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To the Board of Missions



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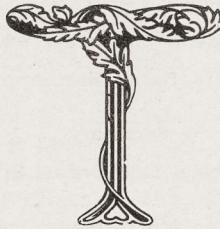
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

TEXAS BRANCH
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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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MINUTES OF FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Houston, Texas, May 9, 1916.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Diocesan branch of the Woman's Auxiliary convened in Christ Church of this city, Tuesday, May 9th, at 9 a. m., opening with the service of the Holy Communion; the business service following at 10 o'clock.

The message of Mrs. Hicks' inability to be with us, at this time, and consequent resignation of her office as president, was received with much regret. Mrs. Craig, vice president of the Southwest Convocation, was called to the chair, and the regular order of business taken up, beginning with roll call of parish branches, to which eleven delegates present responded, six being without representation, viz: St. David's and All Saint's, Austin; Trinity, Marshall; St. Mary's, Mart; St. John's, Marlin; Christ Church, Tyler.

Their reports were read by their delegates; those without representation, by the secretary. Reports of secretary, treasurer and vice-presidents were submitted and accepted as read.

Committee on Resolutions appointed by the chair were: Mrs. A. J. Dossett of Waco, Mrs. F. R. Sawyer of Texas City.

Reports of Mission Study classes were given by delegates present from those parishes, where this work had been taken up—Waco, Temple, Palestine and Houston. Miss Risher, Directress of Mission Study Work, being unable to attend this meeting, sent her report to the secretary, but it was received too late to be read while this part of our work was under discussion.

Report of the work of the United Offering was given by Mrs. Caterall, custodian.

Report of the Church Periodical Club was read by Mrs. Desel, correspondent.

In accordance with the suggestion adopted at our last annual meeting, viz: that we invite to this meeting a representative of every other parish organization, those delegates present were now called in turn, and gave brief reports of their work, which added very much to the interest of our meeting.

Lunch was served at 12:30 o'clock, all Diocesan officers, delegates and visitors were invited to seats. In a few well chosen words, Mrs. Dallam expressed a cordial welcome to our guests. Mrs. Tolman of Trinity Parish read a short paper upon Mission Study Work, as an aid in promoting an interest in missionary work.

At the close of the luncheon hour a splendid address was given by Rev. P. G. Sears, setting forth a plan for changing the time of our meeting and calling for a reorganization entirely separate from the Church Council, while its work would still be auxiliary to the Board of Missions. The plan was thoroughly explained by citing experi-

ences and success in other places, and was heartily endorsed by Rev. Witsell of Waco, who gave some interesting items of his own experience in South Carolina and Mississippi.

The afternoon session convened at 2:30 o'clock, when this plan was placed before our members, and a free discussion invited. When put to a vote of delegates, a majority prevailed in favor of the change. The time and place were next discussed, resulting in the selection of October or November, as the best time, and Waco, with the consent of the Rector, the most desirable place at which to hold the first meeting.

All plans for this new organization will be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee and will be announced at the proper time.

The Constitution of the Woman's Department of the 7th Provincial Synod, having been sent us for ratification, was now read and adopted, and the three delegates to its next meeting in Little Rock, in January, 1917, were elected, as follows:

Delegates: Mrs. Harris Masterson, Houston; Mrs. A. J. Dorsett, Waco; Miss Minnie Taylor, Waco. Alternates: Mrs. R. E. L. Craig, Houston; Mrs. F. R. Sawyer, Texas City; Mrs. S. McNeil, Houston.

Delegates to the Tri-ennial elected were:

Delegates—Senior Branch: Mrs. F. W. Catterall, Galveston; Mrs. A. E. Schaffer, Houston; Miss Nell Saunders, Nacogdoches; Mrs. Milby Gwynn, Eagle Lake. Alternates: Mrs. R. E. L. Craig, Houston; Mrs. J. B. Bowles, Houston; Mrs. Custis Fletcher, Temple; Miss E. Simkins, Austin.

Delegate—Junior Branch: Mrs. S. McNeil, Houston. Alternate, Miss D. Toombs, Houston.

The report of the United Offering having been already given, Rev. P. G. Sears was invited to address the meeting upon this work. Those who listened to his enthusiastic words will not soon forget the inspiring eloquence he gave to his subject. Would that we too might feel a bit of such inspiration that would lead to more worthy results.

The work of the Junior Branch was now taken up, with Minnie Taylor, directress, presiding. Delegates present from Houston and Waco read their reports for the year. Little Miss Adams of the Junior-Junior of the Houston branch read her report very sweetly and was much complimented upon its creditable record. Miss Taylor gave the monied reports from other branches not represented, also a total of the year's work, \$351.18.

The report of the work of the Little Helpers was given by Mrs. Koehler, directress. We regret the lack of interest in this work, as shown by a falling off in their receipts, compared with last year's work. Amount received and disbursed \$84.00.

The old Diocesan officers were re-appointed by the bishop, excepting only Mrs. J. C. Tolman of Trinity Parish, Houston, as Diocesan president in place of Mrs. Axford Hicks, resigned.

Committee on resolutions reported as follows:

RESOLVED: That the Woman's Auxiliary wish to express their great disappointment, that our president, has again, through illness, found it impossible to meet with us; also

That we offer our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family of Miss May Dell Newton, leader of the Junior branch of Richmond, who lost her life in the recent Gulf coast storm; also

That we commend the Woman's auxiliary of the Diocese of Texas for their broad movement of bringing in connection with their yearly meeting, the work at large of the women in the Diocese; also

That we congratulate Nacogdoches on their splendid membership and enthusiasm; also

That we extend to Texas City, and Galveston, our commendation for their courage in so bravely continuing their work for Christ and His Kingdom, in the face of their recent disaster; also

That we express our sincere appreciation to the Rector and ladies of Christ Church, Houston, for the hospitable reception given us.

Mrs. A. J. Dossett,
Mrs. F. R. Sawyer,
Committee.

Minutes of both sessions were given in outline.

With an expression of kindly encouragement and many good wishes from our Bishop, the meeting adjourned.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Madame President and Members:

With the passing of another year we have come again to our annual session, the fifteenth, and just here it becomes my pleasure and privilege to extend to all visitors and friends a hearty welcome from the two auxiliary branches of our city. We trust your visit may be pleasant and all that you have wished, and in the free and friendly interchange of thought and opinion, we should all find something helpful; these meetings are intended partly to accomplish this purpose, that the strongest branches may bring their experiences to meet the need of the weaker, so that in some degree, we are dependent upon each other, for the best results in our work.

We have not advanced at all this year, in the number of branches—seventeen are reported today, with a small gain in membership. We now have 331 members, with some others contributing to our work, not members of any organized branch. Some of our Parish Branches are not as alive to the importance of this work as we hope they may

be another year. New churches are being built and many other local needs are so paralyzing in their demands, that with some of the weaker branches, there seems almost a struggle for existence.

All honor to our Galveston members, who, having rallied so quickly from the effects of the terrible storm of last August, have brought to us today the best report they ever had.

The Texas City branch is also to be greatly congratulated in the face of losses and discouragements, which came to them by wind and water. With only four members they are keenly alive to the possibilities of their work, and we bid them a hearty God Speed for the coming year.

At our last annual meeting it was suggested that we invite to our next Diocesan meeting (that is today) a representative of every other Parish organization in places where there already existed a Woman's Auxiliary.

Acting on this suggestion we have with us today representatives of the various organizations, connected with church work in the two parishes of our city, Trinity Church and Christ Church.

This plan was suggested for the purpose of arousing and increasing a mutual interest, having at the same time a hope of adding new members to our service for the Board of Missions.

As an auxiliary to the board, our first appropriation should be for general mission work, and these amounts may be credited upon the apportionment of our parishes.

For general missions our combined offerings from thirteen branches are	\$484.01
With from scholarships	\$280.00

\$764.01

One of these scholarships, carried by Galveston and Christ Church, Houston, in Mexico, is \$80, one in Alaska of \$100.00, carried by Christ Church, Houston Auxiliary, one in China for \$50, carried by the Waco branch, and another in China for \$50, carried by the branch at Eagle Lake.

To Diocesan Missions has been given \$372.66 by eight branches; this includes two special gifts amounting to \$13.00, sent to the vestry of the church at Port Arthur, in response to their appeal in the Texas Churchman for help in rebuilding their church, partially destroyed in the storm of last August.

For domestic mission work appropriations to the amount of \$92.05 have been made by six branches.

The life insurance fund of \$50.00, pledged by the Diocesan Branch was shared by all parish branches and paid in full amount.

The Silver Testimonial fund, of which the share of this Diocesan Branch is \$125.00, was contributed to by eight branches, leaving a deficit of \$6.00, which was paid by Christ Church branch of Houston. Thirteen boxes have been prepared and shipped to various mission points in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Alaska, and one personal to China to Rev. E. R. Dyer, upon the occasion of his marriage, by the auxiliary branch at Mart, whose rector is the father of this missionary in China.

Total value of boxes \$885.08.

From three branches \$37.00 has been given to the fund for relief of aged and infirm clergymen and families.

This is a most appealing work, a thoughtful and substantial remembrance would be most gratefully accepted by these old soldiers of the cross, who are only waiting to cross over the river and rest. Shall we not all remember them with our gifts and our prayers?

The Church Periodical Club has been remembered by a small gift of \$13.61 from three branches, but it is worthy of something better.

Our year book was published in Houston at a cost of \$34.00 for 350 copies, and distributed proportionately as usual. This little book furnishes much valuable information about our work, and for frequent reference is a great help to our officers and members. It contains always at the back our Constitution and By-Laws, with which every member should acquaint herself thoroughly.

Total amount disbursed by the Senior Branch.....	\$1722.00
Value of Boxes	855.08
United Offering	445.77
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Junior Branch	\$3022.85
Little Helpers	\$351.18
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Grand Total	\$3478.03

MRS. R. D. GRIBBLE,
Secretary.

REPORT OF MISSION STUDY.

This year finds our auxiliaries with no great success in their study programs, though most of the Branches report increasing zeal in this line during lent.

Lessons from the Bible, readings from the church papers and the Spirit of Missions, Alaska illustrated with lantern slides, "Across the Continent," and "Japan Advancing" have proven interesting and profitable. As a result of the study class on Japan one auxiliary respond-

ed to the call of St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio, by giving a series of teas, thereby realizing a neat sum for this good cause. Study is most strongly emphasized, for it is only by study that we gain a knowledge of the mission fields, and an interest in their problems. And when interest is aroused and our hearts burn with love for our benighted fellowmen, and with sympathy for the workers in the Master's cause, there will be no deficit in the Board's treasury and no lack in our missionary endeavors.

Our educational secretary urges us to take and read our Spirit of Missions and other church papers, and to take up the study of some definite field during the year.

MISS ADA RISHER,
Directress of Study.

TREASURER'S REPORT—MAY, 1915 TO MAY, 1916.

Receipts.

Austin, All Saints' Church	\$ 9.35
Austin, St. David's Church	90.17
Beaumont, St. Mark's Church	5.00
Dickinson, Holy Trinity Mission	5.50
Eagle Lake, Christ Church	9.25
Galveston, Trinity Church	129.75
Houston, Christ Church	496.06
Houston, Trinity Church	473.15
Marlin, St. John's Church	9.05
Marshall, Trinity Church	29.05
Mart, St. Mary's Church	1.25
Nacogdoches, Christ Church	34.95
Palestine, St. Phillip's Church	2.20
Temple, Christ Church	4.88
Texas City, St. George's Mission	9.26
Tyler, Christ Church	14.00
Waco, St. Paul's Church	158.75
Balance Silver Testimonial from 1914-15.....	2.75
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	\$1,484.37

Disbursements

General Missions	\$ 419.50
Domestic Missions	25.00
Foreign Missions	2.00
Diocesan Missions	352.57
Foreign Missions, Percy K. Silver Testimonial Fund.....	125.00
Foreign Special Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund.....	50.00
Foreign Special	100.00

Domestic Special	69.00
Scholarships	230.00
Clergy Relief Fund	37.00
Church Periodical Club	11.00
Contingent Fund	46.30
Diocesan Special	13.00
Emergency Fund	4.00

\$1,484.37

MRS. A. E. SCHAEFFER,
Treasurer.

CONTINGENT FUND—MAY, 1915 TO MAY, 1916.

Receipts

Balance on hand at last meeting, May 18, 1915.....	\$ 54.85
Austin, All Saints' Church	2.85
Austin, St. David's Church	3.00
Beaumont, St. Mark's Church	1.50
Dickinson, Holy Trinity Mission .....	.75
Eagle Lake, Christ Church	2.25
Galveston, Trinity Church.....	6.75
Houston, Christ Church	7.95
Houston, Trinity Church	5.85
Marlin, St. John's Church	1.05
Marshall, Trinity Church	1.05
Mart, St. Mary's Church .....	.75
Nacogdoches, Christ Church	4.95
Palestine, St. Phillip's Church	1.20
Temple, Christ Church	1.05
Texas City, St. George's Mission .....	.60
Tyler, Christ Church	1.00
Waco, St. Paul's Church	3.75

\$101.15

Disbursements

Aug. 19, 1915, Dealy-Adey-Elgin Co., 350 Copies Year Books.....	\$ 34.00
Postage on Year Books	1.07
Balance on hand, May 1, 1916	66.08

\$101.15

MRS. A. E. SCHAEFFER,
Treasurer

SILVER TESTIMONIAL FUND

Receipts.

Balance reported at last annual meeting, May 18, 1915.....	\$ 2.75
Austin, All Saints' Church	5.00
Austin, St. David's Church	5.00
Dickinson, Holy Trinity Mission	2.25
Eagle Lake, Christ Church	1.50
Galveston, Trinity Church	25.00
Houston, Christ Church.....	31.00
Houston, Trinity Church	25.00
Mart, St. Mary's Church .....	.50
Nacogdoches, Christ Church.....	2.00
Waco, St. Paul's Church	25.00
	<u>\$125.00</u>

Disbursements

May 1, 1916 to Percy K. Silver Testimonial Fund.....	\$125.00
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MRS. A. E. SCHAEFFER,

Diocesan Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY

Receipts

Alvin	\$ 1.00
Austin, All Saints'	8.35
Bay City	45.00
Eagle Lake	10.00
Hempstead	33.00
Houston, Christ Church	86.05
Houston, Trinity	2.50
Mart	16.85
Richmond	5.00
Taylor	21.00
Waco	122.43
Total	<u>\$351.18</u>

Disbursements

Diocesan Missions	\$ 13.53
Domestic Missions, designated Bishop Temple's District.....	25.00
Christmas Box Sewanee Group of Missions.....	158.65
Bishop Kinsolving Scholarship St. Mary's Shanghai.....	50.00
Bishop Aves' Scholarship, Hooker Memorial, City of Mexico..	60.00
General Missions	17.50
Special, St. Luke's Tokio	3.00
Special, Rev. Dyer, China	5.00
United Offering	18.50
Total	<u>\$351.18</u>

MISS MINNIE TAYLOR,

Directress.

REPORT OF LITTLE HELPERS.

Receipts

Austin, All Saints' Church	\$ 1.00
Beaumont, St. Mark's Church	1.37
Galveston, Trinity Church	23.70
Houston, Trinity Church	22.27
Mart, St. Mary's Mission91
Waco, St. Paul's Church	34.75
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	\$84.00

Disbursements

Domestic and Foreign Missions	\$60.00
(Foreign to Napoña, Mexico for Bishop Aves' Hospital).	
Font	1.00
Emergency Fund	5.00
United Offering	5.00
Tokio Kindergarten, Japan	5.00
Diocesan Mission (Bishop Kinsolving work).....	6.00
Expenses	2.00
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	\$84.00

MRS. J. B. KOEHLER,

Directress.

REPORT OF UNITED OFFERING, MAY 1916.

Receipts—Seniors

Austin, All Saints'	\$ 10.00
Bay City	5.00
Dickinson	2.00
Eagle Lake	5.00
Galveston, Trinity	36.57
Houston, Christ Church	89.43
Houston, Trinity Church	80.00
Marlin	1.50
Mart	3.00
Matagorda	6.90
Nacogdoches	20.00
Temple	12.51
Texas City	5.26
Waco	45.00
Waskom	1.00
Mrs. A. E. Watson	100.00
Interest	22.60
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Total.....	\$445.77

JUNIORS

Bay City	\$1.00
Eagle Lake50
Houston, Christ Church A. div.....	5.00
Houston, Christ Church, B div.....	2.50
Mart	1.00
Taylor	1.00
Waco	7.50
 Total	 \$18.50
Little Helpers	\$ 5.00
Seniors	\$445.77
 Grand Total.....	 \$469.27

Amount previously collected for 1916.....\$ 651.63
Amount on hand

The United Offering will be presented in October of this year at St. Louis.

In 1913 the Offering from the Diocese of Texas was \$1184.71. Since we have already \$1120.90 and one more collection in September, we hope to send more than that amount for the offering of 1916, but there will hardly be any large increase unless there is a special effort made promptly. \$469.27 for this year seems a creditable amount, since it is given by the members of the Woman's Auxiliary as an extra, a free will offering, after all other obligations have been met, but if we look closely at the records, there is no very great reason for self congratulation. A hundred dollars of the amount was given by one generous woman, who, because of ill health, no longer resides in the diocese, though it is our loving prayer that she may soon be restored to us. \$22.60 is the interest earned by the money previously deposited. The remaining \$346.67 represents the gifts of our 331 members, and of the Junior and Baby branches, and also of a few faithful church women in Bay City, Waskom and Matagorda. Probably the greater part of the auxiliary members do not share in this gift. Many of them feel that they are giving all that is possible through the regular apportionment. Last year's report (from this report I have gathered all data) shows that the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese gave to missions in that year \$3,303.82. Besides that we all know that these women do a great part of all the work of the church in their parishes or missions. Of these women, we know—but let us consider the church women who do not belong to the Woman's Auxiliary. Why is it that they are not members? What are their reasons or excuses? Do they recognize and fulfill their obligations to help in carrying on the missionary work of the church?

The diocese has been assessed for Diocesan Missions \$3,685, and for General Missions \$6,328. Altogether we are asked to pay annually \$10,013 for the support of missions. Any woman who gives her full quota of that assessment is a Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, though she may never attend a meeting of a parish branch. Possibly there are many women who do so recognize the obligation, but there are many who do not. There are those who believe that "Charity begins at home" and remains there. Others who think it is not right to let money go out of the diocese, and some near-sighted ones who can see no need except in their own parishes. There are those who do not believe in foreign missions, and still others who say they do not believe in missions, any missions, all missions.

"Like a mighty army moves the church of God," "With the Cross of Jesus" not only going on before but sealed upon the brow of each and every one. "Signed with the sign of the Cross," "Christ's faithful soldier and servant" and the great Captain's most earnest command, the meaning and purpose of His life and death is denied by many who call themselves Christians. It would seem so, but it is only that they do not understand, they do not think, they do not know. It is our aim and effort to bring to them a realization of the joy and beauty of this service.

Can we find, in all our equipment, anything better suited for a beginning and an incentive than the United Offering? Let us use it as an opening wedge to cleave asunder the barriers raised by the indifferent. Let us endeavor to interest every church woman in the diocese in the United Offering, for it appeals to every woman and in various ways. At this time, when the work of women has attained a broader field, a higher plane, a nobler dignity, the motto of the United Offering, "Woman's gift for the women workers in the mission field" is a trumpet call that sends to every true woman's heart a thrill of emulation.

Some find a charm in the romance of the United Offering, picturing the wonderful works of healing, of enlightenment, of social betterment that are carried by our heroic United Offering missionaries, as a part of the Divine message of redemption to the dark and crowded corners of this great United States, and also to those further and darker places in the older worlds, where women are slaves and where pitiful little children suffer neglect and ill treatment.

Then there is the attraction of numbers, a mental and moral contagion such as the Crusaders felt, when men of all ages and condition, crowded into the ranks of those who yearned to make even the supreme sacrifice for their faith. Probably every one of the thousands who attend the services of Thanksgiving when the United Offering is

given to God, is filled, in some measure, with that same burning zeal of the Crusaders.

Best of all, however, is the conception of the United Offering that has made it pre-eminently our thank offering, our gold and frankincense and myrrh, the outward and visible sign of the love that would give with all the heart and all the soul and all the mind.

Let us make it known to all churchwomen that they may share its privileges and they will come to do their part in the church's missionary work and the Woman's Auxiliary will then have a representative enrollment of members.

MRS. F. W. CATTERALL,
Custodian.

**REPORT OF TEXAS CORRESPONDENT OF THE CHURCH
PERIODICAL CLUB, DIOCESE OF TEXAS**

May 9th, 1916.

To the President of The Woman's Auxiliary and Co-Workers, Kind Greetings:

This very eventful year which is now ended finds us storm-battered, it is true, yet thankful for life and blessings left, full of hope, yes and eager, now on this threshold of the new beginning, because at this Easter-tide we are "renewed in strength" and confident to "run and not be weary, to walk and not faint."

You dear sisters, who are ever active in working all the year, to give material aid to our foreign and domestic missions and missionaries, are again asked to share in this work, "The Higher Mission."

The Church Periodical Club numbers a faithful few, who send magazines, church papers, pictures, post cards, and occasionally books. By the generous sending of magazines and the financial help for postage and express, received from this Branch at Christ Church in Houston, the greater part of our work is carried on. From a few earnest friends in Trinity Parish, Galveston, hearty and encouraging remembrance has been welcomed. Also your correspondent was much cheered by the first recognition of this Branch from Tyler, the good old East Texas Parish which gave us our loved president. One of our youngest missions and probably the liveliest and livliest, in all the four Dioceses of the State of Texas, (even after the terrible experiences of the August hurricane) sent us a welcome gift.

The Financial Statements give the the receipts and expenditures. At last the troublesome claim against Wells Fargo Express Co. has been adjusted, by allowing \$10.00 (ten dollars) and the damaged case of the Traveling Library returned. A new case and a crate for it is needed, also some new books. Three of our Traveling Libraries have been transferred to Dioceses North and North-west.

Among some of the older Dioceses there has been an agitation the past two years about changing the name of The Church Periodical Club. Thus far nothing better has been suggested or reported, yet no doubt it will come to pass, perhaps by the meeting of our Triennial, October next. Please bear in mind though, that like a bride when she leaves the Altar, the character remains unchanged.

Our motto speaks impressively, "Gather up the Fragments."

Let us recall those searching lines of Tennyson,

"So many worlds, so much to do,

"So little done."

And again Jean Ingelow's thought,

"The glory is not in the task, but in

"The doing it, for Him."

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. Phillip's	1.00
Texas City .....	.75
Mart, St. Mary's .....	.75
Dickinson, Holy Trinity .....	.50

	\$50.00

(Miss Emory's Letter)
CHURCH MISSIONS HOUSE
Fourth Avenue and Twenty-second Street, New York.
Woman's Auxiliary

April, 1916.

My dear Friend:

This last meeting before our Triennial is important. You cannot come to it without remembering that next October the General Convention of the Church will meet in St. Louis, and five members of your diocesan branch, one of them, if possible, a Junior, are to be chosen to go and take part in the deliberations of the Woman's Auxiliary at its Triennial. These representatives are to come, not only with full hands to present the share of your own diocesan branch in the United Offering, not only with full hearts to tell of young women from your diocese who are giving themselves to God's service in the mission field; they are coming to bring the experience gained in their own branch, to learn how its weak points may be strengthened, to contribute what its best aims and activities have to give.

The Triennial is the time when the whole Auxiliary stops to weigh itself, its purposes and its deeds, to discover how it may make a real advance. Send your representatives to its meetings prepared to be real helpers in the serious work it has to do, for it is serious work. The times in which we meet are serious, and without faith and love might be appalling. We need to see and to feel as never before.

Across the water this spring our fellows in the women's work of the S. P. G. are setting us an example. Many of us this last year have given time and strength and means to the aid of sufferers, because of war,—if we in this country, how much more they in theirs;—and yet this May they are keeping their fiftieth anniversary and planning a distinct advance. And how?

First they are sending out a reminder of the two great wars in this year of our Lord 1916. We pass their message on to you:—

THE MATERIAL WAR.

Twenty million soldiers are placed in physical peril.
One million men were killed in the first six months of the war.
It costs to kill a man about £700.
The cost of the European war is over £10,000,000 daily.
The fighting strength of the armies is over twenty millions.
Develops hatred.
Is destructive.
Settles nothing finally.

THE SPIRITUAL WAR.

Fifty times twenty million of people are in spiritual bondage and death.

Two million people die every month in heathen lands.

The cost to give the Gospel to the world is about 8s per person.

Expended in Spiritual war about £7,000,000 annually.

Total missionary force 12,000 men and 12,000 women.

Promotes friendliness.

Is constructive.

Tends to establish Christ's enduring Kingdom, and to put an end to all war.

In view of these startling facts our fellow workers are calling their associates to a pilgrimage of prayer. They hope to find in diocese after diocese, those who will be leaders in prayer, bringing people to repentance and then to a fresh devotion. Will it not be possible in your diocese to plan that next year each parish branch shall have its period of repentance for its own shortcomings and of intercessions in behalf of one another, for all who in parish and diocese do not share their interests, for all throughout the world that they may be drawn to God!

We hope during our Triennial to give more time to prayer than ever before. Will you not send your representatives prepared to learn with us how to pray, that they may return to lead you in our great effort throughout the whole Auxiliary to make this coming year a year of prayer?

Yours very sincerely,

JULIA C. EMORY,

Please write us three ways in which you think the Auxiliary helps most; three things which it needs most.

Parish—Church—

	Number of Members	Contingent Fund	Diocesan Missions	Domestic Missions	Foreign Missions	General Missions	Scholarships	Silver Testimonial	Insurance Fund	United Offering	Clergy Relief Fund	Value of Boxes	Specials	Church Periodical Club	Expenses	TOTALS
Austin, St. David's	37	\$3.00	.....	.....	.....	\$ 79.17	.....	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 90.17
Austin, All Saint's	15	2.85	.....	.....	.....	38.00	.....	5.00	1.50	10.00	.....	.....	.....	4.56	.....	61.91
Beaumont, St. Mark's	10	1.50	\$ 5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Dickinson, Trinity	5	.75	1.25	1.00	.....	.....	.....	2.25	1.25	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.50
Eagle Lake Christ	16	2.25	5.00	10.00	.....	1.00	50.00	1.50	1.50	5.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	78.25
Galveston. Trinity	44	6.75	28.00	.....	.....	45.00	20.00	25.00	5.00	36.57	.....	179.38	.....	.....	.....	346.70
Houston, Christ	53	7.95	88.11	48.55	.....	100.00	160.00	31.00	7.00	89.43	15.00	184.14	29.00	10.00	.....	770.18
Houston. Trinity	39	5.85	194.30	21.00	80.10	125.00	.....	25.00	7.00	80.00	20.00	255.65	.....	89.11	.....	903.01
Marlin, St. John's	7	1.05	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	3.00	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.55
Mart, St. Mary's	5	.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.50	.....	3.00	.....	65.00	.....	.....	.....	69.25
Marshall, Trinity	7	1.05	.....	.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29.05
Nacogdoches, Christ	33	4.95	.....	5.00	.....	25.00	.....	2.00	3.00	20.00	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	84.95
Palestine, St. Phillip's	18	1.20	.....	.....	.....	15.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.20
Temple, Christ	7	1.05	.....	.....	.....	14.84	.....	.....	1.50	12.51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29.90
Tex. City, St. George's	4	.60	1.00	.....	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	.75	5.26	.....	.....	2.91	.....	.....	14.52
Tyler, Christ	7	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	10.00	.....	.....	3.00	.....	70.91	.....	.70	.....	.....	86.61
Waco, St. Paul's	25	3.75	50.00	25.00	.....	50.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	45.00	.....	75.00	.....	.....	.....	278.75
Totals..	332	\$46.30	\$372.66	\$110.55	\$ 83.10	\$485.01	\$280.00	\$122.25	\$50.00	\$310.27	\$37.00	\$855.08	\$29.00	\$13.61	\$94.67	\$2889.50

Specials for United Offering:

Mrs. A. E. Watson.....	\$100.00
Bay City	5.00
Matagorda	6.90
Wascom	1.00

	\$112.90
Interest	22.60

\$135.50

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hand
2.75

\$125.00

Specials for United Offering...135.50

Junior Branch	351.18
Little Heipers	84.00

Total.....\$3460.18

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 of 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.

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 Branch 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

MRS. ELVIRA T. SMITH
July 4, 1915
Christ Church, Houston

MRS. A. ZILKER
April, 1916
St. David's Church, Austin

MISS MAY DELL NEWTON
August 17, 1915
President of Junior Branch
Calvary Church, Richmond.

"Into Thy perfect love."

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

MISSIONARY HYMN

CREED

RESPONSIVE READING—Psalm 67.

PRAYERS.

