from boxes.....	\$4 94
For Domestic Missions, from boxes.....	4 94

Total.....	\$9 88
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ST. MARK'S CHAPEL, WHITE BIRD'S CAMP.

Secretary, Jennie Pallardy.

For Foreign Missions, from boxes.....	\$ 75
For Domestic Missions, from boxes.....	75

Total.....	\$1 50
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ST. ANDREW'S CHAPEL, WOUNDED KNEE CAMP.

Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Keith.

For Foreign Missions, from boxes.....	\$ 9 14
For Domestic Missions, from boxes.....	9 14

Total.....	\$18 28
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ST. PHILIP'S STATION, RED DOG'S CAMP.

President, Sarah No-Braid; *Vice-President*, Pahasowin; *Secretary*, Mary Bissonette; *Treasurer*, Wab-luxkaziwin. Members, 25.

Home Missions, for Native Ministry.....\$2 00

Rosebud Agency.

There was no report from this Agency at the Convocation of 1887, and it is not fully reported now, owing to unavoidable changes.

March 10th, 1888, Rev. Mr. Van Deerlin, writes, "I am glad to be able to report that we have now three women's societies in our field; one at the Agency, a second at Big Oak Creek, and a third at St. Philip's Station, Two Kettles' Camp. I should be glad to have missionary boxes for these societies."

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, EPHPHATHA CHAPEL.

"The Missionary Society of Cheerful Workers of St. Mary's School reports to the Women's Auxiliary of the Niobrara Deanery having sent to the Rev. Mr. Burt toward the Sustentation Fund,

The amount carried over from last year.....	\$ 71 39
For General Missions.....	22 00
For St. John's Church, Cape Mount, Africa.....	2 00
For chancel furniture.....	32 00
For St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco.....	5 00
For Chapel Fund, Genoa Indian School, under Mr. Chase..	10 00
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Total.....	\$142 39

"Thirty-one missionary boxes have been distributed for this year, beginning July 1st, 1888.

"Respectfully submitted,
"MARY S. FRANCIS, *Treasurer.*"

ST. PHILIP'S STATION, LITTLE WHITE RIVER.

Mrs. R. C. Bauer reports, "Our first meeting was Jan. 4th, 1888. Well attended meetings of the society occurred every week up to the 1st of June. The people were willing to buy but had no money, so I took their tobacco-bags, knife-sheaths, etc., and did the best I could to convert them into money. I still have quite a number of them. I bought a nice altar cloth, and a carpet for the platform."

CHURCH OF JESUS, THE AGENCY.

In June last, Mrs. DeBell writes, "I hope to send you a more glowing report another year, if I am spared. We are trying to get a covering for the church floor. Our average attendance since Dec. 1st has been six; garments made, thirty-one; sold twenty; expended for furnishing church, \$12.25."

CALVARY CHURCH, GOOD VOICE'S CAMP.

For Home Missions, Native Ministry.....\$5 00

Yankton Agency,

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FELLOWSHIP, THE AGENCY.

*President and Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Locke.
Saleswomen, Mrs. Susan Malley and Mrs. Sarah Starling.
Work Committee, Mrs. Julia Obasha and
Mrs. Helen Wewaxteka.*

1887.

For Domestic Missions, from mite boxes.....	\$31 86
For lightning rods on the church.....	42 00
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Total.....	\$73 86

1888.

Home Missions, Native Ministry.....	\$25 00
Foreign Missions, from boxes.....	10 50
Domestic Missions, from boxes.....	10 75
Insurance on church.....	9 00
Repairs on church-cellar wall.....	26 00
Hymn Books.....	60
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Total	\$81 85

ST. PHILIP THE DEACON'S, WHITE SWAN.

President, Mrs. Mary Deloria; *Vice-President*, Mrs. Elizabeth Whipple; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Sophie Sunrise; *Secretary*, Mrs. Emily West.

1887.

For Domestic Missions, from boxes.....	\$ 4 61
For rebuilding church....	50 00
For Home Missions, church extension.....	3 29
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Total.....	\$57 90

1888.

For Domestic Missions, from boxes.....	\$ 1 24
For Home Missions, Na- tive Ministry.....	6 20
For rebuilding church....	30 50
For material for work....	5 40
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Total.....	\$43 34

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY NAME, CHOTEAU CREEK.

President, Mrs. Jennie Hoffman.

1887.

For Domestic Missions, from boxes.....	\$3 83
For Home Missions, church extension.....	5 00
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Total.....	\$8 83

1888.

For Foreign Missions, from boxes.....	\$ 1 88
For Domestic Missions, from boxes.....	85
For Home Missions, Pon- cas.....	10 00
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Total.....	\$12 73

SUMMARY OF MONEY GIVEN.

AGENCIES.	Total. 1887.	Mite-boxes. 1887.	Total. 1888.	Mite-boxes. 1888.
Santee Agency...	\$ 37 30	\$ 1 90	\$ 58 44	\$ 15 74
Sisseton "	43 07	6 95	22 74	12 74
Lower Brulé "	165 60		116 60	
Crow Creek "	152 57		135 35	47 47
Cheyenne "	178 30		122 48	29 71
Pine Ridge "	67 40	2 90	266 97	108 48
Rosebud "			160 24	
Vankton "	140 29	40 30	137 92	25 22
Flandreau "			42 91	7 91
	\$784 53	\$52 05	\$1,063 65	\$247 27

AMELIA IVES, *Secretary.*

