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To the Board of Missions



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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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President, Mrs. J. B. Finn
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Junior Branch, Miss Minnie Taylor
Babies Branch, Miss Minnie Taylor
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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Sometimes a review of our record is both interesting and profitable. Since the annual reports of the Texas Branch have been published, the financial result of the different years' work is as follows:

1904-05 total for all purposes	\$1387.13
1905-06 total for all purposes.....	1422.97
1906-07 total for all purposes.....	1525.05
1907-08 total for all purposes.....	1919.03
1908-09 total for all purposes	1620.22
1909-10 total for all purposes.....	1780.59
1910-11 total for all purposes.....	2212.97
1911-12 total for all purposes.....	2598.92

It would take too much space to show why the amounts fluctuate, but generally speaking, the gradual increase is caused by larger offerings for General Missions. During the past year, the change in the method of apportionment has caused no diminution of the amount from the Diocesan Branch, altho' in some instances not understood by the Parish Branches. This year we hope to do more toward the appropriations than ever before, because the delegates at the meeting in Houston seemed to grasp the situation more thoroughly.

After General Missions, the United Offering is the most important fund, and in this Diocese is gaining strength, through the effective influence of its custodian. Several Branches have made their offerings with a corporate communion, the plan each organization should adopt.

The Diocesan Branch has pledged fifty dollars a year for the insurance of foreign missionaries. The assessment of each Branch toward this amount, may be found on another page of this book.

Bishop Rowe's pamphlet and letter was sent to the secretary of each branch, before the annual meeting. Please follow his suggestions at once, for the importance of the "bill," and our own approval of Bishop Rowe's plan, needs no discussion.

Miss Emery's letter should be carefully read by each member of the Auxiliary, and the points emphasized might be profitably discussed at the meetings, for there is no branch or member, Miss Emory says, who may not share in some, if not all of them.

MINUTES OF ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Houston, May 9, 1912.

The eleventh annual session of this Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary convened at 10 o'clock this morning in Christ Church. The opening prayers were offered by the Bishop, followed by his customary greeting and welcome. The following ladies were appointed as a committee on resolutions: Mrs. J. B. Finn of Palestine, Mrs. J. B. Bruce of Eagle Lake, Mrs. E. L. Brown of Galveston.

The regular order of business was now taken up, beginning with roll call of parish branches. Thirteen delegates were present, (not all at the opening—some came in later). Branches without representation were Alvin, St. David's, Austin, Grace Church Galveston; Christ Church, Temple; St. Paul's, Waco.

Report of secretary and treasurer were read and adopted.

After some explanation in regard to the jubilee offering of \$337.50, which was collected in Houston and was over and above all other offerings, a motion was made and carried that it be included in the regular report of the treasurer.

Parish branch reports were read by their delegates—those without representatives present, by the secretary. The only report from our vice presidents, was that of Mrs. Blount of the S. E. convocation, viz: the reorganization of an old branch at San Augustine. There was not any report received from the Directress of Mission Study, but informal talks were given by members present, who had taken part in this work; each class—three were heard from—having used Dr. Burleson's work, "The Conquest of the Continent," as their text book. The question, "Who is the proper person to receive each parish auxiliary apportionment," was placed before the members for general discussion. After many expressions of opinion, a motion was made by Miss Taylor, afterwards amended, to read as follows:

"That the fund known as the Auxiliary apportionment be sent to the parish treasurer, with a request that it be forwarded promptly to Mr. King, general treasurer, in New York City, the receipt from the parish treasurer to be sent to Mrs. Schaeffer, our Diocese treasurer."

A letter from Miss Emery was read, presenting the matter of life insurance for foreign missionaries, and asking this diocese to make a pledge of money to be paid annually to this fund. General discussion was invited by our president, but it was deemed best to refer the final decision to a committee to report at the afternoon session. Recess was now taken for lunch.

The afternoon session convened at 2:30 o'clock. Prayers were offered by Rev. Platt of Tyler, followed by short addresses by the Bishop and Rev. Platt, at the request of our president.

The regular appointments of officers, made by the Bishop, were the same as last year, substituting only Mrs. J. B. Finn of Palestine, as vice president of Northeast Convocation, in place of Mrs. F. M. Hutchinson, resigned; also Mrs. R. G. Patton of Waco as vice president of Northwestern Convocation, in place of Mrs. Langhorne, formerly Mrs. Eubank, resigned.

The committee appointed to make decision upon the matter of life insurance for foreign missionaries, being ready, reported as follows:

Resolved, That this Diocesan branch accept this work, and pledge \$50 annually to its fund.

Resolved further, That the chair appoint a committee to assist her in apportioning this amount among the parish branches.

MRS. G. E. PLATT,
MRS. I. T. DALLAM,
MRS. N. G. KITTRELL,
Committee.

On motion, these resolutions were adopted unanimously. By suggestion of Mrs. Dallam, it was recommended that we send a note of congratulation to the Bishop upon the completion of twenty years of service in the Episcopate.

The committee appointed to prepare this note, were Mrs. Dallam, Mrs. Clemmons, Mrs. Blount and Miss Simkins, was requested to convey the communication to the Bishop.

The report of the Babies Branch was given by Mrs. Koehler, directress. The report of the Church Periodical Club was given by Mrs. Desel, correspondent. These reports appear in detail on another page. Mrs. Desel also addressed the ladies upon the subject of providing some kind of religious work among the Japanese colonists now located in the coast country of our diocese.

The report of the Junior Branch was reserved for the last, that members living in our city, might be present. This work was presented by its president, Miss Taylor of Waco.

Three delegates were present from the parish branches of Tyler, represented by Mrs. Platt; Christ Church, Houston, by Miss Dorothy Toombs, and Trinity Church, Houston, by Mrs. R. E. L. Craig.

Interesting reports were given by these ladies recounting ways and means of arousing interest among the young people, and of how they secured the necessary funds for their work.

The address of Rev. Silver, so full of wise counsel, fresh encouragement and renewed exhortations to "be not weary in well doing," was much enjoyed by all present.

After adoption of resolutions, a motion was made that our meeting next year be held on Wednesday, the first day of council session; carried; after which the meeting adjourned.

MRS. R. D. GRIBBLE, Secretary.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That the Texas Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, assembled in annual session, May 9th, 1912, extend thanks,

First, To the members of Christ Church, Houston, for their delightful hospitality, and their personal attentions to the delegates of this meeting.

Second, To the officers of the Diocese for their efficient services during this convention, and their arduous correspondence throughout the year.

Third, To our dear Bishop for his kind endorsement and encouragement of our efforts.

To Rev. G. E. Platt, for his splendid talk on the work of the Auxiliary, and, to the Rev. Percy Silver, who rendered the afternoon session memorable, by reason of his remarkable address to the women of the Diocese.

Resolved, That in the removal of Mrs. C. M. Langhorne, formerly Mrs. Lulie Johnson Eubank, from Waco to Richmond, Virginia, the Texas Branch has lost one of its most valued officers, whose intelligent counsels and bright presence will be greatly missed. While regretting her absence, we rejoice in her personal happiness and follow her into her new home with loving thoughts and best wishes.

Resolved, That the resignation of Mrs. F. M. Hutchinson of Palestine, from the official corps of this Diocese, be noted with regret, and that our grateful recognition of her past services be extended.

Resolved, That our sympathies be offered to Mrs. Kinsolving for the continued illness of the months past, and our fervent prayers for her speedy restoration to health.

Annual Report of Secretary.

President and Members of the Woman's Auxiliary: We are gathered here this morning for our eleventh annual session.

The day and months have sped quickly, since we parted last year in Beaumont. No pledges for the new year's work were made at the Beaumont meeting, excepting only the \$10 cash from our Cameron friend, but if each and all have "done what they could," it is well.

And now with purpose full and clear we turn to meet another year." 18 branches are reported today, most of them represented here this morning. Two have been added during the year, not altogether new, but old friends, who became disheartened for awhile, but have risen with renewed purpose and determination to meet their opportunities and have a share in God's work. In small parishes where home needs are ever present, most exacting in their demands, we all know that it is hard for an auxiliary to exist; but "it is true of any congregation, however poor, that it cannot afford not to give and work for the extension of the Kingdom."

If these weaker branches would take up just the work of the United Offering, much good might be accomplished without the sacrifice of home duties—a few cents from each member every month—put in the little blue box—would help to swell the grand offering of 1913. What a joy it would be to these members to know they had a share in this wonderful work. The branch at Temple was reported to me through a letter from their pastor, who expressed great regret that no work had been accomplished during the year by the auxiliary of that parish, owing mostly to adverse circumstances; but that the branch had been reorganized with twelve members and a good number of United Offering boxes distributed as proof of their good faith and a hope of doing better in the coming year.

In our own diocese there is always a call for help, notwithstanding the Board of Missions sends to Texas every year \$2100, towards the support of missionary work. There are always vacant parishes, and struggling congregations, longing for the services of the church, but there is never enough money to supply these needs. For them our sympathies are always enlisted, "while we have time, therefore let us do good to them that are of the household of faith."

For the fund for Diocesan Missions has been given and sent to our diocesan treasurer.....	\$177.40
For Foreign Missions as a special to China.....	13.42
For Domestic Missions in the form of specials, has been given	138.65
For General Missions	491.65

This last is a duty most strongly urged upon our attention. The Board of Missions has its work well in hand and must meet its obligations each month. As an auxiliary to the Board it is our first and positive duty to help them in this work of paying salaries, living expenses, etc., to our missionary bishops and other workers in the mission field; therefore the payment of our apportionment should take precedence of all other claims.

The two scholarships have been paid as usual, one of \$80, the Gertrude Aves, in the Hooker school, City of Mexico, carried by the Galveston and Houston branches, and the Frank Page scholarship of \$50, carried by the Waco branch.

Thirteen boxes and packages have been prepared and sent out upon their mission of helpfulness, to schools and mission stations.

From Beaumont a box of clothing was sent to the Helen Dunlap Memorial School at Winslow, Ark., value, \$15. From Grace church Auxiliary of Galveston a box was sent to the "Home for the Homeless" in the city, value \$20. From Trinity church Auxiliary of Galveston 3 boxes and 1 package of clothing were sent to the Helen Dunlap Memorial school at Winslow, Ark.; total value, \$129.57. From Trinity church Auxiliary of Houston a box was sent to Rev. R. E. Abraham, for mission at Middleboro, Ky.: value \$74.15. From the

Auxiliary of Christ church, Houston, 3 boxes and 2 packages were sent out. A Christmas box to Indian Mission school at Fay, Okla.; a box of clothing to mission at Browns County, Va.; a box of clothing to mission at Waynesville, N. C., and 2 packages of useful fancy articles to Fairbanks, Alaska, for the bazaar held annually for the benefit of the hospital at that place. Total value, \$199.63. From the Nacogdoches church a box was sent to Epiphany Mission at Theroxwood, Tenn.; value, 373.45.

From the Tyler church a box was sent to Rev. Du Bois at Suwanee, Tenn., for Mountain Missions; value \$37.68.

Total value of box work \$551.48
For the United Offering has been given by the

Senior Branch	\$281.79
Junior Branch	18.97
Babies Branch	5.00
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Total	\$305.76

In one of her letters Miss Emery expresses the hope that the U. O. of 1913, may be double that of 1910. Are we of the Texas branch helping as much as we might towards the fulfillment of this hope.

Our year book of 350 copies, was printed by the Tyler Printing Co., at a cost of \$35, and distributed.

As an appreciation of their work, this Diocesan branch desires to extend a most hearty vote of thanks to the Tyler Printing Co. After payment of the long standing Diocesan debt there remained in the hands of our Bishop 14.34. This amount was sent by our Bishop to the Clergy Relief Fund, as a special gift from this Diocesan Auxiliary. Total amount in money and boxes contributed by the Senior

Branch	\$1835.49
Jubilee offering	337.50
Special to Clergy Relief Fund	14.34
Contributed by Junior Branch	337.03
Contributed by Babies Branch	74.56
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Total	\$2598.92

MRS. R. D. GRIBBLE, Secretary.

MISS EMERY'S LETTER.

CHURCH MISSION HOUSE

Fourth Avenue and Twenty-second Street, New York.

Woman's Auxiliary.

My Dear Friends of the Texas Branch:

In 1912-1913, as ever before, we must be auxiliary to the Board of Missions, its real and substantial helpers. It is trying to introduce the duplex envelope throughout the church. Its auxiliary should understand thoroughly what this system is and its members encourage its introduction and faithful use in every parish to which they belong. We have heard of one mission chapel in the city of New York, which numbers 581 communicants, with an apportionment of \$88, which has received pledges, after only thirty-six of its members had accepted this system, of over \$300 for General Missions and over \$1000 towards the expenses of the parish. Does not this show how much could be done if all members of the church, men and women alike, threw themselves heartily into this method of weekly, conscientious giving?

Second: In our branches of the Auxiliary are we taking care to see that every parish gift which goes towards the appropriations to the Board of Missions is credited to the parish from which it comes, and are we using one of the two systems which may be employed to regulate this matter either sending such money to the Treasurer of the parish and reporting it to the diocesan treasurer of the branch of the auxiliary, or sending the money to the diocesan treasurer of the auxiliary and reporting it to the parish treasurer? Which of these two systems shall be followed, should be decided within the parish itself. Are we interested in the specials recommended by the Board of Missions, and do we bring them to the notice of members of the auxiliary and of the parish generally, who might contribute towards them in addition to their conscientious gifts towards the appropriations of the Board of Missions? Such specials can be sent to the treasurer of the auxiliary, as the parish treasurer will probably not care to have the task of receiving and remitting them, since they do not count on the parish apportionment.

Our gifts under appropriation may be thought of as GIFTS OF DUTY; our specials as GIFTS OF PRIVILEGE; but what is our United Offering but a great GIFT OF THANKFULNESS, in which we would have every girl and woman in the church share? It is a gift of our young womanhood, prompting leaders from among our Juniors, deaconesses, nurses, teachers, kindergartens, college graduates and women who are equipped spiritually and practically, to offer for service in the mission field. What are we doing in the branches of the Woman's Auxiliary to reach such women and tell them of their opportunity? It is a gift marking our thankfulness for unnumbered blessings; how are we gathering it, with what care are we guarding it, that it may gain by being placed at interest and so become the larger gift when it shall be made in the city of New York, in October, 1913?

Third: What are we doing as Auxiliary to the Board of Missions in helping forward its educational plans? The Educational Secretary of the Board is setting his own methods before us; are we trying to find the women in our dioceses who will undertake to pursue these methods, who will fit themselves by definite normal training to train teachers in missions? Are we finding in our different parishes the women who will do this work of teaching? Are we gaining new subscribers to the SPIRIT OF MISSIONS? Have we followed the suggestions which have been given for canvassing our parishes for such subscribers; for new members of the Woman's Auxiliary; for women

who shall help along all lines of missionary activity? Have we read of the institutes held in the different dioceses, and are we prepared to study the conditions of our own dioceses, and to see whether such institutes might not be held in them with profit?

Fourth: Are we striving to be truly Auxiliary to the Board of Missions in its spiritual progress, offering in our daily prayers petitions for the growth of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world? Do we make use of the "Sanctuary of Missions" and the Prayer League leaflets? Do we make each meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary an opportunity for missionary intercession and thanksgiving? And, as the Board of Missions prefaches its regular meetings with the Holy Communon, has the Corporate Communion of the diocesan and parochial branch of the Woman's Auxiliary become a more and more accustomed thing with us? Have we been able in any practical way to draw nearer to Christian people of other names in our community, and we are learning, while we learn from them, what we ourselves have to contribute in such gatherings? And, lest in this work, which is no easy task, we should make mistakes and hinder rather than help, are we more and more accustoming ourselves to make use of that prayer for the unity of Christendom, for whose answer we wait in patient faith? In these spiritual matters, as in all others pertaining to the development of our life in the Woman's Auxiliary, are we claimnig more and more from our Bishops and parochial clery that leadership and help which it is their privilege to give?

These questions will give us all much food for thought and action in the coming year. I leave them with you with every good wish, and I am, Yours very sincerely. JULIA C. EMERY.

TREASURERS REPORT, MAY 1911, TO MAY, 1912.

Receipts.

Austin, All Saints	\$ 21.80
Beaumont, St. Mark's	32.40
Dickinson, Holy Trinity	1.00
Eagle Lake, Christ	7.57
Galveston, Grace	29.30
Galveston, Trinity	122.30
Houston, Christ	540.95
Houston, Trinity	204.45
Marlin, St. John's	30.25
Marshall, Trinity	27.25
Nacogdoches, Christ	32.55
Palestine, St. Phillip's	11.20
San Augustine, Christ	12.55
Tyler, Christ	21.00
Waco, St. Paul's	128.00
Total	\$ 1222.57

Disbursements.

General Missions	\$ 446.65
Domestic Missions	25.00
Foreign Missions	8.42
Diocesan Missions	157.40
Scholarships	130.00
Specials, domestic	34.50
Specials, foreign	6.00
Clergy Relief Fund	25.00
Church Periodical Club	42.10
Contingent Fund	337.50
Total	\$ 1222.57

CONTINGENT FUND—MAY, 1911, TO MAY, 1912.

Receipts.

Balance as reported at last annual meeting	\$ 22.28
Voluntary contributions from various branches and individuals for year book of 1911	14.67
Austin, All Saints	1.80
Beaumont, St. Mark's	2.40
Dickinson, Holy Trinity	1.00
Eagle Lake, Christ	1.65
Galveston, Grace	1.80
Galveston, Trinity	6.30
Houston, Christ	6.45
Houston, Trinity	6.45
Marlin, St. John's	2.75
Marshall, Trinity	2.25
Nacogdoches, Christ	2.55
Palestine, St. Phillip's	1.20
San Augustine, Christ	1.50
Tyler, Christ	1.00
Waco, St. Paul's	3.00
Total	\$ 79.05

Disbursements.

Tyler Printing Co. for 350 year books	\$ 35.00
1 dozen pamphlets, "A Bit of History"50
Balance	43.55

Total	\$ 79.05
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JUNIOR BRANCH.

Receipts.

Austin, "All Saints" church	\$32.50
Bay City	10.00
Galveston	8.00
Hempstead	22.00
Houston, "Christ Church"	56.50
Houston "Trinity Church"	44.98
Tyler	14.30
Van Vleck	29.50
Waco	118.55
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	\$337.03

Disbursements.

Bishop Kinsolving Scholarship "St. Mary's Shanghai"	\$50.00
Bishop Aves Scholarship, "Hooker Memorial"	60.00
Diocesan Missions	12.00
Domestic Missions Bishop Temple	15.00
General Missions	59.00
Alaska, to support Bishop Rowe's dogs	10.00
United Offering	16.55
Special "Mesilla" Park, N. Mex	2.00
Christmax box Rev. A. Tayne N. C.	87.50
Christmas box Alaska	24.00
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Total	\$337.03

BABIES' BRANCH.**Receipts.**

Angleton	\$ 1.65
Austin, All Saints church	6.29
Eagle Lake	1.56
Galveston, Trinity Church	23.30
Houston, Trinity Church	4.00
Marlin, St. John Church	3.00
Tyler, Christ Church	4.10
Waco, St. Paul Church	30.66
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	\$74.56

Disbursements.

Mexico, Domestic and Foreign Missions	\$50.00
Font to Wuhu China	1.00
Gaylord Hart Mitchell Kindergarten, Tokio Japan	5.00
Domestic and General Missions	6.56
To St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.	5.00
United Offering	5.00
Expenses	2.00
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Total	\$74.56

**REPORT OF THE UNITED OFFERING
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 9, 1912.**

Mrs. F. W. Catterall, Custodian.

Received from Women's Auxiliary of:

Alvin	.....	\$ 2.00
Austin, All Saints	.....	10.00
Austin, St. Davids'	.....	10.00
Beaumont	.....	20.00
Dickinson	.....	1.00
Eagle Lake	.....	5.00
Galveston, Grace	.....	2.50
Galveston Trinity	.....	54.67
Houston, Christ	.....	55.37
Houston, Trinity	.....	41.80
Mariin	.....	13.25
Mapsha.l	.....	19.20
Palestine	.....	3.25
San Augustine	.....	5.50
Tyler	.....	3.25
Van Vleck	.....	10.00
Waco	.....	25.00

\$281.79

From Junior Auxiliary of:

Austin, All Saints	.....	\$ 2.50
Houston, Christ Church	.....	4.17
Tyler	.....	1.75
Waco	.....	10.00
Tyler, Brotherhood of St. Paul	.....	.55

\$18.97

Babies' Branch	.....	\$ 5.00
Total	.....	\$305.76

That is \$305.76 was collected during the year ending May 9, 1912. We had \$204.31 as previously reported, so that we have now in the Bank \$509.57 and there are three more collections before this United Offering will be sent to New York in October, 1913. If these collections average as high as the three preceding the last United Offering, we shall have about nine hundred dollars to send as our Thank Offering for Woman's Work in the Mission field.

This year the United Offering has come from seventeen branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, four Junior branches, one Boys' Brotherhood and the Babies' Branch.

Different reasons have been given for the failure of several branches to send to this fund, and while I regret to omit these names from my report, I can understand that these branches have felt it to be their duty to concentrate their efforts on other features of the Auxiliary work; and on account of the small number of women in our diocese who are interested in missions, the task of raising the apportionment and the other special calls this year have been to many of us a perplexing problem. Because the Woman's Auxiliary is no longer assessed separately, we are by no means relieved from responsibility, either as individual or as an organized body. The assessments against our parishes, both General and Diocesan, must be paid and we must do our full share, not only by giving money, but also, and this is even more important, by giving time and enthusiasm, in order that we may interest others in the Missionary work of the church. All this we must do, and yet, over and above all that we may do, my friends, let us not forget the United Offering. I am sure it will never cause us to fall short in our other duties. Many of you

here today can testify that the women who have given the \$281.29, which I have just reported are the same women who give regularly to Missions in other ways and many of them are also the women who work in the Guilds, Parish Associations, Sunday Schools and other parish activities, but they want to share in this offering. They want to know that they have have a part in the National Thank Offering of the women of the church. They want to know that they are helping to send nearly two hundred women to the Mission field, women who are giving their lives to the work, enduring privations, drudgery, loneliness and some times danger. They want to assure these women that behind them are the women at home, thinking of them, praying for them, helping them.

There is another aspect—the Board of Missions—expects us to continue this gift. They are counting on the United Offering in their annual budget. We must not disappoint them.

Last year in Beaumont, I made the suggestion that the United Offering should be brought to the corporate communion of the Parish branch. In other words, that each parish branch should have a special service or Corporate Communion each year and the offering to be given to the United Offering fund. Many parishes have considered the plan favorably and three branches, one in Trinity church, Galveston, one in Trinity church, Marshall, and one in All Saints' church, Austin, have had a Woman's Auxiliary service and believe it to be most helpful. It must be helpful in so many ways, that even if the United Offering should have no part in it, I believe that we shall all feel very soon that it is an essential feature of our Auxiliary work, and to many of us it seems eminently appropriate that our United Offering should be given in the church in that service.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

DIOCESE OF TEXAS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1912.

Number of current periodicals sent.....	65
Number of Bibles, Testaments, Psalms and Gospels sent since last report	15
Number of Prayer Books and Hymnals sent since last report	3 doz. each
Number of Books, Theological and Secular, sent since last last report	10
Number of Tracts and Catechisms sent since last report.....	20
Number of Christmas and Easter Cards, Sunday School Cards and Calendars sent since last report	240
Number of Boxes, Barrels and Packages sent out by Diocesan Branches, contents not noted.....	200
Total amount of money contributed since last report	\$12.25

MRS. CHAS. M. DESEL.

These figures tell in a mechanical way of the past year's work, while the heart of it—the pulse beat of its emotion and anticipation, its sadness, its labor, ambitious hopes and disappointments, its many strengthening messages, are a wide awake chronicle, too long for the limit of our time.

The first in line is one of sorrow for the loss of our first Librarian, Mrs. Louise B. West of Palestine, who was called to the Higher Life on Dec. 10th, 1911. Mrs. West was an interested worker and her letters are missed. The Rector of St. Phillips wrote of her, as one who was faithful in all her duties. Mrs. West's most active work was in collecting books for libraries.

The first case given by our Diocese, bears her name, and now stands as a memorial of her labor. With such an example before us cannot some one be found to follow? It is with the hope of impressing the usefulness, the profitable returns—an exclamation point here—the far reaching influence and the joy of it, that I am here today.

We have now two Librarians, both most appreciative workers, Mrs. Watson of Christ Church, Houston, and Mrs. Erherd, of Trinity, Galveston, each of whom are well known in the Auxiliary and other church work.

Our Auxiliary numbers sixteen Branches. When the Church Periodical Club is represented by one member in each Branch, its work can be multiplied, not merely sixteen, but one hundred and sixteen fold. I think of the Church Periodical in our Diocese, as I do of our little Mission down here at Dickinson. It has a great future before it. Tho' I shou'd not see much of the vast development of the next ten and twenty years, most of you doubtless will. I do see it already in a vision, and when it is realized, looking back, again the words shall be verified. We now hold with comfort and assured hope—"Out of weakness were made strong."

ASSESSMENT FOR PLEDGE OF \$50.00 TOWARD INSURANCE OF
FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

Houston, Christ	\$7.00
Houston Trinity	5.00
Galveston, Trinity	5.00
Waco, St. Paul	5.00
Tyler, Christ	3.00
Nacogdoches, Christ	3.00
Beaumont, St. Marks	3.00
Austin, St. David	3.00
Marlin, St. John	3.00
Marshall, Trinity	1.50
Galveston, Grace	1.50
Palestine, St. Philips	1.50
Temple, Christ	1.50
Eagle Lake, Christ	1.50
Austin, All Sants .....	.50
San Augustine, Christ .....	.50
Dickinson, Holy Trinity .....	.50
Alvin, Grace .....	.50

PARISH—CHURCH.

	No. of Members	Expenses	Diocesan Missions.	Foreign Missions.	General Missions.	Value of Boxes.	Scholarships.	United Offering.	Specials.	TOTALS.
Alvin	10	\$6	\$6					\$2.00		\$2.00
Austin—St. David's	30		10.00		\$20.00			10.00		40.00
Austin—All Saints	12	1.80			20.00			10.00		31.80
Beaumont—St. Mark's	16	2.40			30.00	\$75.00		20.00		67.40
Dickinson—Holy Trinity	4	1.00						1.00		2.00
Eagle Lake—Christ	11	1.65		5.92				5.00		12.57
Galveston—Grace	12	1.80	10.00	2.50	15.00	20.00		2.50		51.80
Galveston—Trinity	39	9.30	15.00		60.00	129.57	20.00	54.67	29.90	318.44
Houston—Christ	47	9.45	50.00	5.00	67.00	199.63	60.00	55.37	32.00	478.45
Houston—Trinity	41	9.45	25.00		156.00	74.15		41.80		306.40
Marlin—St. John's	15	2.75			10.00			18.25	57.50	83.50
Marshall—Trinity	15	2.25			25.00			19.20		46.45
Nacogdoches—Christ	20	2.55	10.00		20.00	73.45				106.00
Palestine—St. Philip's	8	1.20			10.00			3.25		14.45
San Augustine—Christ	10	1.50	7.40		3.65			5.50		18.05
Temple—Christ	12									
Tyler—Christ	10	1.00			20.00	39.68		3.25	1.25	65.18
Waco—St. Paul's	20	3.00	50.00		25.00		50.00	25.00	18.00	171.00
Not Organized										
Cameron					10.00					10.00
Van Vleck								10.00		10.00
Special to Clergy Relief Fund..										14.34
Totals	332	\$51.10	\$177.40	\$13.42	\$491.65	\$551.48	\$130.00	\$281.79	\$136.65	\$1849.83
Jubilee Offering										337.50
Junior Branch										337.03
Babies' Branch										74.56
Grand total										\$2598.92

CONSTITUTION.

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 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.

Sec. 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 President 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. The President may call meetings of Officers whenever necessary.
2. The fund for current expenses shall be known as the contingent fund.
3. Each member of the parish branches shall pay fifteen cents annually to the contingent fund, to be collected by the secretaries and forwarded to the Diocesan Auxiliary Treasurer.

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.

MEMORIAL RECORD 1911-1912.

Mrs. L. B. West, St. Philips, Palestine, Dec. 10, 1911.

Mrs. A. L. Bradford, Trinity, Galveston, Feb. 12, 1912.

A suggestion for the opening service of Auxiliary meetings is as follows:

MISSIONARY HYMN.

CREED.

RESPONSIVE READING.

PRAYERS.

