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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'S GREETING.

Tyler, Texas, June, 1914.

Dear Friends of the Texas Branch:

After a year's intermission, it is my privilege to greet you again as your President, thanking you for the kind expressions of welcome, and happily renewing the ties that bind us together in sympathy and affection. Some of us have worked together continuously for fourteen years in this Diocesan Branch, participating hopefully and prayerfully in its varying fortunes. Today, while acknowledging the many causes for thankfulness that have been ours, and recognizing the faithful and untiring efforts of consecrated leaders, it is our duty to remember that the opportunities are greater now than ever, and the call for workers more insistent. Look over the list of Branches already established and note how few they are in comparison with the Parishes and Missions in this Diocese. Don't you think it is time for us to take a more aggressive attitude, in the formation of new Branches? Can we not, to this end, more thoroughly enlist the co-operation of our clergy? Are we using the opportunity afforded by the convocations of this Diocese to bring the Auxiliary methods to the front, and to reap the benefit of mutual help and inspiration? Why not a "Summer Conference" on our Gulf coast, as has been suggested, to successfully bridge the long gap between our spring and fall activities, and to bring us together in pleasant and profitable communion of interest? Changing the day of our annual meeting to the Tuesday of the same week is a step in the right direction. By this means, we hope to preserve our identity, heretofore overshadowed by the Council of the Diocese, and still participate in the privileges accorded that body, in the way of railroad rates, etc. Please remember that your officers wish to serve you in any way possible; they solicit correspondence with the Parish Branches, and always appreciate thoughtful suggestions for the advancement of the work.

With best wishes, sincerely yours,

FLORENCE M. HICKS.

MINUTES OF THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Brenham, May 13, 1914.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Texas Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary convened this morning at 9 o'clock in St. Peter's Church of this city, and was opened with prayer by the Bishop, who afterward expressed his usual cordial greeting and assured us of his continued interest in our work.

With our former president, Mrs. Hicks, in the chair, the regular order of business was now taken up, beginning with roll call of Parish Branches. Nine representatives were present from the Parishes of Austin, Houston, Marlin, Palestine, Temple, Tyler and Waco. Annual reports of Secretary and Treasurer were read and adopted. These reports were not quite complete, but corrections will be made later for the year book. If our Parish Secretaries would be more careful in the preparation of their reports, and put all their work for the year on the blanks sent to them for that purpose, much time, labor and worry might be saved to your Diocesan officers.

Parish Branch reports were read by their delegates; those without representation by the Secretary.

No reports were received from Vice Presidents or Directress of Mission Study.

The report of the Junior Branch was given in detail by their leader, Miss Taylor. Representatives of the Junior work present were: Mrs. McNeil, Miss Toombs and Mrs. Longnecker of Houston; and Miss Taylor of Waco.

As the Directress of Little Helpers Branch was unable to be present, her report was read by Miss Taylor.

The work of the United Offering was recently transferred to Mrs. A. E. Watson. The report given by her included the work of Mrs. Catterall to the time of her resignation. This money will be kept in First National Bank of Galveston, as was Mrs. Catterall's custom.

For the Silver Testimonial Fund \$230 has been given. As this is \$30 over the pledge, \$200—has been sent by our Diocesan Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions—the surplus will be passed to the second year's salary.

(Adjourned for lunch.)

Upon resuming our work, the subject of changing the time of our Annual Meeting was discussed, resulting in the unanimous decision that hereafter we will have our meeting on Tuesday, the day before the meeting of the Diocesan Council, with the hope of having a larger attendance, and a greater interest in our work be secured. In this connection it was suggested that the ladies of the parish, where the meeting is held, be requested not to serve luncheon on that day, but give their time and presence to the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

By request of the presiding officer, an explanation of the Corporate Communion service for the presentation of our United Offering, was given by Mrs. Schaeffer.

A letter was read from Miss Scheetz, Secretary of the Missouri Branch, explaining the plan of the Silver Testimonial. It is intended that all money contributed to this fund shall be free will offerings—no assessments will be made.

A letter was read from Mrs. Aves, in regard to the work in Mexico, but no action was taken.

A most interesting account of the Women's Meeting at the Triennial in New York was given by Mrs. Watson, whose privilege it was to present the U. O. of this Branch.

The Bishop's appointments were the same as last year, excepting Mrs. Hicks, President, in place of Mrs. Patton, resigned.

Mrs. A. E. Watson, Custodian of the United Offering, in place of Mrs. Catterall, resigned.

Mrs. M. B. Worsham, First Vice President.

Mrs. R. E. L. Craig, Second Vice President.

Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Texas Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, assembled in Brenham May 13, 1914, extend thanks to the members of St. Peter's Parish, for generous hospitality and kindly courtesies shown to our delegates.

To our Bishop for his cordial greeting and continued interest in our work.

That the presence of a Parish junior officer, with her fine report, was an inspiration to those present.

RESOLVED ALSO, That we accept with much regret the resignations of Mrs. Patton, as Diocesan President, and of Mrs. Catterall, as United Offering Treasurer, with an expression of thanks and appreciation for faithful and efficient service.

MRS. O. M. LONGNECKER,
MRS. S. McNEIL,
Committee.

May 13, 1914.

My Dear Friends of the Woman's Auxiliary:

We are here this morning for our thirteenth annual session, and glad and happy to have our honored friend again at the helm.

The records of another year's work are closed, and we are ready now for the discussion of new plans for the enlargement of our work in the future. If we have made mistakes in the past, let us profit by these experiences, and seek to do always that which is just to others and to our own capacities for service.

An increase in membership, so much to be desired, means greater and more far-reaching interest, more giving of ourselves and our means to that work which stands for the betterment of the world.

One new branch has been added to our roll since our last annual meeting. This was organized last summer in St. Mary's Mission at Mart, under charge of Rev. Dyer, and their first report shows a fair beginning in the good work. We bid these ladies a cordial welcome and rejoice with them in their choosing of the "better part."

The Alvin ladies have not yet organized an Auxiliary Branch, but as a Guild contribute to missionary work.

We have now nineteen organized branches, with a membership of three hundred and forty.

At the inception of our year's work, our own Diocese should claim

our first consideration and our first gifts. We do not have to look across the seas to find those who need our help; there are struggling parishes in our own State, and many members of our Church who are longing for its ministrations, but denied even the occasional visit of a clergyman.

For Diocesan Missions has been given \$177.25, from eight branches. For Domestic Mission work, our boxes often take the place of money appropriations, and are thoroughly helpful in their way; but money is needed for all sorts of educational and progressive work, especially among the Southern mountaineers, where there seems to be no end of people, poverty and ignorance.

An appeal came to me as your Secretary not long ago from the Archdeacon at Nashville Tenn., which seemed unusually pathetic and urgent in its call for help. As our local branch could not, at that time, make any response, I thought of our "fairy godmother," who once said to me: "When in need of help, let me know."

I sent her the Archdeacon's letter, and the generous response which came so promptly, gladdened the heart of the good missionary, who wrote us, along with his thanks, of the happiness he felt in being able with this gift to begin the building of a small hospital in the mountains for tuberculosis patients.

Besides this personal donation, we find \$88 credited from seven branches, making a total of \$188 for missionary work in Alaska, Ohio, Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee. Fourteen boxes have been prepared and sent on their way to mission points in Alaska, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia, by eight branches.

Total value, \$697.42.

For General Missions we find recorded upon thirteen parish reports a total of \$455.16.

For five scholarships carried by the All Saints Branch, Austin; St. Paul's Waco; Trinity, Galveston; Christ Church, Eagle Lake, and Christ Church, Houston, \$200 has been appropriated.

The amount received as a Foreign Special for Bishop Aves' work in Mexico is \$113, from four branches.

Bishop Aves hopes that this pledge may be renewed for another year, as the little hospital at Nopala still needs our help.

The pledge of \$50 toward the fund providing life insurance for foreign missionaries, accepted at our annual meeting in 1912, is portioned among the parish branches, and the obligation rests alike upon each, and should be paid promptly at the beginning of our year's work.

Two branches failed this year to pay their quota, and the amount due was taken from the contingent fund. After our last annual meeting in Waco, and adjournment for the summer, a plan suggested by the Missouri Diocesan Branch came to us, as follows:

As a testimonial of regard to Rev. Silver, at that time our Department Secretary, it was proposed that a man be sought, willing to go as a missionary to the foreign field, the Auxiliaries of this Department to assume his support for five years, at a salary of \$1,400 per annum.

The Missouri Branch offered to pledge half the salary, and the rest would be expected to come from the other Auxiliaries of this Department. Our Diocesan President was anxious for us to accept this

work, and offered \$100 from this Diocesan Branch. At her request letters were written to each and all parish branches, presenting the plan and asking each one to have a share in it. One hundred and thirty dollars was received from six parish branches, and a personal donation of \$100, making \$230. Two hundred dollars was sent by our Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, who assures us that this will count on our apportionment for General Missions. The surplus of \$30 will be passed to the credit of next year's salary of this missionary.

Dr. Stover, of Little Rock, Ark., offered himself for this work, was accepted by his Bishop, and left this country in December, and is now in Wuchang, China, serving as a Medical Missionary.

For the United Offering has been contributed from	
fifteen branches	\$309.10
Special donations	31.00
Total	<u>\$340.10</u>

This work is not confined to Auxiliary members, but should be commended to all church women, for it is a woman's work for the care and support of women workers in the mission field. It was suggested at the Triennial Session of the Woman's Auxiliary, held last October in New York, that a Corporate Communion service be held once a year in each parish where there is an Auxiliary, for the presenting of the United Offering.

Would it not be well for our parish branch presidents to ask of their Rectors such a service, with the hope that it may bring to the women of our Church a better understanding of the work of the United Offering and a larger co-operation with us in that work.

For the Clergy Relief Fund has been given from three parish branches \$48.35. To the Church Periodical Club work, one of the most important branches of our work, \$14 was sent to Mrs. Desel, Cor., for use at her discretion. From the payment of the Contingent Fund \$43 has been realized.

Our year book, 350 copies, was printed in Houston at a cost of \$35, and distributed as usual to those branches having paid their quota of expense.

Total amount of money expended by Senior Branch....	\$1,939.74
Value of boxes	697.42
	<u>\$2,637.16</u>
Junior Branch	375.02
Little Helpers	91.58
Grand total	<u>\$3,103.76</u>

A MESSAGE TO THE ANNUAL MEETING FROM THE SECRETARY.
CHURCH MISSIONS HOUSE
Fourth Avenue and Twenty-second Street,
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

New York, N. Y., April, 1914.

My Dear Friends:

At this time so many Diocesan Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary have their annual meetings, that I take this occasion to send a greeting to all the branches, and to bring before them a few of our present problems.

And, first, this is a changing time, and we must be careful to see that it is also a time of growth. Since we have at the Church Missions House Miss Lindley to strengthen the Junior work and to weld the women, older and younger, into one united force, and Miss Tillotson to give herself unstintedly to train women as students and teachers of Missions, and since we are realizing more and more the work of Deaconess Goodwin to be an activity of the Board of Missions, to which women and Juniors may become increasingly auxiliary, we must not lose any of the opportunities they would bring to us.

Cannot the things they stand for be emphasized, in ways in which they have not always been heretofore, at the representative gatherings of our branches—giving as little time as possible to reports of work done and to business details, and adding to the Services, Quiet Hours and general Missionary meetings, sectional sessions where leaders in study class work and in Junior development and along other lines may meet several times by themselves for conference, discussion and normal training?

Would it not be a good plan to appoint a committee at this meeting to draw up a program for next year? It might involve a longer period of time than has been customary, but time so carefully planned promises to be well spent.

But, meanwhile, is there nothing tangible, practical, minute and detailed it may be, but yet what, if practiced with a cheerful vigor, might make the Auxiliary a living power during these next months before the Missionary year closes, and help to avert the deficit so apt to hang as a cloud before our faith and lie as a weight on our aspiring love, but which should be, rather, one more incentive to our best endeavor?

We make a few brief suggestions, each one of which is simple and easy to be carried out, only requiring a little thought and a little will. The tasks they set are so easy they seem hardly worth while, but if every member of the Auxiliary would fulfill them, they would make a difference that would be felt when the year's reckoning shall be made. This is our simple plan:

1. That every member of the Auxiliary shall learn if her parish apportionment has been met, and, if not, exactly how it stands.
2. If it has not been met, that she shall go to her Rector and offer her help in carrying out some plan for meeting it.
3. That she shall explain it to, at least, one person, and ask his or her co-operation.

4. That, whatever she has already given and whether or not the apportionment shall have been already met, she shall contribute towards it at least once more before August 31st.

5. That she will give her summer address to the Spirit of Missions department and have the magazine sent her there.

6. That she will read at least one Missionary book during the next four months.

7. That when staying in summer hotel or boardinghouse, or when visiting, she shall make one opportunity at least to speak for the Church's work of Missions.

8. That she write one letter to some Missionary, Auxiliary associate or uninterested friend upon the subject.

9. That each Sunday she will find some Missionary principle or example in the Bible and pray one definite prayer for the Kingdom's growth and the unity of Christ's Church—this last, when possible, at the Early Communion Service.

These suggestions are sent out in printed slips. Will not each member take a copy from this meeting, and try to act upon them this summer? Will not each take copies to pass on to others?

With every good wish for the Branch, and each one of its members, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

JULIA C. EMERY.

TREASURER'S REPORT, MAY, 1913, TO MAY, 1914.

Receipts.

Alvin, Grace Mission.....	\$.50
Austin, All Saints' Mission.....	18.60
Austin, St. David's.....	52.75
Beaumont, St. Mark's.....	4.65
Dickinson, Holy Trinity Mission.....	4.00
Eagle Lake, Christ.....	5.60
Galveston, Grace
Galveston, Trinity	140.25
Houston, Christ	436.28
Houston, Trinity	283.35
Marlin, St. John's.....	10.50
Marshall, Trinity	30.70
Mart, St. Mary's Mission.....	1.65
Nacogdoches, Christ	27.25
Palestine, St. Philip's.....	2.70
San Augustine, Christ.....
Temple, Christ	14.95
Texas City	5.75
Tyler, Christ	27.05
Waco, St. Paul's.....	153.75
Special gift for Percy K. Silver Missionary Fund.....	100.00
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	\$1,320.28

Disbursements.

General Missions	\$ 434.85
Domestic Missions	26.00
Diocesan Missions	170.00
Foreign Missions, Percy K. Silver Missionary Fund.....	200.00
Scholarships	130.00
Foreign Special, Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund.....	44.75
Foreign Special, Doctor's salary, Nopala, Mexico.....	113.00
Clergy Relief Fund.....	46.35
Church Periodical Club.....	14.00
Contingent Fund	43.00
United Offering	68.33
Balance on Silver Missionary Fund.....	30.00
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	\$1,320.28

CONTINGENT FUND, MAY, 1913, TO MAY, 1914.

Receipts.

May 14, 1913—Balance reported at annual meeting at Waco....	\$49.30
June 5, 1913—From Dickinson, Holy Trinity, for 1912-13.....	.60
Austin, All Saints'	2.10
Austin, St. David's.....	3.00
Beaumont, St. Mark's.....	1.65
Dickinson, Holy Trinity.....	.50
Eagle Lake, Christ.....	2.10
Galveston, Trinity	4.25
Houston, Christ	6.60
Houston, Trinity	7.05
Marlin, St. John's.....	1.50
Marshall, Trinity	2.70
Mart, St. Mary's.....	1.65
Nacogdoches, Christ	2.25
Palestine, St. Philip's.....	1.20
Temple, Christ	1.65
Tyler, Christ	1.05
Waco, St. Paul's.....	3.75
Feb.—From Texas City, to reimburse for Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund75
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	\$93.65
Less expense	42.40
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Balance	\$51.25

Expenditures.

1913.		
Sept. 1	Dealy-Adey-Elgin Co., printing 350 Year Books.....	\$35.00
Sept. 20	Postage on Year Books.....	1.40
1914.		
Feb. 3	For Foreign Mission Ins. Fund for Nacogdoches.....	3.00
Feb. 3	For Foreign Mission Ins. Fund for Grace, Galveston.	1.50
Feb. 3	For Foreign Mission Ins. Fund for Texas City.....	.75
Feb. 3	For Foreign Mission Ins. Fund for San Augustine...	.75
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Total		\$42.40

REPORT OF JUNIOR BRANCH.

Receipts.

Alvin	\$ 3.70
Austin, All Saints'	21.00
Bay City	50.00
Hempstead	35.00
Houston, Christ Church	60.01
Houston Heights	2.75
Houston, St. John's	25.00
Houston, Trinity	37.60
Mart, St. Mary's	1.46
Richmond	5.00
Waco	133.50
Total	\$375.02

Disbursements.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 20.00
Domestic Missions	10.00
Christmas boxes (Lincolnton, N. C., and Charlottesville, Va.) ...	145.71
Christmas box to Rev. Weston, Savannah, Ga.	17.00
Bishop Kinsolving Scholarship, St. Mary's School, Shanghai..	50.00
Bishop Aves Scholarship, Hooker School, Mexico City	60.00
General Missions	49.06
United offerings	13.25
Special Building Fund, St. Mary's, Shanghai, China	4.00
Special—General object, St. Paul's Brotherhood	6.00
Total	\$375.02

MISS MINNIE TAYLOR,
Directress.

REPORT OF LITTLE HELPERS' BRANCH.

Mrs. J. B. Koehler, Directress, Galveston, 1721 Ave K.

Receipts.

Austin, All Saint's Church.....	\$ 3.00
Beaumont, St. Mark's Church.....	4.00
Eagle Lake, Christ Church.....	1.00
Galveston, Trinity Church.....	30.50
Houston, Trinity Church.....	18.78
Marlin, St. John's Church.....	1.50
Mart, St. Mary's Church.....	1.00
Waco, St. Paul's.....	31.80

Total\$91.58

Disbursements.

Domestic and Foreign Missions.....	\$58.58
Font to Foreign Missions.....	1.00
Kindergarten, Tokio, Japan.....	5.00
Deaconess Mitchell, Lydia, Va.....	5.00
St. Agnes' Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.....	5.00
Diocesan Missions.....	9.00
United Offering.....	5.00
Expenses.....	3.00

Total\$91.58

REPORT OF UNITED OFFERINGS RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Austin, All Saints'.....	\$ 11.00
Beaumont, St. Mark's.....	10.00
Galveston, Trinity.....	31.43
Houston, Christ Church.....	66.33
Houston, Trinity Church.....	23.32
Marlin, St. John's.....	4.45
Mart, St. Mary's.....	4.62
Marshall, Trinity.....	5.00
Nacogdoches, Christ.....	10.00
Palestine, St. Philip's.....	1.00
Temple, Christ Church.....	13.00
Texas City.....	4.79
Tyler, Christ Church.....	3.00
Waco.....	15.00
Van Vleck.....	5.00
Wascom.....	1.00
Special.....	25.00

\$233.94

Junior Branch.....	13.25
Little Helpers.....	5.00

\$252.19

Previously received by Mrs. Catterall..... 88.75

Total\$340.94

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

Annual Report, April 1, 1913, to April 1, 1914.

No. 26; name, Mrs. Chas. M. Desel; address, The Pines, Dickinson, Texas.

1. Current periodicals sent regularly.....	40
1. Contributors of current periodicals.....	24
3. Bibles, Testaments, etc.....	4
4. Prayer Books and Hymnals.....	1
5. Books, theological and secular.....	32
6. Tracts and catechisms.....	50
7. Odd magazines and papers.....	12
8. Christmas and Easter cards.....	325
9. Picture cards and calendars.....	80
10. Carols and music in books or sheets.....	40
11. Pictures, games, scrap books and miscellaneous.....	20
12. Boxes, etc., contents not counted.....	10
13. Traveling Libraries	11

Financial Statement.

Balance on hand April 1.....	\$25.00
Received from all sources.....	35.00
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	\$60.00
Used by correspondent.....	58.00
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Balance	\$ 2.00

"The Pines," Dickinson, Texas, May 10th, 1914.

To Mrs. Axford Hicks, President, and the Members of the Woman's Auxiliary—Kind Greeting:

How happy may be the closing of a year's report representing work accomplished—a portion, though seldom all one has aspired to do. But the brightness this year is shadowed as we note, first, the departure from earth of one of the most active workers in the Church Periodical Club—the Executive Secretary for twenty-one years, Mrs. J. L. Chapin.

During the past fourteen years, your correspondent has been frequently cheered by her letters and greatly assisted in the work here by her kind remembrance, through Mrs. Chapin becoming acquainted with Miss Ward of Boston, Miss Robinson of New Jersey and other correspondents and librarians in different Dioceses, who have given many books, tracts, Christmas and Easter cards for distribution in our Diocese. During the General Convention in New York last October, Mrs. Chapin held receptions every night at the Spencer Arms for all delegates who called, and there showed most effectively the great scope of the Church Periodical Work, since printed by courtesy of the Churchman, illustrating by the lines from our New York center that this branch of Auxiliary work is carried farthest, even to almost unknown parts of the world; as far east as Ceylon, Southern Asia; in South America to Rio Grande du Sol, almost to Paraguay; southwest to New Zealand; west to Honolulu, the Philippines, into Japan and China, and northwest through Alaska; Northeast Greenland

and Iceland. Although to your correspondent, Mrs. Chapin had become a dear friend, and held a half promise of coming to Texas to give us a talk, to many here a stranger but in name, yet by her example we may learn the use of pushing our way and work incessantly, even in our most humble way, sharing in progressive action for our Blessed Lord.

Through the placing of our Traveling Libraries, your correspondent has come in touch with several Church families at Trinity and Stowell in the eastern part of the State.

If our Woman's Auxiliary is at all interested in Home Missions in our own Diocese, would it not be advisable to contribute to the support of a Traveling Missionary for the "wandering sheep" and for the many who know nothing about the daily life of Christianity, the Rule of Love and the Rules of Grace which follow it? The Traveling Libraries continue rotating and extending their lines somewhat. The Rev. B. B. Rammage, late of Ft. Worth, found use for one in that large city, and the Rev. Edwin Weary, formerly Archdeacon in the Northwestern Diocese, now at Texarkana, has another.

The Auxiliary branches in all the smaller towns and communities would find these books very helpful, and if placed in school houses, where teachers often welcome the care of them, much good can be accomplished. A Traveling Library does not retard the growth of any school library; it rather stimulates the desire for permanent ones. The greatest trial in this work has come this last year through an injury and loss of books in Traveling Library sent from Texas City to Alta Loma. The case, including books, was estimated as valued at \$80.00.

In this spring time, from every outlook we see growth. The pines and oaks enlarge wonderfully—not merely height, but every branch and twig, leaf and leaflet. All about one sees blossoms for fruit and seed multiplication. Increase, ~~increase~~ is the lesson. Let us not hear again the Church Periodical Work condemned, as has been done. Its leader in Texas, your correspondent, is open to criticism. Her only conscious errors are in failure to serve more, and to inspire at least a few helpers in every parish and mission outside of the three or four who help by word and deed.

Acknowledgment is gratefully made for a check for \$25.00 from Mrs. A. E. Watson of Marlin; also of \$10.00 from Christ Church, Houston, and \$4.00 from Mrs. Erhard, librarian at Trinity, Galveston, with contributions for the C. P. C. Calendars from Mrs. R. D. Gribble, Mrs. J. S. Bruce of Eagle Lake and Mrs. F. R. Sawyer of Texas City. The great lesson of the coming Whit-sun-tide is the Gospel of Love. Love in the heart flows outward. Whether our work in the coming year be hard or easy, let us reverently hold fast as our own the words of our Blessed Lord, "That the world may know that I love the Father."

Respectfully submitted,

DELIA J. DESEL,

Correspondent Texas Branch of the C. P. C.

(Mrs. Chas. M.)

**ASSESSMENT FOR PELDGE OF \$50.00 TOWARDS INSURANCE
OF FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.**

Houston, Christ	\$ 7.00
Houston, Trinity	6.00
Galveston, Trinity	5.00
Waco, St. Paul's.....	5.00
Beaumont, St. Mark's	3.50
Austin, St. David's.....	3.00
Marshall, Trinity	3.00
Marlin, St. John's.....	3.00
Nacogdoches, Christ	3.00
Tyler, Christ	3.00
Eagle Lake, Christ.....	1.50
Galveston, Grace	1.50
Palestine, St. Philip's.....	1.50
Temple, Christ	1.50
Texas City75
Mart, St. Mary's75
Alvin, Grace50
Dickinson, Holy Trinity.....	.50
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	\$50.00

Parish—Church—	Number of Members	Contingent Fund	Diocesan Missions	Domestic Missions	General Missions	United Offering	Scholarships	Value of Boxes	Foreign Special	Silver Testimonial	Insurance Fund	Clergy Relief	Church Periodical Club	Incidental Expenses	Totals
Alvin, Grace	24	\$ 2.75	\$ 10.00	\$ 3.00							\$.50	\$ 2.00			\$ 18.25
Austin, All Saints'...	16	2.10	7.00	15.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 20.00					1.50			\$ 1.33	57.93
Austin, St. David's...	20	3.00	3.00	8.00	46.75					\$ 5.00					68.75
Beaumont, St. Mark's.	11	1.65				10.00					3.00				14.65
Dickinson, H. Trinity.	4	.50	1.00					\$ 9.00		2.00	.50				13.00
Eagle Lake, Christ...	15	2.10	1.50			10.00	50.00	60.00		2.00	1.50				127.10
Galveston, Grace															
Galveston, Trinity ...	41	4.25	15.00		45.00	34.34	20.00	83.88	\$ 10.00	25.00	5.00	12.00	\$ 4.00		258.47
Houston, Christ	44	6.60	50.00	7.00	50.00	111.33	60.00	224.34	100.00	50.00	7.00	34.35	10.00	6.50	717.12
Houston, Trinity	47	7.05	50.00	30.00	196.30	44.57		213.40		25.00	5.00			70.25	641.57
Marlin, St. John's....	10	1.50			5.00	4.45		20.00		1.00	3.00				34.95
Mart, St. Mary's.....	11	1.65			4.05	4.62		20.00							30.32
Marshall, Trinity	18	2.70			25.00	5.00					3.00				35.70
Nacogdoches, Christ..	15	2.25			25.00	10.00					3.00				40.25
Palestine, St. Philip's.	7	1.20			8.26	1.00					1.50				11.96
San Augustine, Christ															
Temple, Christ	11	1.65			11.80	25.00					1.50			.05	40.00
Texas City	14		5.00			4.79					.75				10.54
Tyler, Christ	7	1.05			20.00	3.00		66.80	3.00		3.00				96.85
Waco, St. Paul's.....	25	3.75	50.00	25.00		30.00	50.00			20.00	5.00			5.00	188.75
Mrs. A. E. W., Special.				100.00						100.00					200.00
Cameron, Van Vleck, }															
Wascom, Specials. }						31.00									31.00
Totals	340	\$43.00	\$177.25	\$188.00	\$455.16	\$340.10	\$200.00	\$697.42	\$113.00	\$230.00	\$47.75	\$48.35	\$14.00	\$83.13	\$2,637.16
Junior Branch															375.02
Little Helpers															91.58

Grand Total.....\$3,103.76

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.

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 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 at 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 15 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.

"Entered Into Rest."

Mrs. J. W. Thatchen, Nov. 25th, 1913; Christ Church, Eagle Lake.
Mrs. Seabrook Sydnor, October 11th, 1913; Christ Church, Houston.
Mrs. W. B. Hare, October, 1913; St. Philip's, Palestine.

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

MISSIONARY HYMN.
CREED.
RESPONSIVE READING.
PRAYERS.

