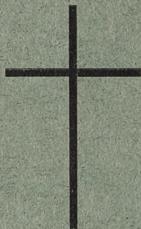


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Texas Branch Woman's Auxiliary
To the Board of Missions



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TO THE

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MAY, 1908

Noonday Prayer for Missions

Blessed Savior, who at this hour didst hang upon the cross, stretching forth Thy loving arms, grant that all mankind may look upon Thee and be saved; through Thy mercy and merits who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

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Houston—Trinity Church.

President, Mrs. R. E. Luhn.
Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Lewis.
Treasurer, Mrs. H. F. Jonas.

Marshall—Trinity Church.

President, Mrs. W. C. Mathewson.
Secretary, Mrs. H. Dewitt Smith.
Treasurer, Mrs. A. C. Alexander.

Nacogdoches—Christ Church.

President, Mrs. Lloyd Bowers.
Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Foye.

Tyler—Christ Church.

President, Mrs. Alex McAllister.
Secretary, Mrs. Geo. Haines.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Park.

Waco—St. Paul's Church.

President, Miss A. Risher.
Secretary, Mrs. W. McPherson.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Eubank.

JUNIOR BRANCH

President, Miss Minnie Taylor.
Number of Members, 71.

Austin—All Saints, Miss Allie Baker.

Houston, Mrs. Sam McNeil.

Palestine, Miss E. Rodrick.

Van Vleck, Mrs. H. M. Holt.

Waco—Senior branch, Miss M. Horsful.

Waco—Junior branch, Miss M. Taylor.

Hempstead—no organized branch, Miss Groce.

Angleton, no organized branch, Mrs. A. Atkinson.

BABIES' BRANCH.

President, Miss Allie G. Baker, Austin.

PARISH WORKERS.

Miss V. Stannel, Houston.

Mrs. John McClellan, Houston.

Mrs. J. W. Foster, Marlin.

Miss Miriam Merrick, Palestine.

Miss Minnie Taylor, Waco.

Mrs. R. Jones, Nacogdoches.

Mrs. S. G. Porter, Marshall.

Miss Fay Elliott, Temple.

Miss N. F. Bragmier, Galveston.

Mrs. J. B. Koehler, Galveston.

Miss Annie Brophy, Taylor.

Mrs. J. H. Bothwell, Tyler.

Miss Allie Baker, Austin.

Miss H. Kesselus, Bastrop.

Mrs. J. L. Lockett, Cameron.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS.

The Seventh Annual Meeting seemed to be pervaded with a spirit of inquiry, and a desire for information that could not be satisfied in the limited time at the disposal of the members present.

The officers of the Diocesan Branch are most anxious to encourage correspondence from the parish branches, and from those in any place in the Diocese, who wish to understand the purposes, aims and methods of the Auxiliary.

There is nothing complicated or formidable about this department of mission work. No rules to learn; no pledges to make; no arbitrary methods or regulations whatever. As a member of the great missionary society, the church, you should know how to give your time, prayers and money in the most acceptable way. The Auxiliary undertakes to demonstrate the power of organized, concentrated forces, and asks you to join your efforts with those of others in your parish, or mission, in the study, prayers and gifts which are the frame-work of this movement.

The financial total of the year's work has exceeded last year's by four hundred dollars. This is a splendid showing, for which we are all most grateful, when we realize the work and zeal it indicates in our fluctuating forces.

There is not the growth in the number of branches that we had hoped for this year. Among thirty-two parishes and twenty-seven missions there should be more than thirteen senior, eight junior and eleven baby branches. In some places more than one department is organized; so that really, out of fifty-nine localities, only twenty-two have any branch of the Auxiliary.

Let this year be one of united effort in stimulating old branches, and organizing new ones. Each one of you can help, if you will, by your own example; by information when required; by encouraging correspondence; by passing on this little book, and by referring all inquiring friends to the officers of this branch.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

Houston, May 6, 1908.

The seventh annual meeting of the Texas branch of the Woman's Auxiliary convened in the Sunday School room of Christ Church on Wednesday, May 6th, at 9:15 o'clock, with the president in the chair; almost a full corps of Diocesan officers and a large attendance of members and friends.

The meeting was called to order and opened with the singing of the hymn "Fling Out the Banner."

Prayers were offered by the Bishop, who afterwards expressed his usual hearty welcome to all, and commanding the work to a faithful continuance, and praying God's blessings upon our labors.

The President, with a cordial greeting to those present, declared the meeting open for business, and called for the report of the Diocesan Secretary. This covers the entire work of the parish branches for the year, and is condensed under ten headings, viz: Number of Members, Diocesan Assessment, Diocesan, Domestic, General and Foreign Missions, Scholarships, Value of Boxes, Specials and United Offering. The Diocesan Treasurer's report followed, and was so much better than ever before, that we must thank our parish officers for their impovement in methods.

Roll call of delegates was answered by Miss E. Simkins, All Saints Chapel, Austin; Miss S. B. Hall, St. Mark's Church, Beaumont; Mrs. C. S. Aves, Trinity Church, Galveston; Mrs. J. B. Bowles, Christ Church, Houston; Mrs. N. G. Kittrell, Trinity Church, Houston; Mrs. J. C. Bothwell, Christ Church, Tyler; Mrs. B. Gilmer, St. Paul's Church, Waco.

Reports from the parish branches were read by these delegates, the secretary giving those without representation from blanks on hand.

The Custodian of the United Offering now gave her report, amounting for the year to:

For Senior branch.....	\$194.08
For Junior branch.....	11.00
For Babies branch.....	5.00
Total	\$210.08

The following ladies were appointed as a Committee on Resolutions:

Miss Beth Hall, Beaumont, Chairman.

Miss H. Leiserwitz, Austin.

Mrs. B. Gilmer, Waco.

A recess was now taken, that our ladies might attend the opening service of the Council in the church. At the close of this service our business was resumed, and the session continued until the lunch hour.

The President called for a discussion of the Diocesan Assessment and Year Book, asking for a free expression of opinion. After many pros and cons, without any definite gain either way, a motion was made by Miss Simkins that we table the question of Assessment—adopted—and have the Year Book printed without advertisements.

The meeting now adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon Session

After being refreshed and regaled with the daintiest of substantials and ices, the sweetest of flowers, and the pleasure of being waited upon by youth and beauty, we rested a while, in friendly chat, until the opening of the afternoon session at 3 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the Bishop, who remained with us long enough to wish he could stay longer, and made his appointments for the coming year as follows:

President—Mrs. A. Hicks.

Vice-President—Mrs. J. L. Eubank.

Vice-President—Mrs. F. M. Hutchinson.

Vice-President—Mrs. E. A. Blount.

Vice-President—Mrs. P. G. Sears.

Diocesan Secretary—Mrs. R. D. Gribble.

Diocesan Treasurer—Mrs. A. E. Schaeffer.

Custodian United Offering—Mrs. F. W. Catterall.

Directress Mission Study—Mrs. J. L. Eubank.

Correspondent Church Periodical Club—Mrs. C. M. Desel.

President Junior Branch—Miss Minnie Taylor.

President Babies' Branch—Miss Allie Baker.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. A sketch of "How to Prepare a Missionary Box," with a little cash, was read by the President of the Houston branch of Christ Church. Only those who know can understand how much good can be done with a few dollars, and what a pleasure it is to be a sharer in this kind of missionary work.

Miss Baker, Directress of the Babies' branch, now gave her report, with some comments upon this sweet and blessed side of our work. Eleven branches reported to her, with a total offering of \$91.44. This is disbursed among Diocesan and General Missions, with special appropriations to the United Offering, and the Memorial Kindergarten in Akita, Japan.

The President of the Junior Department was now called to the chair, and gave her report of the year's work under her care. Parish reports from three delegates present, representing Austin, Palestine and Houston, were read, and it was very gratifying to hear them tell how they made their offering and what they did with it. How lovely it is to see these young girls growing up in this good work. Some day they will take our places, when we have passed to the other side. May the good Father keep their hearts warm and strong in this service of love to God and their fellow-creatures, until they, too, shall hear his welcome home.

The total offering from the Junior branch, for the year, is \$399.91.

Deaconess Massey, our invited guest from the Diocese of West Texas, was now introduced, and invited to talk to the ladies about her work. We congratulate her upon her opportunities for service in a glorious work for God and her fellow-creatures. May a rich harvest of blessings be her reward.

Mrs. J. L. Eubank, one of our delegates to the Triennial Convention in Richmond, October, 1907, gave a very interesting report of that meeting, and made us feel that it was a privilege to be there.

The time being too short, the reading of the General Secretary's annual letter, and the paper upon the work of the church Periodical Club, were omitted, as both will appear in the Year Book.

The committee on Resolutions being in readiness, reported as follows:
To the President and Members of the Woman's Auxiliary:

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

Be it resolved, That we extend thanks to our dear Bishop for his encouraging words of greeting.

To the church people of Houston, for their welcome and hospitality.

To Miss Simkins, of Austin, and those who assisted her in securing the printing of our Year Book.

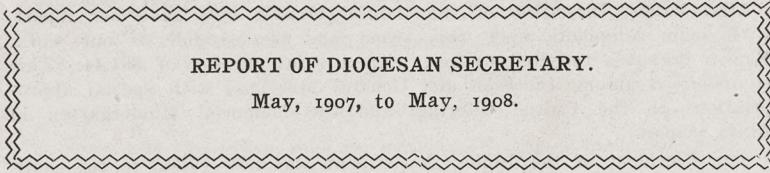
To friends in Austin and Houston, who supplied advertisements for same.

To Deaconess Massey, of the Diocese of West Texas, for her interesting account of her work in the mission field.

To Mrs. Eubank, of Waco, for the inspiring details of the Triennial.

We regret the absence of our Vice-Presidents, Mrs. E. A. Blount, of Nacogdoches, and Mrs. F. M. Hutchinson, of Palestine.

Respectfully submitted,
Miss S. Beth Hall,
Mrs. B. Gilmer,
Miss Henrietta Leiserwitz,
Committee.



REPORT OF DIOCESAN SECRETARY.

May, 1907, to May, 1908.

President and Members of the Texas Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

With a cordial welcome to the Magnolia City, we present this morning the annual report of the Texas branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, for the year ending May 1, 1908. For most of us, this has been a year of growing interest and successful work. With a few exceptions, the reports of our parish branches are much better than those of last year. We have gained something in membership, and also in financial results. We have now eleven branches, with 228 members, taking part in the activities of missionary work at home and abroad, with several parishes, without organized branches, contributing to the United Offering.

At the last annual meeting attention was called to the great need among Diocesan Missions, and by the advice of our Bishop, the appropriations pledged heretofore to the work among deaf-mutes, were discontinued, that we might give a larger help to the home mission work. The amount sent to the Diocesan Treasurer for this work, as recorded on our Treasurer's books, is \$229.25.

For Domestic missions we have given \$119.25, and this has gone to Alaska, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Cuba. To the Board, for General Missions, has been sent \$218.25, and for Foreign Missions, \$10.00. You will all remember the appeal which came to us early in the year's work, from Archdeacon Wentworth, of Winchester, Kentucky, for his letter went the rounds of our circle. I am glad to tell you that we raised the \$50.00 for a year's scholarship, and it was acknowledged with grateful thanks, although it seemed such a small part of the great need of that section.

Eight boxes have been sent out during the year. Three were prepared by the Galveston branch. One of these was sent to the family of a clergyman in the Diocese; another to All Saints Hospital, in South McAllister, Oklahoma, and another to the Bishop of Arkansas for his disposal.

The Houston branch of Christ Church sent two Christmas boxes; one to an Indian Mission School, near Fay, Oklahoma, and the other went to the Helen Dunlap M. I. School, at Winslow, Ark.; and later another was sent to St. Mary's on-the-Mountain, at Sewanee, Tenn.

From the Beaumont branch a valuable box was sent to Corbin Mountain Mission, Ky.

From the Dickinson branch a box was sent to the steamship Anselma de Larrinaga, for the use of the sailors.

Total combined value of these eight boxes is \$385.75.

Two scholarships are carried by the Houston, Galveston and Waco branches; one, the Gertrude Aves scholarship in the Hooker Memorial School, Mexico City, and the other the Frank Page scholarship in China. Total value, \$130.00.

Upon the report blanks we find four specials. From the Waco branch, \$5.00 to the work among Jews, and \$10.00 to Tanana, Alaska. From the Houston branch of Christ Church \$20.00 was given to the fund for the relief of disabled clergymen, widows and orphans, and \$10.00 was sent to correspondent C. P. Club for a case for a traveling library. Total, \$45. To the United Offering has been given by the Senior branch \$194.08.

The apportionment fixed by the Board of Missions for this Diocesan branch was

For the Seniors.....	\$450.00
For the Juniors.....	225.00
For the Babies.....	50.00
Total	\$725.00
Of this has been paid from the	
Senior branch.....	\$368.25
Junior branch.....	146.36
Babies branch.....	50.44
Total	\$565.05

Our members do not yet realize the importance of making this, their first obligation, and planning their work to meet it. Will parish treasurers please remember that it is the office of the Diocesan Treasurer to receive and forward all appropriations of money made by each branch. There may be times when it seems much less trouble to send the money direct to the parties for whom intended, but when this is done, do not fail to report it, by same mail, to the Diocesan Treasurer, that it may be recorded to your credit, and so rendered in her yearly report.

Our Year Book was printed in Austin, at a cost of \$43.00, and paid for by the advertisements upon its back pages. After much worry, the patience of our young Austin member was rewarded; the books were delivered to me and distributed as usual, at an expense of \$3.50 for postage and express.

The expense account, even at ten cents per member, has never been fully paid. Some of the branches have never contributed to it at all, although it is one of our by-laws, and intended for each and every member.

It rests with us now, whether we shall have a Year Book of our own, or only a condensed statement sandwiched among the Journal reports.

The Junior Auxiliary reports, through its President, nine branches, making an offering of.....	\$399.91
The Babies' branch, through its Directress, reports twelve branches offering	91.44
Total ffrom the Senior branch.....	1427.68
Grand total.....	\$1919.03

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. D. GRIBBLE,
Diocesan Secretary.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Church Missions' House, New York,

April 23, 1908.

My Dear Friends of the Texas Branch:

You must have a word from the Church Missions' House for your annual meeting. I want it, first, to take you back to a year ago when we were eagerly looking forward to the Triennial. Now that is long past, and we may ask ourselves if the services and meetings and many opportunities of last October have borne fruit and made this a marked year with us all. With some among us there has been a development in certain important ways. We have never heard more of Bible study and intercessory prayer. If the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary has heard less of Missionary study, it is because the Secretary of the Educational Department of the Board of Missions is hearing much more of it from branches and members of the Woman's Auxiliary and its Junior Department. This we should feel to be a great encouragement, and we urge upon the branches the formation of more and more of these classes under the guidance of the Educational Secretary.

It has been a great pleasure to hear of some branches where the Rector of the Parish has been willing to meet the members and himself conduct the Bible instruction. In every place where no Bible Class is already held, why should not the Auxiliary officers ask their Rector for this help? Should he be prevented from giving it, is there any one in the Parish who has taken the course of the Society for the Home Study of Holy Scripture? If so, can not you enlist her for our purpose? You will be sure to find that she has been carefully trained; and if she becomes enthusiastic over the thought of the Bible as the great missionary text-book, she will know better than one who has never yet been a Bible student how and where to find the treasures of missionary precept, example and inspiration, with which the Holy Book is stored. But if no one already prepared is found, write to the Church Missions House and tell us here that you wish to study the Bible in this way, and what your plan is—a summer, an Advent, a Lent Bible class; perhaps the solitary, individual Bible study of one lonely member—and we will try to send suggestions that will help.

These solitary, individual members—what are we doing to gain their co-operation? It is striking that in two Dioceses so remote as Maine and Mississippi this question has aroused a special interest. We have heard of one such woman in a Maine farmhouse, who, on a certain day, dons her best dress, takes her missionary magazine and work and box, and spends that hour in prayer and reading and helpfulness, which—in the next parish, too distant for her to reach—the more favored members so employ together. MORE FAVORED; are we sure? For though we have the promise that where two or three are, Christ is in their midst; must it not be impossible that He should keep aloof from the servant, who, in entire loneliness, from the prompting of her own loving heart, would draw near to Him? Is there a Diocesan or Parochial Branch in the Church, which might not be richer by adding to its members a list of such members, kept from the gatherings together by distance, by the obligations of unceasing work, by age or illness? George Macdonald tells a story of the parson, who every Monday repeated to a parishioner over her washtub the substance of the sermon which sleep induced by her unwonted rest prevented her hearing on Sunday. It might be a fresh duty and pleasure to members of branches who have not yet found just the thing for them to do, after each meeting to write to these members, the distant, the over-burdened and the invalid, and repeat to them what made the meeting interesting. Perhaps meetings would be more inspiring if we felt the responsibility of making the account of them interesting to some one else.

And then, perhaps, we may find how much easier it is to interest the person we had almost pitied, because of her few pleasures, her relentless burdens, her contracted life, than some one we had almost envied because her feet are set in so large a room. And this discovery will bring up another whole set of questions, and urge us to another plan of effort—how to show women who have the freedom of their time and opportunity, what things in this life are the most worth while.

On the feast of St. John the Baptist, June the 24th, there is to be a great service in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and men and women throughout the Anglican Communion are urged to make there an offering of their lives. In the Woman's Auxiliary we are looking forward to some such offering in the autumn of 1910.

It will help us, meanwhile, to pray for a blessing upon this effort that is being made in our Mother Church, to watch its consummation, and to draw lessons from it; for it is none too early to begin to prepare for a worthy gift for the three years hence—a gift from among our young people, whom our example and our teaching may train to see in Missionary service the desire of their hearts.

With every good wish for you all, believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

JULIA C. EMERY,
Secretary.

REPORT OF DIOCESAN TREASURER.

Received From	
Austin—All Saint's Chapel.....	\$16.20
Austin—St. David's Church.....	38.00
Dickinson—Trinity Mission .....	.50
Beaumont—St. Mark's Church.....	35.70
Galveston—Trinity	115.65
Nacogdoches—Christ Church	56.80
Palestine—St. Philip's.....	.80
Houston—Christ Church	253.50
Tyler—Christ Church.....	5.00
Waco—St. Paul's Church.....	88.50
 Total	 \$610.65

ANNUAL REPORT OF JUNIOR BRANCH W. A.

Miss Minnie Taylor, Directress.

Receipts

Angleton	\$1.54
Austin—All Saint's	53.00
Hempstead—St. Batholomew's.....	4.01
Houston—Christ Church.....	57.45
Marshall—Trinity	73.75
Palestine—St. Philip's.....	36.25
Waco—St. Paul's.....	155.81
Van Vleck.....	16.00
Expenses	2.10
 Total	 \$399.91

Disbursements

To Rev. Cleveland.....	\$15.00
To Christmas box to Pine Ridge, S. D.....	75.45
To Bishop Kinsolving Scholarship, Shanghai, China.....	50.00
To Bishop Aves Scholarship, Mexico.....	60.00
To Foreign Missions.....	1.25
To General Missions.....	35.11
To Diocesan Missions.....	150.00
To United Offering.....	11.00
Expenses	2.10
 Total	 \$399.91

REPORT OF BABIES' BRANCH OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1908.

Receipts

Waco—St. Paul's Church.....	\$35.48
Galveston—Trinity Church.....	16.06
Galveston—Grace Church.....	5.00
Houston—Christ Church.....	9.81
Houston—Trinity Church.....	4.00
Marlin—St. John's Church.....	2.30
Temple—Christ Church.....	5.79
Austin—All Saint's.....	8.00
Austin—St. David's.....	2.00
Nacogdoches	1.50
Tyler—Christ Church.....	1.50
Total	\$91.44

Disbursements.

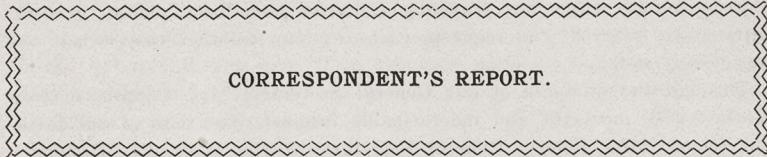
To United Offering.....	\$5.00
To Diocesan Missions.....	25.00
To General Missions.....	50.44
To G. Hart Mitchell Kindergarten in Akita, Japan.....	3.00
Expenses	8.00
Total	\$91.44

MISS ALLIE G. BAKER,
Directress.

DETAILED STATEMENT

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CITY	PARISH	Members	Auxiliary Assessment	Diocesan Missions	Domestic Missions	General Missions	Foreign Missions	Value of Boxes	Scholar- ships	United Offering	Specials	Totals
Austin	St. David's	30	\$ 3.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	.....	\$ 10.00	.....	.....	\$ 15.75	.....	\$ 53.75
Austin	All Saints	12	44.20	.....	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	15.69	.....	74.89
Beaumont	St. Mark's	17	.....	.....	4.00	30.00	.....	108.75	.....	10.00	.....	152.75
Dickinson	Trinity	4	.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.30	.....	4.00	.....	7.80
Galveston	Trinity	34	3.40	40.00	7.25	45.00	.....	55.60	20.00	34.70	.....	205.95
Houston	Christ	50	5.00	56.50	62.00	40.00	.....	218.10	60.00	45.26	30.00	516.86
Houston	Trinity	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.20	.....	2.20
Marshall	Trinity	16	.....	50.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.10	.....	53.10
Nacogdoches	Christ	12	1.30	17.50	16.00	38.25	.....	.....	.....	16.30	.....	89.35
Palestine	St. Philips .....	.....	.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.47	.....	15.27
Temple	Christ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	1.00
Tyler	Christ	8	2.00	4.25	3.00	25.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	35.25
Waco	St. Paul's	23	35.90	51.00	11.00	25.00	.....	.....	50.00	15.00	15.00	202.90
Marlin .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.61	.....	11.61
Van Vleck .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	5.00
Totals		228	\$96.10	\$229.25	\$119.25	\$218.25	\$10.00	\$385.75	\$130.00	\$194.08	\$45.00	\$1427.68
										Juniors		399.91
										Babies		91.44
										Total		\$1919.03



CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT.

To Mrs. Axford Hicks, President the Texas Branch of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, and its Members:

Glad Greeting:

The statistics of the year's work of our Branch of the Church Periodical Club show an increase of work, also of its receiving and giving, though very far below our hopes at the beginning of the Diocesan year.

First and most encouraging the help kindly sent by the W. M. A. Br. of Christ Church, Houston, who voted at their first fall meeting the \$10.00 (ten dollars) required for a case for the books sent from St. Philips, Palestine, by our C. P. C. Librarian there, and bearing her name, Mrs. Louise B. West, in recognition of her work. After many annoying delays the case was finished. It has a brass name-plate, and is otherwise like the best cases that have been sent here. It is now in request at Double Bayou, Chambers county, to replace one being sent from there.

The next best help came from Waco, through the kind interest of the Rev. Mr. Temple, who appointed Miss Truett a Vice-President of the Juniors, to be a C. P. C. Librarian, one who loves Missionary work and is an active and successful worker.

For all this cheering "God-speed-the-work" your Correspondent is thankful. Several other appointments have been made in different truly thankful. Several other appointments have been made in different parishes, but the persons named have failed to reply to any explanatory letters. At Trinity Church, Galveston, kind interest has been shown, and it is hoped that soon several Librarians will be appointed from the people of literary culture in that parish.

Of the fifty-four Church papers and secular magazines sent out regularly each week and month, several from a donor in Houston go to far Alaska, another Houston donor sends to North Dakota, to the widow of a former Texas clergyman; and one from Dickinson, by request, is sent to St. Christopher's College, in the Transvaal Branch, South Africa. With these exceptions all others thus far have been given out, in our own Diocese, in the effort to work always in the line of Goethe's well-known maxim, "Do thy nearest duty," which is so well practiced among the Federation Clubs.

From towns where our traveling Libraries have been placed, grateful letters are received, and requests each time for another case, when one has been "read up."

Through the kindness of our General Secretary, Mrs. Chapin, in New York, whose incessant and indefatigable interest, like that of our faithful friend, Miss Emery, General Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Association, pervades all Dioceses, we have received the rich gift of another Memorial Library No. 21, in memory of Maria P. Wade. In this case are several volumes of bound magazines—Scribner's and the Sunday at Home. Please note the value of bound magazines with advertisements discarded. This case was received last July, soon after a case was sent from "The Ebells," of Los Angeles, through the enterprise of Mrs. Hubbard, Correspondent of that Diocese, and a very fine collection of books it is. About one-half are children's books, by the best authors.

The library reported last year "The Daughters of the Church" No. 2, loaned from Los Angeles, Mrs. Hubbard writes will probably never be recalled.

We now have nine Traveling Libraries representing this work, and silently giving out influences that lead upward and onward toward the betterment of every day surroundings and life.

At present they are placed, or on the way, to the following towns: Angleton and Alvin, in Brazoria county; Anahuac Cove, Double Bayou and Glen, Chambers county; Jacksonville, Cherokee county; League City, Galveston county; and one en route from Anahuac. I have asked Mrs. Aves, of Trinity, Galveston, to allow it to be placed a short time in Eaton Chapel, that it may be seen by members of the Auxiliary and their friends.

A barrel of books was sent by one of our Libraries, of Boston, last summer. One-half the contents were Bibles, Prayer Books and Hymnals, many handsomely bound, but old style, and part of them fine print. The other half of the contents were valuable children's books, given by a boy and girl living on Commonwealth Ave. The greater part of them have been given to Missions, or placed in Libraries. A few are left for the tenth case, for which some thirty volumes are now at hand.

From kind friends of Texas, in New York, Salem, Cambridge and Boston, books, calendars, Christmas and Easter cards have been sent, which were given out as fast as postage or express money could be raised. By the kind gift of one dollar from the Sunshine Club, Waco, twenty-five little packages were mailed to country places before Easter, which, without it, could not have been sent.

The following extract from a letter received from Mrs. Chapin during Lent, gives some idea of the work being done in this department of the Church Missions' House. Mrs. Chapin wrote: "Last week we had stacks of things ready to send, but the postage money had given out. The

work is increasing all the time. The Chaplain, on board the fleet, asked for one thousand Easter cards, something the men can carry round with them. A box full was sent. One thousand dollars was given for Easter cards for the navy. If the boys would each give one cent, what a help ten dollars would be just now."

With all our Diocese has received, and with readily given "apportionments" to other Mission work, are we not a little negligent of this important branch? Librarians and sub-treasurers might gather pennies and nickels. Does it look miserly to give so little? It would be if one had checks for every branch of church work before us. Let us note, that by nickels, only, the street car companies are able to continually extend their lines.

If my time be not exceeded, permit me, please, to call your attention while here, to the beautiful window in Christ Church, on the right, as you enter, from Texas Avenue. In it we see our Lord in youth as a carpenter. The artist has studied the subject in all its details. One can learn much by giving it more than a passing glance. During the Holy Week just passed, we heard the words of his prayer, "Father, I have glorified Thee on earth;" and here, at the bench, with tools all about, we see that His work is building.

To each of us, a different text or interpretation will come to mind. My own thought today is off His commands to teach each disciple, "Follow Me" and "I work."

Respectfully submitted,
DELIA J. DESEL.

MRS. CHAS. M. DESEL,

Correspondent Texas Branch the Church Periodical Club.

TEXAS BRANCH CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

Librarians are requested to send to Diocesan Correspondent an annual report by May 1st, dating from last report sent in.

Correspondents are requested to make out their Diocesan Report from their Librarian's reports and send to Central Office by June 1st.

Number of current Periodicals sent, 54.

Number of Bibles, Testaments, Psalms and Gospels sent since last report, 10.

Number of Prayer Books and Hymnals sent since last report, 16.

Number of Books, Theological and Secular, sent since last report, 52.

Number of Tracts and Catechisms sent since last report, 6.

Number of odd Magazines and Papers sent since last report, 60.

Number of Christmas and Easter Cards, Sunday School Cards and Calendars sent since last report, 90.

Number of Christmas and Easter Carols and Music in books or sheets sent since last report, 00

Number of Pictures, Games, etc., sent since last report, 12.

Number of Boxes, Barrels and Packages sent out by Diocesan Branches, contents not noted, 14.

Total amount of money contributed since last report, \$35.80. Of this amount \$10.00 was contributed for a Library Case, and \$4.50 freight on boxes remainder, except Correspondence, dues on postage and small express packages.

MRS. CHAS. M. DESEL,
Cor. for Texas.

REPORT OF UNITED OFFERING FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MAY 1, 1908

Mrs. F. W. Catterall, Custodian.

Received from the Woman's Auxiliary of

Austin—All Saint's.....	\$15.69
Austin—All Saint's Juniors.....	5.00
Austin—St. David's Church.....	15.75
Beaumont—St. Mark's Church.....	10.00
Dickinson—Trinity Mission.....	4.00
Galveston—Trinity Church.....	34.70
Houston—Christ Church.....	45.26
Houston—Trinity	2.20
Marlin—St. John's Mission.....	11.61
Marshall—Trinity Church.....	2.10
Nacogdoches—Christ Church.....	16.30
Palestine—St. Philip's Church.....	14.47
Tyler—Christ Church.....	1.00
Temple—Christ Church.....	1.00
Van Vleck	5.00
Waco—St. Paul's Church.....	15.00
Waco—St. Paul's Junior No. 1.....	1.00
Waco—St. Paul's Junior No. 2.....	5.00
Babies' Branch.....	5.00
Total	\$210.08

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
Of the Texas Branch of Woman's Auxiliary.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be the Texas Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Society is, by united and systematic effort, to increase the knowledge of Missions, the giving for Missions, and the formation of Branches where there are none.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

All Societies of women in this Diocese, willing to carry out the purposes of this Association, shall, by notifying the Secretary of their intentions, be considered members of it.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of this Branch shall be a President, a Vice-President for each Missionary Convocation, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Treasurer for each of the following departments: the Juniors, the Babies' Branch and the United Offering, and a Directress for Mission Study.

Sec. 2. These officers shall constitute an Executive Committee to transact the business of the Board of the Branch when not in session.

Sec. 3. These officers shall be appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese, to serve for one year.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. The President shall call the meetings of the Executive Board and of the Branch, preside over them, and direct the work of the Auxiliary in the Diocese.

Sec. 2. The Vice-Presidents shall preside in the absence of the President, in the order of their appointment. They shall direct the work in their own districts, reporting annually to the President.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the annual meetings, keep an accurate list of Parish Branches and officers, conduct the correspondence of the Branch, and prepare the annual report.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall take charge of all moneys, disburse the same according to instructions, and give an annual report at the regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of this Association shall occur at the time and place designated by the Bishop, each Parish Branch being entitled to one delegate.

ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended at an annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of delegates present, provided, notice of such amendment be made to each Branch one month previously.

BY-LAWS.

1. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called when necessary by the President.
2. Current expenses are to be paid from a fund collected in the following manner: Each member shall pay ten cents annually, to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Diocese by the Secretary of each Branch.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening by the Bishop.
2. Roll Call.
3. Reports of Officers.
4. Reports of Delegates.
5. Report of Mission Study Classes.
6. Report of Junior Branch.
7. Report of Babies' Branch.
8. Report of United Offering.
9. Unfinished Business.
10. New Business.
11. Bishop's Appointments.
12. Minutes.
13. Adjournment.

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