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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. Rolla Dyer  
Vice President, Mrs. H. H. Hawkins  
Secretary, Mrs. T. Willett Foster  
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Little Helpers, Mrs. J. W. Foster

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President, Mrs. J. W. Bennett  
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President, Mrs. N. C. Matthewson  
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Treasurer, Mrs. T. A. Hicks

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President, Mrs. Oscar Matthews  
Secretary, Mrs. John Baker  
Treasurer, Mrs. Ben Tucker

**Palestine—St. Philip's Church**

President, Mrs. H. W. Deathe  
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President, Mrs. E. G. Lewis  
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President, Miss A. Risher  
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Secretary, Mrs. W. D. Rondehaler, 704 Columbus St.  
Treasurer, Miss N. Haskett, 1800 Austin St.  
Junior Branch, Miss Minnie Taylor  
Babies' Branch, Miss Minnie Taylor  
Brotherhood of St. Paul, Mrs. W. Sleeper

MINUTES OF FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Temple, Texas, May 18, 1915.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary convened this Tuesday morning, May 18th, 1915, at ten o'clock, in Christ Church, Temple; its opening session being preceded by a celebration of the Holy Communion. At the conclusion of this service, the members were called to order by Mrs. Craig, Vice President of the Southwest Convocation, and the regular order of business taken up, beginning with roll call of parish branches and distribution of reports.

Reports of Secretary and Treasurer were read and adopted. Parish Branch reports were read by their delegates present; those without representation by the Secretary.

A report of Mission Study Classes was read by Mrs. Patton, in place of Miss Risher, Directress—absent.

The Custodian of the United Offering not being present, her report was read by the Secretary—also a letter from one of our United Offering missionaries, Miss Emily Seaman, now stationed in Cape Mount, Liberia.

No reports were received from Vice Presidents, except the giving out of United Offering Boxes by Mrs. Craig of the Southwest Convocation.

A telegram was received from Mrs. Blount, Vice President of the Southeast Convocation, conveying her resignation of that office.

The time of our meeting, appointed this year for the day before the opening of Council, being only a trial proposition for this session, the matter of keeping this day, or returning to the old order, was placed before the members and a free discussion invited. As there were good arguments on both sides, no further decision was reached, except to let it rest as today for another year.

The work of the Seventh Provincial Synod was much discussed. Mrs. Dyer having attended the meeting of that body, held in January in San Antonio, was invited to give some explanation of their plan of work. As it seems desirable that there should be a women's department in this work, it was suggested that delegates be selected from each Diocesan Branch to attend their next meeting, to be held in Kansas City in January, 1916, and that it then and there be decided, by vote of delegates, whether there shall be or **not** a women's department organized in connection with the Synod. Four ladies, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Schaeffer, Mrs. Gribble and Miss Taylor, were elected as delegates; Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Taft, Mrs. Kinsolving and Mrs. McNeil as alternates, with the request that if they cannot go they will select

some one else who will go, and who will be provided with the proper credentials.

The matter of enlarging our scope of work, by trying to interest other organizations of the Church, met with prolonged discussion, resulting in the suggestion that we invite to our next Annual Meeting a representative of each local organization in those parishes where there is an Auxiliary, requesting them at the same time to bring to that meeting a report of their work; while it shall be our endeavor to interest them in ours.

Adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session was given to the Junior Branch, Miss Taylor, President, presiding. Their report in detail may be found on another page.

The report of Little Helpers, Mrs. J. B. Koehler, Directress, being unavoidably delayed, was not received until our meeting was over; also the report of the Church Periodical Club. Both reports will be found in our year book.

The Bishop's appointments were the same as last year, excepting the reappointment of Mrs. F. W. Catterall, Custodian of the United Offering, in place of Mrs. A. E. Watson, resigned, and the appointment of Mrs. Oscar Matthews as Vice President of the Southeast Convocation, in place of Mrs. Blount, resigned.

Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Woman's Auxiliary regret the long continued illness of our President and her absence from this meeting. Also that bereavement has caused the absence of Miss Risher, Directress of Mission Study, and failing health that of Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Blount.

ALSO, That we congratulate the Auxiliary of Texas City and the Junior Branch of Bay City on the wonderful work accomplished.

ALSO, That we welcome the new Junior Branch of Taylor represented here today by its officers.

ALSO, That we are most grateful to the Rector and ladies of Christ Church, Temple, whose generous hospitality we have greatly enjoyed.

MRS. R. G. PATTON,

MRS. S. McNEILL,

Committee.

With a few words of greeting and good wishes for future success from our Bishop, the meeting adjourned.

#### SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Madam President and Members:

We are assembled here this morning for our Fourteenth Annual Session; and while we regret that long continued illness has prevented our President from being with us today, we bespeak for her representative your hearty co-operation, that this meeting may be fruitful in good results; that each member present may carry back to her home renewed interest and enthusiasm in our work, as well as many pleasant memories of friends gathered together for mutual benefit.

Notwithstanding war and tumult abroad, and its disastrous effects upon our own country, the good work goes on in yearly increasing ratio. There is now greater need than ever before for all the Church can give and do, and we of the Auxiliary must not fail to do our part.

The two branches at San Augustine and Grace Church, Galveston, that failed to make any response last year, have not been heard from since. We have now seventeen organized working branches with a membership of 308. Doubtless some of these are hampered by small numbers, weakened interest, and but little funds for their work.

Is there not then more reason for study, wide awake interest of the few, and a determination to live up to our profession of service? In our own Diocese there are ever present needs claiming our attention, but as an Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, it becomes our first duty to contribute to their appropriations for general work, and as our interest and means increase we may reach out to an ever widening circle.

Money given for Domestic Missions is often used for the building of churches and rectories; also for help in carrying on educational work. Our box work is also a valuable asset along this line, inasmuch as it is a benefit to ourselves as well as those we desire to help; for the preparation of these boxes brings us into touch often with missions and schools, whose existence, in some instances, was unknown before, and whose worthiness of help is guaranteed by the application coming through our General Secretary.

Nineteen boxes and packages, consisting of articles for bazars, Christmas gifts, and miscellaneous clothing, have been prepared and sent out by eleven of our branches to various points in Alaska, Arkansas, Idaho, Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina and Porto Rico. Total value, \$824.53.

Three scholarships, carried by Eagle Lake, Waco, Trinity, Galveston, and Christ Church, Houston, together, amounting to \$180.00, have all been cared for.

The pledge of \$50.00 to the fund providing life insurance for foreign missionaries is apportioned among the Parish Branches, and should be paid early in the year. The list and amounts assessed may be found in our Year Book.

The Silver Testimonial, of which our share is \$125.00, has been made up this year by contributions from eleven branches. As we have accepted this work for five years, this is our second year of payment. It is preferred that each branch have a share in the work. There are no assessments made, as it is entirely a free-will offering. Parish Secretaries will please take note, and all contribute something to this fund for the coming year.

Dr. Stover, who first offered and was accepted for this work, was obliged to give it up on account of having contracted some dread disease, and the pledge was passed on to Dr. Wassell, who is now being cared for by the Auxiliaries of the Seventh Provincial Synod, and is at work as a medical missionary in Wuchong, China.

We would recommend for your thoughtful consideration the work of the Clergy Relief Fund for the benefit of those "old soldiers of the Cross" who have withdrawn from active work, and are "only waiting" till the Father calls them home. Let us help to make their last days happy and content.

The Church Periodical Club work is also worthy of our help. Its correspondent, Mrs. C. M. Desel, is ever ready to explain its merits and enlist your sympathy.

While the work of the United Offering should be of special interest to all Auxiliary members, it should also appeal most strongly to every member of our Church, as it is peculiarly a woman's work for woman. The money so given is used for the training of women for the work of the mission field, provides and cares for them in sickness or misfortune, and supports them in their work.

The offering this year from the Senior Branch is.....	\$370.49
From the Junior Branch.....	22.23
From the Little Helpers.....	5.00
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Total .....	\$398.72

Our Year Book was published and distributed as usual. We would recommend this little book as valuable for reference, that we may know through its pages what others are doing, and also be enabled to follow out the rules given for our instruction, as contained in our Constitution and By-Laws.

Total amount of money given by the Senior Branch, includ-	
ing the United Offering.....	\$1,919.16
Value of boxes.....	824.53
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	\$2,743.69
Senior Branch .....	\$2,743.69
Junior Branch .....	464.98
Little Helpers .....	95.15
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Grand total .....	\$3,303.82

MRS. R. D. GRIBBLE,  
Secretary.

#### REPORT OF MISSION STUDY.

As Directress of Mission Study Classes, I wrote to every Auxiliary Branch in the Diocese, in October, and I received a number of interesting replies. Some of the places had no rector and no auxiliary—just a few members meeting and studying together; others with brighter lines.

I find a number studying Gospel Revelation and leaflets prepared by Miss Lindley. Several the Spirit of Missions in general, or "Lives that have helped" from the Spirit of Missions; one the domestic field of our Church; another Mexico, our nearest neighbor; some "Spiritual Books for Christian Growth"; some the Social Aspects of Foreign Missions, which the Auxiliary at large are mostly using. This year would that each Parish might say with our Houston Branch: "We had two good classes, and all enjoyed the work."

Our great lack is leaders who have the time and ability to push this necessary department, for we all know how enthusiasm grows, and how nobly our women give a helping hand when the condition and needs of our missionaries and their poor charges are set before them. How can we be interested in what we do not know, and how can we obtain information?

Our Educational Secretary urges all not only to take, but to read "The Spirit of Missions" and to take advantage of the summer conference, if possible, and during the year to take up some definite study of the field, and to pray earnestly that "we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and that we may also have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same."

MISS ADA RISHER,  
Waco. Directress.

**TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, DIOCESE  
OF TEXAS, MAY, 1914, TO MAY, 1915.**

Receipts.	
Alvin, Grace Mission.....	\$ 3.00
Austin, All Saints'.....	9.35
Austin, St. David's.....	48.95
Beaumont, St. Mark's.....	5.00
Dickinson, Holy Trinity Mission.....	6.00
Eagle Lake, Christ.....	9.25
Galveston, Trinity.....	129.50
Houston, Christ .....	526.34
Houston, Trinity .....	362.00
Marlin, St. John's.....	30.30
Mart, St. Mary's.....	2.60
Marshall, Trinity .....	3.75
Nacogdoches, Christ .....	32.40
Palestine, St. Philip's.....	6.20
Temple, Christ .....	22.25
Texas City, St. George's Mission.....	21.05
Tyler, Christ .....	13.45
Waco, St. Paul's.....	153.90
Balance Silver Missionary Fund, 1913-14.....	30.00
Borrowed from Contingent Fund.....	2.00
	<hr/> \$1,417.29

Disbursements.	
General Missions .....	\$ 507.05
Domestic Missions .....	5.13
Foreign Missions .....	7.13
Diocesan Missions .....	193.14
Foreign Missions, Percy K. Silver Missionary Fund.....	125.00
Foreign Special, Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund.....	50.00
Foreign Special .....	10.00
Domestic Special .....	127.00
Scholarships .....	130.00
Clergy Relief Fund.....	50.62
Church Periodical Club.....	11.00
United Offering .....	93.42
Emergency or One Day's Income Fund.....	63.00
Contingent Fund .....	42.05
Balance on hand Silver Missionary Fund.....	2.75
	<hr/> \$1417.29

MRS. A. E. SCHAEFFER,  
Treasurer.

SILVER MISSIONARY FUND.

Receipts.

Balance reported at last annual meeting, May 13, 1914.....	\$ 30.00
Houston, Trinity .....	25.00
Houston, Christ .....	25.00
Galveston, Trinity .....	11.00
Waco, St. Paul's.....	20.00
Austin, All Saints'.....	5.00
Austin, St. David's.....	5.00
Mart, St. Mary's.....	.50
Marlin, St. John's.....	1.25
Nacogdoches, Christ .....	2.00
Eagle Lake, Christ.....	1.50
Dickinson, Holy Trinity Mission.....	1.50
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	\$127.75

Disbursements.

Jan., 1915.	
To Silver Missionary Fund.....	\$125.00
Balance on hand.....	2.75
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	\$127.75

MRS. A. E. SCHAEFFER,  
Treasurer.

CONTINGENT FUND TEXAS BRANCH WOMAN'S AUXILIARY,  
MAY, 1914, TO MAY, 1915.

Receipts.

Balance reported at annual meeting, Brenham, May 13, 1914..	\$ 51.25
Austin, All Saints'.....	2.85
Austin, St. David's.....	3.00
Beaumont, St. Mark's.....	1.50
Dickinson, Holy Trinity Mission.....	1.00
Eagle Lake, Christ.....	2.25
Galveston, Trinity .....	4.50
Houston, Christ .....	6.90
Houston, Trinity .....	6.00
Marlin, St. John's.....	1.05
Mart, St. Mary's.....	1.35
Marshall, Trinity .....	.75
Nacogdoches, Christ .....	2.40
Palestine, St. Philip's.....	1.20
Temple, Christ .....	1.50
Texas City, St. George's Mission.....	.90
Tyler, Christ .....	1.00
Waco, St. Paul's .....	3.90
Jan., 1915.	
From Austin, All Saints, to reimburse for Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund .....	1.50
From Texas City, St. George's, to reimburse for Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund.....	.75
Feb., 1915.	
From Temple, Christ, to reimburse for Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund .....	1.50
From Galveston, Trinity, to reimburse for Silver Missionary Fund .....	3.25
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	\$100.30

Disbursements.

1914.		
Aug. 29	Dealy-Adey-Elgin Printing Co., for 350 Year Books...	\$ 34.00
Aug. 29	Postage for Year Books.....	2.45
Dec. 30	For Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund, All Saints', Austin .....	1.50
Dec. 30	For Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund, Temple.....	1.50
Dec. 30	For Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund, Texas City..	.75
Dec. 30	For Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund, Palestine...	1.50
Dec. 30	For Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund, Alvin.....	.50
1915.		
Jan. —	Deficit on Silver Missionary Fund.....	3.25
May 1	Balance on hand.....	54.85
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	\$100.30	

MRS. A. E. SCHAEFFER,  
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

Receipts.

Alvin .....	\$ 1.00
Austin, All Saints'.....	14.00
Bay City .....	47.95
Eagle Lake .....	15.50
Hempstead .....	17.00
Houston, Christ Church.....	150.00
Mart .....	13.03
Richmond .....	4.50
Taylor .....	15.00
Waco .....	187.00
 Total .....	 \$464.98

Disbursements.

Diocesan Missions .....	\$ 20.00
Domestic Missions (North Texas).....	15.00
Christmas box (mountain group of Missions, North Carolina) ..	137.75
Bishop Kinsolving Scholarship, St. Mary's School, Shanghai, China .....	50.00
Bishop Aves Scholarship, Hooker School, City of Mexico.....	60.00
General Missions .....	47.00
Indian School Scholarship, Fort Hall, Idaho.....	25.00
Special Children's Ward, St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio, Japan ..	83.00
United Offering .....	22.23
Emergency Fund .....	5.00
 Total .....	 \$464.98

MISS MINNIE TAYLOR,  
Directress.

**REPORT OF LITTLE HELPERS' BRANCH.**

**Receipts.**

Austin, All Saints'.....	\$ 2.00
Beaumont, St. Mark's.....	4.50
Eagle Lake, Christ Church.....	1.00
Galveston, Trinity Church.....	27.85
Houston, Trinity Church.....	21.00
Marlin, St. John's Church.....	1.50
Mart, St. Mary's Mission.....	1.33
Waco, St. Paul's Church.....	36.57
 Total .....	 \$95.75

**Disbursements.**

Domestic and Foreign Missions.....	\$ 61.15
(Foreign to Nopala, Mexico, for Bishop Aves' Hospital.)	30
Font .....	1.00
Kindergarten in Tokio, Japan.....	5.00
Deaconess Mitchell, Lydia, Va.....	10.00
Diocesan Missions for Bishop Kinsolving's work.....	10.00
United Offering .....	5.00
Expenses .....	3.00
 Total .....	 \$95.15

MRS. J. B. KOEHLER,

Directress.

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REPORT OF UNITED OFFERING.

Austin, All Saints' Church.....	\$ 10.00
Austin, St. David's Church.....	23.50
Beaumont, St. Mark's Church.....	10.00
Cameron .....	25.00
Dickinson, Trinity Mission.....	3.50
Galveston, Trinity .....	45.92
Houston, Christ Church.....	87.82
Houston, Trinity Church.....	72.53
Marlin, Mrs. Watson.....	25.00
Marshall, Trinity Church.....	1.55
Palestine, St. Philip's.....	1.50
Temple, Christ Church.....	8.90
Texas City, St. George's Mission.....	4.27
Waco, St. Paul's.....	35.00
Wascom .....	2.00
Van Vleck .....	10.00
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	\$371.49
Junior Branch .....	17.20
Little Helpers .....	5.00

MRS. F. W. CATTERALL,  
Custodian.

### TEXAS BRANCH CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

Annual Report of Correspondent, April 1, 1914, to April 1, 1915.

Correspondent number, 26; name, Mrs. Chas. M. Desel; address, The Pines, Dickinson, Galveston County, Texas.

1. Current Periodicals sent regularly.....	36
2. Contributors of Current Periodicals.....	14
3. Bibles, Testaments, etc.....	24
4. Prayer Books and Hymnals.....	6
5. Books—Theological and Secular.....	40
6. Tracts and Catechisms.....	30
7. Odd Magazines and Papers.....	12
8. Christmas and Easter Cards.....	600
9. Picture Cards and Calendars.....	25
10. Carols and Music, in books or sheets.....	—
11. Pictures, Games, Scrap Books, and miscellaneous.....	25
12. Boxes, etc., contents not noted.....	10
13. Traveling Libraries .....	10

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### Receipts.

Balance brought forward.....	\$ 2.00
A friend .....	.50
A friend .....	.50
Woman's Auxiliary, Christ Church, Houston.....	10.00
A friend .....	1.00
A friend .....	1.00
Correspondent dues .....	2.00
Correspondent dues .....	6.75
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	\$23.75

#### Expenditures.

Postage .....	\$11.75
Stationery .....	3.00
Books .....	6.00
Library and Correspondent dues sent to New York.....	3.00
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	\$23.75

The Pines, Dickinson, Texas, May 3rd, 1915.

To the President and Members of the Woman's Auxiliary—Kind Greetings:

At the close of the Diocesan year, we find ourselves today halting on Tarry-Hour bridge, with the records of the past in hand, and the vista of the new and enlarged work widening out before us. This

morning we heard the tramp of hoofs on the Dickinson Bayou bridge two miles east of us, when the U. S. Cavalry crossed on their return march to the camp at Texas City—their “imitation war battles” over and “supposed enemies” conquered. Can we, or at least your Correspondent, say the same of our less pretentious warfare through the year, as we present the report of twelve months’ endeavor to advance our portion of work in the Woman’s Auxiliary? Hardly.

We regret to report the resignation of our two Librarians, Mrs. Wm. V. R. Watson of Christ Church, Houston, and Mrs. A. F. Erhard of Trinity, Galveston. Through their earnest help and continued interest our Church Periodical has been, and still is, blessed. Mrs. Erhard was fortunate in finding an active successor—Mrs. H. A. Robertson.

A large amount of reading matter is sent to the hospitals. As a matter of course, it is well to mention that these members also distribute regularly to the criminals confined in the jail. This class of work has been neglected by our Church, as if we had forgotten the words of our Blessed Lord: “\* \* \* in prison and ye visited Me.”

The tabulated report shows the monetary gifts and distributions, which total much less than last year; and thus in donating of books and extending of lines the work has been restricted. The Traveling Library Department is in need of funds for repairs on a case and for renewal of worn books. From Trinity Parish Branch the Sunday School of Holy Trinity Mission received a box of Sunday reading, which is much enjoyed by the older children. Most generous aid came this year from Christ Church, Houston. Several members of this Branch continue to donate a large number of standard magazines and Church literature. In some instances the donors have been giving to the same recipients for a number of years. Who can tell how endlessly such waves of knowledge may be multiplied?

What is most desired in our work is that every one shall share in it; if not every member, certain many from each Parish and Mission, with one to represent the Church Periodical Club Department. There are over fifty Churches in our Diocese. Efforts to extend our Branches the past year have not been successful. Yet the Church Periodical Club banner has been “flung” all along the line by the Post into the Parishes and Missions listed in the Texas Churchman to the Rectors, Auxiliary Officers and other “Sisters.”

The annual report issued from New York shows the near and exceedingly far lands and places all around the world where this Higher Mission work is carried on by Branches in seventy Dioceses.

In the Auxiliary we show our sympathy and interest in missionary work by efforts for physical comfort, chiefly clothing. Are we our-

selves, you and me, contented with our garments and the substance that is served on our tables? Do we enjoy a "tid-bit" of light reading now and then? Does it not give one a fresh start of energy to read of the marvelous deeds at Panama, for instance? or awaken to new time savings, to learn of the self-sacrificing efforts shown at Labrador for the homeless Belgians? Then there are pictures. The shut-ins need money; all invalids are not in the hospitals. Might not the young folk who have time "to throw away" hold to its "forelock" and gather illustrations for mounting on cardboard or linen or scrap books, culling wisely the good from the bad?

In the State of New Jersey (not much larger than a Texas county) there are two Dioceses, Newark and Easton. In Newark the Church Periodical has fifty-five Branches and Easton forty-four. In Long Island, one of New York's five Dioceses, there are ninety-seven Branches. It would tire you to read the annual statistics of one, and yet the individual part is light.

Your Correspondent writes many letters which receive no reply, sometimes even when a postal or stamp has been enclosed. Evidently they are addressed to the wrong person. Many, we are sure, would extend heart and hand for the Church Periodical Club. The question comes, How can we get in touch with each other? All letters that do come fill one with joyful encouragement.

Today's text and verse are so good an incentive, I venture to copy—  
"If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence."

"And grant me, Lord, to do  
With ready heart and willing  
Whate'er Thou shalt command,  
My calling here fulfilling."

"And do it when I ought  
With all my strength and bless  
The work I thus have wrought,  
For Thou must give success."

—Johann Heermann, 16th Century.

Yours in His Loving Service,

DELIA J. DESEL.

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

Houston, Christ .....	\$ 7.00
Houston, Trinity .....	7.00
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
Austin, All Saints'.....	1.50
Temple, Christ .....	1.50
Palestine, St. Philip's.....	1.00
Texas City .....	.75
Mart, St. Mary's.....	.75
Dickinson, Holy Trinity.....	.50
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	\$50.00

## Parish—Church—

Parish—Church	Number of Members	Contingent Fund	Diocesan Missions	Domestic Missions	General Missions	Foreign Missions	Scholarships	Silver Testimonial	Insurance Fund	Value of Boxes	United Offering	Clergy Relief Fund	Church Periodical Club	Emergency Fund	Expenses	Totals
Austin, All Saints' . . . . .	19	\$2.85	\$ 25.00	.....	\$ 45.00	.....	.....	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.50	.....	\$ 10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	89.35
Austin, St. David's . . . . .	35	3.00	.....	.....	65.20	.....	.....	5.00	3.00	.....	23.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	99.70
Beaumont, St. Mark's . . . . .	10	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.50	.....	\$ 10.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00
Dickinson, Trinity Mission . . .	5	.75	1.00	\$ 1.00	1.00	\$ 1.00	.....	1.50	.50	5.00	3.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.25
Eagle Lake, Christ . . . . .	15	2.25	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	\$ 50.00	1.50	1.50	15.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	94.25
Galveston, Trinity . . . . .	46	4.50	32.00	.....	45.00	.....	20.00	11.00	5.00	138.35	45.92	.....	\$ 1.00	11.00	.....	313.77
Houston, Christ . . . . .	46	6.90	50.00	126.00	55.00	.....	60.00	25.00	7.00	217.98	87.82	48.62	\$10.00	50.00	\$12.45	756.77
Houston, Trinity . . . . .	40	6.00	50.00	.....	275.00	.....	.....	25.00	6.00	290.36	72.53	.....	.....	.....	60.45	785.34
Marlin, St. John's . . . . .	7	1.05	.....	.....	15.00	\$10.00	.....	1.25	3.00	15.84	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	51.14
Mart, St. Mary's . . . . .	9	1.35	2.00	3.00	5.00	.....	.....	.50	.75	60.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72.60
Marshall, Trinity . . . . .	5	.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	1.55	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.30
Nacogdoches, Christ . . . . .	16	2.40	.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	2.00	3.00	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47.40
Palestine, St. Philip's . . . . .	7	1.20	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.70
Temple, Christ . . . . .	10	1.50	.....	.....	13.65	.....	.....	.....	1.50	7.00	8.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	32.55
Texas City, St. George's . . . .	6	.90	7.14	6.13	.....	7.13	.....	.....	.75	.....	4.27	.....	2.00	.....	.....	28.32
Tyler, Christ . . . . .	7	1.00	.....	.....	9.50	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.50
Waco, St. Paul's . . . . .	25	3.75	50.00	.....	25.00	.....	50.00	20.00	5.00	50.00	35.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	238.75
Alvin . . . . .	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Special . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62.00
Totals . . . . .	308	\$41.65	\$221.14	\$136.13	\$585.35	\$18.13	\$180.00	\$97.75	\$48.00	\$24.53	\$371.49	\$50.62	\$13.00	\$83.00	\$72.90	\$2,743.69

Mrs. Watson \$25.00

Mrs. Watson &  
Waskom

Waskom  
Cameron

Cameron 23 50  
Van Vleck 10 00

→ \$62.00 for United Offering

Junior Branch..... 464.98  
Little Helpers ..... 95.15

Grand Total \$3,303.82

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## 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 meetings 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.

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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.

IN MEMORIAM.

MISS MILDRED THATCHER  
August 19, 1914.  
Christ Church, Eagle Lake.

MRS. KATE L. BERING  
June 6, 1914.  
Trinity Church, Houston.

MRS. SOPHIE M. LEWIS  
June 13, 1914.  
Trinity Church, Houston.

MRS. SARAH PARK  
February 17, 1835—January 24, 1915.  
Christ Church, Tyler.

“All are one in Thee,  
For all are Thine.”

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

MISSIONARY HYMN.

CREED.

RESPONSIVE READING—Psalm 67.

PRAYERS.



