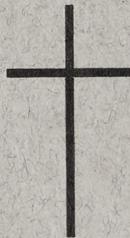


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Report

Texas Branch Woman's Auxiliary
To the Board of Missions



May
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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

TEXAS BRANCH WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS

MAY, 1917



A Prayer for the Daily Use of Church Workers

O Lord of Souls, Who has chosen and called me to service in Thy Church, all my trust is in Thee, for in Thee are the springs of my life. Abundantly give me of Thy Blessed Spirit, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; and use me as it shall please Thee for the glory of Thy name. Make my will patient, my conscience pure, my temper bright. Empty me of self, and fill me with the meekness of wisdom. Increase my faith, mellow my judgment, stir my zeal, enlarge my heart. Let my life enforce what my lips utter. Do Thou choose for me the work I do, and the place in which I do it; the success I win and the harvest I reap. Preserve me from jealousy and impatience; from self-will and depression.

Make me faithful unto death, and then give me the crown of life.
All this I ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

A Year Book is a record of memory and a suggestion of privilege and incentive to duty.—Bishop Tuttle.

MEETINGS

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Texas Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions will be held in St. Andrew's Parish, Bryan, April 10 and 11, 1918.

Meetings of the diocesan officers living in Houston and vicinity will be held monthly. It is hoped other diocesan officers will attend these meetings, and all officers and members are urged to offer suggestions by letter to the President.

The President will call a meeting of diocesan officers in Houston at the time of the Educational Institute which will be held in November. It is hoped every officer will attend this meeting.

Requests to Parish Branches

The Secretary of a new parish branch should notify the diocesan secretary of the new organization, reporting the names of all officers, and the number of members. Notice of changes during the year should also be made to the secretary.

The United Offering should be made in March and October (the Feast of the Annunciation, and St. Luke's Day are suggested) at the time of the Auxiliary's Corporate Communion. The United Offering should be sent by the parish custodian to the diocesan custodian, and all other moneys should be sent by the parish branch treasurer to the diocesan treasurer. The assessment for the insurance of foreign missionaries should be sent to the treasurer before January 1.

Information regarding the sending of missionary boxes should be secured from the diocesan secretary. This does not apply to branches to which boxes have already been assigned.

Annual reports should be sent to the secretary at least one week prior to the annual meeting.

Compliance with these requests will greatly help the diocesan officers in their preparation for the next annual meeting.

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Mrs. J. C. Tolman, 3210 Chenevert St., Houston

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Directress of Little Helpers

Mrs. J. B. Kochler, 1721 Avenue K, Galveston

Correspondent of Church Periodical Club

Mrs. C. M. Desel, Dickinson

PARISH BRANCH OFFICERS

Austin—All Saints' Church

President: Mrs. John Preston
Secretary and Treasurer: Miss E. Simkins
Little Helpers: Miss Julia Baker

Austin—St. David's Church

President: Mrs. W. T. Wroe
Secretary: Miss Julia B. Taylor
Treasurer: Miss Lily Robertson

Bastrop—Calvary Church

President: Mrs. T. P. Haynie
Vice President: Mrs. P. D. Page
Secretary: Mrs. J. T. Hasler
Treasurer: Mrs. Gus Keil
Program Committee: Mrs. B. C. Clark, Mrs. L. W. Olive, Mrs. Robert Trigg

Beaumont—St. Mark's Church

President: Mrs. G. B. Norton
Secretary: Mrs. E. A. McDowell
Treasurer: Miss Theo. Henry
Little Helpers: Mrs. L. P. Cowley

Bryan—St. Andrew's Church

President: Mrs. W. D. Lawrence
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Tyler Haswell
Treasurer: Mrs. Earnest Moore
Mission Study Leader: Mrs. W. N. Daniels

Dickinson—Holy Trinity Mission

President and Secretary: Mrs. C. M. Desel
Treasurer: Mrs. M. L. Woods

Eagle Lake—Christ Church

President: Mrs. J. S. Bruce
Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. W. E. Lenhart
Little Helpers: Mrs. J. S. Bruce

Galveston—Trinity Church

President: Mrs. C. S. Aves
Vice President: Mrs. W. R. A. Rogers
Secretary: Mrs. J. G. Flynn
Treasurer: Miss H. L. Saunders
Junior Branch: Miss K. Lowe
Little Helpers: Mrs. J. B. Kochler

Hempstead—St. Bartholomew's

President: Mrs. C. A. Searcy
Educational Secretary: Mrs. A. S. Wood

Houston—Christ Church

President: Mrs. A. E. Schaeffer
Vice President: Mrs. A. Breyer
Secretary: Mrs. R. D. Gribble
Treasurer: Mrs. J. B. Bowles
U. O. Treasurer: Miss Frances Evans
Junior Branch: Mrs. Sam McNeil
Little Helpers: Mrs. John McClelland

Houston—Clemens Memorial Mission

Junior Branch: Mrs. T. J. Windham

Houston—Trinity Church

President: Mrs. J. C. Tolman
Secretary: Mrs. W. L. Edmondson
Educational Secretary: Mrs. N. C. Dauborn
Treasurer: Mrs. C. J. Kirk
U. O. Treasurer: Mrs. S. Giraud
Junior Branch: Miss Sara Price
Little Helpers: Mrs. J. R. Greenhill, Jr.

Houston—St. John's Mission

Little Helpers: Mrs. George Tharp

Marlin—St. John's Church

President: Mrs. Rollo Dyer
Secretary: Mrs. T. Willett Foster
Treasurer: Mrs. George Schuh
Little Helpers: Mrs. J. W. Foster

Mart—St. Mary's Mission

President: Mrs. J. W. Bennett
Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. T. E. Ford
Little Helpers: Mrs. J. W. Bennett

Marshall—Trinity Church

President: Mrs. N. C. Matthewson
Secretary: Mrs. T. M. Wagner, North Grove St.
Treasurer: Mrs. Florence Hicks

Nacogdoches—Christ Church

President: Mrs. R. Jones
Secretary: Mrs. J. W. Baker
Treasurer: Mrs. W. S. Davis

Palestine—St. Phillip's Church

President: Mrs. J. B. Finn
Secretary: Mrs. J. K. Normington
Treasurer: Mrs. John Fox

Richmond—Calvary

President: Mrs. W. H. Hinson
Secretary: Mrs. C. D. Meyers
Treasurer: Mrs. R. F. Ransom
U. O. Treasurer: Mrs. F. W. Spencer

Temple—Christ Church

President: Mrs. E. G. Lewis
Secretary: Mrs. J. G. Fitzhugh
Treasurer: Mrs. C. D. Seybold
U. O. Treasurer: Mrs. E. B. Greathouse
Little Helpers: Mrs. Custis Fletcher

Texas City—St. George's Mission

President: Mrs. F. R. Sawyer
Secretary: Mrs. T. K. Moore
Treasurer: Mrs. M. J. Gammage
U. O. Treasurer: Mrs. J. K. Moore

Tyler—Christ Church

President: Mrs. S. S. McClendon
Secretary: Mrs. J. S. Fletcher
Treasurer: Mrs. J. B. Mayfield

Waco—St. Paul's Church

President: Miss A. Risher
Secretary: Miss M. White
Treasurer: Miss Nellie Hackett, 1800 Austin St.
Junior Branch: Miss Minnie Taylor
Little Helpers: Miss Minnie Taylor
Brotherhood of St. Paul: Mrs. W. Sleeper

MINUTES OF SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Waco, Texas, April 26, 1917.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Texas Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions convened in Waco, April 25, 1917.

The celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Paul's Church at 10:00 A. M. was followed by the annual charge of the Bishop of the Diocese and the offering, amounting to \$17.25, was added to the United Offering of the Diocese.

The meeting was called to order by the President, and in the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Gribble, appointment was made of Mrs. O. M. Longnecker to serve as Secretary pro tem. Bishop Kinsolving offered the opening prayers and the Rev. W. P. Witsell of St. Paul's delivered the address of welcome in a few well chosen words.

The regular order of business was then taken up, beginning with the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting held in Houston, followed with roll call of the twenty-one parish branches, to which eleven branches responded. The four new branches, at Bastrop, Bryan, Hempstead and Richmond, which were organized during the year, were given a hearty welcome. Our President's address was full of encouragement and inspiration for higher ideals, and an appeal to us for more consecrated service.

The President's appointments of committees were as follows: Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. Mary C. Grace of Houston, Mrs. W. N. Daniels of Bryan, Mrs. Custis Fletcher of Temple; Committee on Pil-

grimage of Prayer—Mrs. C. S. Quin of Houston, Miss Elizabeth Simkins of Austin, Miss Gertrude Bush of Waco.

Midday intercessions were offered by the Rev. Custis Fletcher, after which adjournment was made for luncheon which was served in the parish house by St. Paul's Auxiliary.

The Wednesday afternoon session was convened at 2:00 o'clock with devotional services by the President. Announcement was made of the resignation of Miss Julia C. Emery, General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, and of the appointment of Miss Grace Lindley as Miss Emery's successor. The Texas Branch expressed its deep appreciation of Miss Emery's forty years of faithful service and pledged its loyal support to our new General Secretary. The annual letter of the General Secretary to our Texas Branch was read. The report of the Diocesan Secretary was read and adopted. The report of the Diocesan Treasurer was read and adopted as read. The Treasurer then explained the Silver Testimonial Fund which is carried by several parish branches of the Diocese. The Treasurer reported a deficit in this fund of \$26.55. The chair suggested that the delegates make up this amount and the obligation was quickly met. The Treasurer also reported a deficit of \$3.00 in the pledge made for St. Agnes School, Kyoto. This obligation was also met by the delegates. The reports of parish branches were read by their delegates. The reports of those branches without representation were read by the Secretary. On motion of Mrs. W. N. Daniels of Bryan the title "Silver Testimonial Fund" was changed to read "The Rev. Percy K. Silver Medical Missionary Salary." On motion of Mrs. E. G. Lewis of Temple the Secretary Pro Tem was instructed to convey a message to Mrs. R. D. Gribble, Diocesan Secretary, expressing our regret at her absence.

A conference on Methods and Results of Mission Study was led by Miss Ada Risher, Diocesan Mission Study Directress. Eight branches of the eleven attending reported successful study classes. The discussion was informal and many interesting and helpful points were brought out. Trinity of Houston made the suggestion that a promoter be appointed by each parish branch, the promoter's duty being to interest the women and girls of the parish in the study of missions. This conference was most helpful and showed a forward movement along educational lines.

Mrs. Mary C. Grace of Houston read a most able paper having for its subject, "She Stretcheth Forth Her Hand," being an outline of woman's religious work from the beginning to the present time.

Mrs. George Biller, wife of the late Bishop Biller of South Dakota, who was sent to us by Church Missions House, then spoke to us of our new General Secretary, Miss Lindley, and of her plans for Texas. She spoke of the educational institutes to be held in several cities in the State of Texas. An Educational Secretary will be sent from Church Missions House to conduct classes for the training of Mission Study Class Leaders. Houston has been selected as the place for our Diocesan Institute. Each parish delegate was told to consider herself a committee of one to take this information home to her branch—that a delegate be selected to attend the Institute in November, that the traveling expenses of such delegate are to be paid by her own branch; that she will be entertained by the parishes of the city in which the Institute is held, and that the delegate must obligate herself to lead a study class in her own parish.

On motion adjournment was made, after which delegates and visitors

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We are so grateful for these splendid plans
being made for us.

With best wishes,

Faithfully yours,

Rosalie C. Tolman.

P.S.

It was my privilege to be again with
Mrs. Billes at the West Texas annual meeting,
and to know her in my home for a week
on her return from Fort Davis. She made
a tremendous impression upon our Texas
and West Texas people.

The Vice Presidents are -

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Mrs. J. B. Finn, Palestine, Texas.

Mrs. Oscar Mathews, Nacogdoches, Texas.

Another member of this committee should be

Miss Minnie Taylor, Waco, Texas.

She is Jr. Director of the Diocesan

were driven over the city in automobiles by our hospitable hostesses, the women of St. Paul's.

Thursday, April 26, 1917

A Corporate Communion was made at 7:00 A. M., the celebrants being the Rev. P. G. Sears and the Rev. Custis Fletcher. The offering, which amounted to \$17.25, was given to Mrs. Biller for Indian work in South Dakota.

Business session convened in the parish house at 10:00 A. M., and was opened with Creed and prayers, led by the President. A report of the Custodian of the United Offering was read and adopted as read.

Mrs. C. S. Quin, a new member of Trinity Auxiliary, Houston, was introduced and given a hearty welcome. Mrs. Quin gave a splendid talk on the Pilgrimage of Prayer, visualizing, by means of maps, what a real pilgrimage it is, explaining the method of procedure, and stressing our week, beginning August 19th, when the women of our Diocese should join in the Pilgrimage. The speaker pleaded earnestly for the co-operation of all Auxiliary women.

Mrs. Desel's report of the Church Periodical Club was read by Mrs. Schaeffer, who explained also the use of the traveling libraries and urged that greater interest be taken by the branches and co-operation be given to this worthy work. In the discussion of this department of the work, some helpful suggestions were given by Mrs. Biller and Mrs. Tolman.

The time and place for our next annual meeting was then brought up for discussion. Mrs. McNeill of Houston moved that our meeting be held in the spring. The motion received a second and was carried after some discussion. Mrs. Fletcher of Temple moved that the next annual meeting be held the second Wednesday after Easter. This motion was duly seconded and, after considerable discussion, was carried. The motion of Mrs. Rolla Dyer of Marlin that the Auxiliary year be changed to begin April, 1917, and end April, 1918, was seconded and carried.

Several reports of other church organizations of women were read with interest.

The midday prayers for missions were offered by the President, after which the Rev. W. P. Witsell delivered a most inspiring address on the United Offering. He paid a high tribute to this offering of love and gratitude which is higher than duty and which is above any missionary obligation, and urged us to still greater effort.

On motion adjournment was made for an inspection of the missionary exhibit and display of Junior construction work, after which luncheon was served by St. Paul's Guild and Daughters of the King.

The Thursday afternoon session was convened at 2:00 o'clock, with Miss Souleby's Litany of the Seven Gifts offered by the President.

On motion of Mrs. Quin, duly seconded, the Rev. Witsell's permission was asked for permission to publish his United Offering address in the Woman's Department of The Texas Churchman, which permission was readily granted.

Acting on the suggestion of Mrs. Stuart Giraud of Houston, the delegates present agreed that their branches would increase the tax for the contingent fund from 15 cents to 25 cents per capita. The suggestion was made that after the current expenses of the Diocesan branch are paid, the surplus be allowed to accumulate and at the end of three years the sum be used to help pay the expenses of one Diocesan officer to The Triennial, thereby assuring our Texas Branch of representation.

Nominations were then made for the election of delegates to attend

the Provincial Synod to be held in Oklahoma City, January, 1918. The election resulted as follows: Delegates—Mrs. A. J. Dossett of Waco, Mrs. O. M. Longnecker of Houston and Miss Elizabeth Simkins of Austin. Alternates—Miss Minnie Taylor of Waco, Mrs. Custis Fletcher of Temple, Mrs. Stuart Giraud of Houston.

Mrs. Schaeffer, a Triennial delegate of 1916, gave some very interesting reminiscences of the General Convention held in St. Louis in 1916, and recalled the gratification our delegates experienced when our full representation of five answered to roll call.

Mrs. Biller spoke to us again, telling of the work among the Indians of South Dakota, of Bishop Biller's death before their plans could be carried out, of her own work in the East soliciting \$25,000 to further the work, thereby lessening the burden of the new Bishop. She spoke regretfully of the lack of enthusiasm in many of our church women, and she urged that each one of us take home the message, deep in our heart, of what Christ would have us do. Mrs. Biller was given a rising vote of thanks, and the President expressed the gratitude of our Texas Branch for the help and encouragement given us by this thoroughly consecrated worker.

Acting for the Bishop, the Rev. Witsell announced the reappointment of all Diocesan officers with the following exception, Vice President Northwest Convocation, Mrs. J. B. Whaling, vice Mrs. M. B. Worsham, resigned; Vice President Southwest Convocation, Mrs. C. S. Quin, vice Mrs. R. E. L. Craig, resigned; Secretary, Mrs. O. M. Longnecker, vice Mrs. R. D. Gribble, resigned.

Miss Minnie Taylor, Diocesan Directress of the Junior Auxiliary, then took the chair and presided over the annual Junior meeting. A most interesting session was held, the delegates of different branches reading their reports. The reports of The Little Helpers were also read and a most splendid account was rendered by one of the boys of St. Paul's Brotherhood. Miss Taylor reported two new Junior Branches organized at Clemens Memorial, Houston, and Trinity, Houston.

The President of the Woman's Auxiliary then took the chair and called for the reading of the minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Provincial Synod held in Little Rock, Ark., January, 1917.

The Texas Branch was invited to hold its next annual meeting at St. Andrew's Parish, Bryan. This invitation was gratefully accepted, and the meeting will be held on April 10 and 11, 1918.

The following report of the Committee on Pilgrimage of Prayer was read and adopted:

Madame President and Members of the Woman's Auxiliary:

The committee to which was referred the arrangement of the Pilgrimage of Prayer in the Diocese of Texas respectfully submits the following report:

We have carefully considered the opportunity before us, and suggest that each parish and mission in the Diocese be assigned one day upon which it shall offer up intercessions during our week, beginning August 19.

The committee will send letters to each parish and mission, relative to this plan, and we urge that wherever possible the intercession will begin with Corporate Communion.

Respectfully submitted,

Hortense P. Quin,
Elizabeth Simkins,
Gertrude E. Bush.

The following report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and adopted:

Madame President and Members of the Woman's Auxiliary:

Your committee submits the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That the Texas Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions extend to the rector and parish of St. Paul's its hearty appreciation of the hospitality extended to delegates and visitors during its annual meeting, and that we express our regret of Mrs. Witsell's illness and our hope for her speedy restoration to health; also

That our Bishop and the Rev. Messrs. Witsell, Sears, Dyer and Fletcher be assured of our appreciation of their attendance upon our meeting; also

That we express to Miss Taylor and her Juniors our enjoyment of their missionary play, "The Little Blue Box," given on Wednesday night, and our gratitude to Mr. Witsell for his helpful and inspiring address on the United Offering; also

That we express to Mrs. R. D. Gribble and Mrs. R. E. L. Craig our appreciation of their years of faithful and efficient service; also

That our General Secretary, Miss Lindley, receive our thanks for sending Mrs. Biller to us; and that Mrs. Biller be assured of our appreciation of her help and advice; also

That our Bishop be congratulated upon the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his episcopate, and that Mrs. Kinsolving be thanked for her friendly greeting and good wishes for the success of our meeting; also

That Mrs. Dick Clarke be notified of our regret that her mother, Mrs. A. E. Watson, is absent from her usual place on account of illness; also

That letters of sympathy be sent to the families of the Rev. R. E. L. Craig and the Rev. J. R. Dunn, who have been called into Life Eternal since our last meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Grace,
Margaret Fletcher,
W. N. Daniels.

The minutes of all sessions were read and approved. On motion the sixteenth annual meeting of the Texas Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions stood adjourned.

ANNETTE E. LONGNECKER,
Secretary Pro Tem.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

As our meeting today is somewhat different from the old order, a word or two of explanation may not be amiss. Those who attended our annual meeting last year, in Houston, will remember that a change in our mode of procedure was recommended and very strongly endorsed by two of our prominent parish clergymen; when the plan of this change was placed before the delegates present, for their discussion, a majority voted in favor of its adoption.

The plan proposed was that we should sever all former connections

with the Church Council, and hold our meetings at a different time and place and entirely independent of that body.

The time then selected was October of this year, and the place Waco; but upon further consideration our Waco friends found that this time would conflict with other meetings in their city, so the Executive Committee changed the time back to April.

Today, therefore, marks the beginning of a new Era, a departure from the old ways of many years, and your Diocesan Officers have given their best efforts to make of this meeting a gratifying success; though, as in all our work, a share of this responsibility rests upon each member. We have gained four new branches during the past year, in Richmond, Bryan, Hempstead and Bastrop, making a total of twenty branches.

It seems very hard sometimes for these new branches to find the dividing line between Parish work and Auxiliary work, or that which helps the Board of Missions for which the Auxiliary exists, and this matter should be given most careful attention by all members. The regular appropriations should be first to General Missions.

We have recorded upon thirteen Parish reports combined offerings for General Missions, \$514.73, for Domestic Missions \$37.00, for Foreign Missions \$296.97, Diocesan Missions \$199.00.

Foreign Missions include the special gifts to St. Luke's International Hospital at Tokio, Japan; also special gifts for the salary of the Doctor in the little hospital at Nopala, Mexico. This is the fourth year of the work of the Silver Testimonial Fund. This fund of \$1,500.00 pays the salary of a doctor in the Church General Hospital at Wuchang, China; and is made up by the Auxiliaries of the seventh Provincial Synod. The share of the Texas branch is \$125.00, and it is intended that each Parish branch should contribute to this work.

The amount of \$50.00 contributed by the Texas branch to the fund providing Life Insurance for Foreign Missionaries is also apportioned among the Parish Branches according to ability. Three scholarships have been carried several years; one in the Hooker School in the City of Mexico carried jointly by Trinity Branch, Galveston, and Christ Church Branch, Houston; another of \$100.00 at Chena, Alaska, is provided by Christ Church Branch, Houston; another of \$50.00 in St. Hilda School, Hankow, China, is given by the Waco branch.

Twelve boxes have been prepared and sent to Mission Points in North and South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, Arkansas, Utah, Oklahoma and Alaska, amounting in value to \$757.29. The pledges made by our delegates at the Triannual meeting at St. Louis, in October of last year, were \$20.00 towards the amount solicited for the rebuilding of the little church at Anvik, Alaska, whose first building was made possible by the gift of the first United Offering of the Woman's Auxiliary in 1889, and a pledge of \$20.00 was made to the fund, being contributed for repairs and improvements in St. Agnes School at Kyoto, Japan. These were made up of contributions from parish branches.

These matters were placed before all the parish branches early in the year, and their co-operation invited. The Clergy Relief Fund and the Church Periodical Club, two most worthy branches of our work and always in need of our sympathetic help, have been remembered by small amounts.

The United Offering, the most important of all our work and a privilege which every baptized member is entitled to share, does not re-

ceive the support that it merits. This is a woman's work for women, and every member should consider it not only her duty, but her happy privilege to have a part in the work of the Little Blue Box, for care and support of women workers in the Mission field.

Total amount of money disbursed by Senior Branch.	\$1,670.79
Value of boxes	757.29
United Offering	471.45—\$2,899.53
Junior Branch	419.38
Little Helpers	94.00
Grand Total	\$3,412.91

MRS. R. D. GRIBBLE,
Diocesan Secretary.

REPORT OF MISSION STUDY

Our Educational Board emphasizes the fact that study is a most important factor in our Auxiliary programs, for conviction of the need of the church's ministrations can only come through thorough information. Study also points the way to higher ideals of prayer, giving and service, guiding into definite activity, by finding the task for the person and the person for the task. Let us consider well this thought and with diligence "study to know Christ and to make Him known."

A number of our branches have reported study in "The New World," which was augmented by the making of posters and a scrapbook, and some of these responded to the appeal for the industrial school at El Coto, which need was learned of through this book.

One class made a comprehensive study of individual countries, using a blackboard with names of Bishops and other missionaries and their fields of labor.

Some have read the Spirit of Missions at their meetings and some have attempted no study at all. All who can are urged to take advantage of the Institutes which are to be held in our Diocese in the fall, so that next year with renewed zeal we may work in our Master's vineyard.

ADA RISHER,
Directress of Mission Study.

TREASURER'S REPORT—MAY, 1916, TO MAY, 1917

Receipts

Austin, All Saints' Church	\$ 10.75
Austin, St. David's Church	53.90
Beaumont, St. Mark's Church	7.00
Bryan, St. Andrew's Church	2.00
Dickinson, Holy Trinity Mission	6.00
Eagle Lake, Christ Church	6.60
Galveston, Trinity Church	118.00
Houston, Christ Church	550.28
Houston, Trinity Church	488.80
Marlin, St. John's Church	17.05
Marshall, Trinity Church	26.20
Nacogdoches, Christ Church	34.65
Palestine, St. Phillip's Church	2.50
Richmond, Calvary Church	7.00
Temple, Christ Church	17.55
Texas City, St. George's Mission	5.65
Tyler, Christ Church	10.00
Waco, St. Paul's Church	184.92
Borrowed from Contingent Fund	1.25
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	\$1,550.10

Disbursements

General Missions	\$ 445.98
Domestic Missions	25.00
Domestic Missions Special	31.00
Foreign Missions, Percy K. Silver Medical Missionary Salary	125.00
Foreign Mission Special	139.57
Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund	50.00
Diocesan Mission	153.00
Diocesan Missions Special	45.00
St. Agnes School, Kyoto, Japan, "Sallie Stuart" Memorial	20.00
Scholarships	230.00
St. Agnes School, Kyoto, Japan, Pledge	20.00
Christ Church, Anvik, Alaska	24.00
St. Luke's Hospital, Japan	98.50
Church General Hospital, Wuchang, China	45.80
Clergy Relief Fund	17.00
Church Pension Fund	20.00
Church Periodical Club	13.00
Contingent Fund	47.25
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	\$1,550.10

CONTINGENT FUND

Receipts

Balance reported on hand at last annual meeting, May 9, 1916....	\$ 66.08
Donation, printing Year Books, 1916	3.90
Donation St. Agnes School (Kyoto) Pledge	1.00
Austin, All Saints' Church	2.25
Austin, St. David's Church	3.90
Beaumont, St. Mark's Church	1.50
Dickinson, Holy Trinity Mission .....	.50
Eagle Lake, Christ Church	2.10
Galveston, Trinity Church	6.60
Houston, Christ Church	7.95
Houston, Trinity Church	6.00
Marlin, St. John's Church	1.05
Marshall, Trinity Church	1.20
Nacogdoches, Christ Church	4.65
Palestine, St. Phillip's Church	1.50
Richmond, Calvary	1.50
Temple, Christ Church .....	.90
Texas City, St. George's Mission .....	.90
Tyler, Christ Church	1.00
Waco, St. Paul's Church	3.75
	\$118.23

Disbursements

July 27, 1916—Paid J. W. Dodge Printing Company, 350 Year Books	\$ 41.90
Postage on Year Books	2.39
September 6, 1916—Toward President's Expense to Triennial.....	28.00
December 29, 1916—Deficit on Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund .....	.25
February 27, 1917—Annual Dues Provincial Synod	5.00
May 11, 1917—Deficit St. Agnes School Kyoto, Japan, Pledge.....	1.00
Balance on hand	39.69
	\$118.23

MRS. A. E. SCHAEFFER,
Treasurer.

"PERCY K. SILVER MEDICAL MISSIONARY SALARY"

Austin, All Saints' Church	\$ 5.00
Austin, St. David's Church	5.00
Bryan, St. Andrew's Church	2.00
Dickinson, Holy Trinity Mission	2.00
Galveston, Trinity Church	25.00
Houston, Christ Church	32.00
Houston, Trinity Church	29.00
Marlin, St. John's Church	3.00
Nacogdoches, Christ Church	2.00
Waco, St. Paul's Church	20.00
	\$125.00

Disbursements

May 15, 1917, to Percy K. Silver Medical Missionary Salary Fund.\$125.00

MRS. A. E. SCHAEFFER,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY—1916-1917
Receipts

Alvin	\$ 1.00
Austin, All Saints' Church	9.00
Bay City	35.00
Eagle Lake	4.50
Hempstead	46.00
Houston, Christ Church	123.78
Houston, Clemens Memorial	13.22
Taylor	2.00
Waco	184.88
Total	\$419.38

Disbursements

Bishop Kinsolving Scholarship St. Mary's, Shanghai, China.....	\$ 50.00
Bishop Aves' Scholarship, Hooker Memorial School, Mexico City..	60.00
Christmas Box Henderson Group of Missions, Henderson, N. C. .	133.46
United Offering	24.50
Diocesan Missions	37.15
Domestic Missions, designated Bishop Temple District of North Texas	11.50
International Hospital, Tokio	55.00
Bishop Rowe, Alaska	3.00
Bishop Colmore Industrial School, Porto Rico	25.00
Bishop Aves' Hospital, Nopala, Mexico	1.72
General Missions	18.00
Total	\$419.38

MISS MINNIE TAYLOR,
Directress.

REPORT OF LITTLE HELPERS
Receipts

Austin, All Saints' Chapel	\$ 3.00
Beaumont, St. Mark's Church .....	...
Galveston, Trinity Church	24.86
Houston, Christ Church	6.50
Houston, Trinity Church	23.57
Houston, St. John's Mission .....	...
Marlin, St. John's Church	3.00
Mart, St. Mary's Mission .....	...
Temple, Christ Church .....	...
Waco, St. Paul's Church	33.67
Total	\$ 94.60

Disbursements

Domestic and Foreign Missions	\$ 60.00
(Foreign to Nopala, Mexico, for Bishop Aves' Hospital)	
Font	1.00
St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio, Japan	5.00
St. Agnes' Hospital, Kyoto, Japan	5.00
United Offering	5.00
Emergency Fund	5.00
Bishop Kinsolving for Diocesan Missions	6.00
Kindergarten, Tokio, Japan	5.00
Expenses	2.00
Balance on hand .....	.60
	\$ 94.60

MRS. J. B. KOEHLER,
Directress.

REPORT OF THE UNITED OFFERING, APRIL 26, 1917

Received from Woman's Auxiliary of—

Austin, All Saints'	\$ 16.65
Austin, St. David's	32.37
Dickinson	1.00
Eagle Lake	5.00
Galveston, Trinity Church	54.21
Houston, Christ Church	111.79
Houston, Trinity Church	83.15
Marlin	5.00
Nacogdoches	3.53
Palestine	2.00
Temple	14.28
Texas City	5.22
Richmond	31.61
Tyler	6.35
Waco	52.00
Waco, at the Annual Meeting	17.25
Interest July, 1916	17.96
Given without name, St. Louis	12.08

From Junior Auxiliary of—

Austin, All Saints'	\$ 2.00
Bay City	1.00
Clemens Memorial, Houston	2.00
Houston, Christ Church, Branch A	2.50
Houston, Christ Church, Branch B	2.50
Hempstead	2.00
Waco, Branch A	10.00
Waco, Branch B	2.50

Total \$ 24.50
From Little Helpers 5.00

Grand total \$500.95
United Offering given by Diocese of Texas at the Triennial, October, 1916, \$1,246.24.

Amount in the bank for offering of 1919, \$375.61.

MRS. F. W. CATTERALL,
United Offering Treasurer.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

Annual Report of Librarian

Current periodicals sent regularly	38
Contributors of current periodicals	30
Books—theological and secular	160
Tracts and catechisms	30
Old magazines and papers	500
Christmas and Easter cards	100
Picture cards and calendars	50
Carols and music in books or sheets	10
Pictures, games, scrap books and miscellaneous	52
Boxes, etc., contents not noted	12
Traveling libraries	6
Transferred to other Dioceses	5
Number of institutions in Diocese aided	2

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Christ Church, Houston	\$10.00
Trinity and Christ Church for Nat. Geo. Magazine	3.00
Trinity, Galveston	2.00
Correspondent Dickinson	13.00
Total	\$28.00

Expenditures

Postage and stationery	\$14.30
Freight and express	1.50
Books	1.50
Sundries	6.70
Sent to Diocesan correspondent, New York.....	4.00
Total	\$28.00

MRS. CHARLES M. DESEL,
Correspondent Diocese of Texas.

To Mrs. Tolman, President, and Auxiliary Members, Kind Greetings:

At the beginning of our working year, your correspondent of The Church Periodical Club was filled with the brightness of new hopes and ambitions for the extension of this branch of the Auxiliary. Looking backward, one sees many of them are like seeds in the ground, which wait for outside help for development. Yet there are many happy things to tell.

First, of the gift of theological books, one hundred in all, by Mrs. Stuart, widow of the late Rev. Robert S. Stuart of Houston, to the Rev. J. C. Black, now of Dallas, who in the great fire at Paris, Texas, lost all his possessions, including his library. The books were kindly catalogued by Miss Carrie Stuart and shipped by freight. Many of them were duplicates of those lost. Mr. Black wrote of his sincere appreciation of Mrs. Stuart's gifts.

A gift of new books, chiefly light reading of recent date, was received from our kind friends, Mrs. William V. R. Watson and Mrs. Clemens of Christ Church, Houston. These were distributed among two traveling libraries needing renewals. Such remembrances are most welcome. Recently a generous lot of good books, both old and new, chiefly standard authors, were received from two most earnest workers in Trinity Parish, Galveston; Mrs. H. A. Robertson, the C. P. C. Librarian, and Miss B. A. Houghton.

Next and most joyful to record, is the new branch for church periodical work in the Parish of St. Paul, Waco. From it a good list of magazines and papers was sent to be assigned where each would be acceptable and appreciated. It was understood that the donors are only members of the Daughters of the King. It is hoped that others of the parish will add to this excellent list and include, if possible, more of our church weeklies. Unfortunately, it seems that in our Diocese this class of literature is not fully appreciated. Do we all know, for instance,

how many summer conferences are held? Do we realize that when one leaves home for rest and refreshment, that one may go where there are addresses, lectures and study classes and inspiration?

During the past year one of our own missionaries from China, at home on a furlough, and by direction of the Board, visited some of our churches through the State, telling of his (and our) work in the land where faith by the cross is unknown. And this is true in Texas, too. Your correspondent was asked if it would be possible to get a subscription to the National Geographic, a magazine published at Washington, to be sent direct to his (Mr. Dyer's) address in Shanghai, "where in some of its cities the United States Government has a postal agency." The price of the monthly, \$3.50, was very kindly raised in Houston by Mrs. Bowles of Christ Church and Mrs. Quin of Trinity Church. Next year it is hoped that two other parishes will "make good" its renewal.

Of lesser work in the way of sending out books, leaflets, holiday and festival cards, and an occasional transfer of a traveling library, with letters which have become a part of daily life, like much of our work offered "in His name," results are not always visible, perhaps should not be looked for. Our watchword is given by St. Paul: "Press on."

The wonderful gift of a traveling library donated by the Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Church, Houston, a memorial of its late Rector, the Rev. R. E. Lee Craig, was a most happy surprise. It contains some sixty volumes, good literature, and most of the books entirely new. This case bears the distinction of being the second library given by Texas to Texans. Every county in the State should have such a traveling library. Although most of the larger towns have Carnegie Library buildings and the high schools have growing libraries, we of the Church Periodical should aim especially to reach those who have not such privileges. Think of the numbers in "The Stay-at-Home Clubs"; how long hot days might be shortened, delight and contentment given by stories of winter time in the cold latitudes, or among the mountains. In times like these let us not forget those true words of Tennyson:

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God they lift not those hands of prayer,
Both for themselves and those who call them friends?
For so the whole round world is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

Please note that all of the activities of this branch of the Auxiliary have centered in two cities in the Southern part of the State, with the exception of the Daughters of the King, Waco. Your correspondent continues to plead for recognition in every parish in the Diocese, until the C. P. C. shall have grown from acorn to sapling, to become as valued and extensive in its parts as our most potent, native live oak.

Sincerely Yours, in His Loving Service,

DELIA J. DESEL.

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

Houston, Christ Church	\$ 6.50
Houston, Trinity Church	6.50
Galveston, Trinity Church	5.00
Waco, St. Paul's Church	5.00
Beaumont, St. Mark's Church	3.00
Austin, St. David's Church	3.00
Marshall, Trinity Church	3.00
Marlin, St. John's Church	3.00
Nacogdoches, Christ Church	3.00
Tyler, Christ Church	3.00
Eagle Lake, Christ Church	1.50
Austin, All Saints' Church	1.50
Temple, Christ Church	1.50
Richmond, Calvary Church .....	.75
Texas City, St. George's Mission .....	.75
Palestine, St. Phillip's Church .....	.50
Mart, St. Mary's Mission .....	.50
Bryan, St. Andrew's Church .....	.50
Bastrop, Calvary Church .....	.50
Dickinson, Holy Trinity Mission .....	.50
Hempstead, St. Bartholomew's Church .....	.50

\$50.00

(Miss Lindley's Letter)

CHURCH MISSIONS HOUSE
281 Fourth Avenue, New York
Woman's Auxiliary

April, 1917.

My Dear Mrs. Tolman:

It has been Miss Emery's custom to send an annual letter to the branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, and I am glad to follow her example so that I may say a few words to you about our hopes and plans for the years we are to work together.

You will remember that one suggestion which the Conference Committee is sending to the branches for their discussion reads: "The General Secretary should be nominated by the Auxiliary, and appointed by the Board of Missions, her term of office to coincide with that of the President of the Board." I want to say to the Auxiliary myself, what Bishop Lloyd wrote the Presidents, that I am personally very thankful that we are planning this. Only Miss Emery could ever have the position which she has had. It was natural that we should want to keep the upbuilder and guide of the Auxiliary for as long as she would let us keep her; but after this, the office must be filled by the nomination of the Auxiliary, and no one can be more glad than I, because I want you to have the Secretary you want. It is also a very practical help to me in that it gives me a definite time for which to plan, and the purpose of this letter, beside taking my greetings to you and the pledge

of my service, is to tell you some of the things we are planning for the time between now and October, 1919.

Miss Emery is occupied with editorial work and Auxiliary leaflets and with the oversight of the Pilgrimage of Prayer.

Miss M. T. Emery, who has cared so wonderfully for all our box work through these many years, continues in charge of the personal boxes, and the Junior boxes are to be in the care of Miss Underhill who has long been associated with us at the Church Missions House.

The Auxiliary is most fortunate in having Mrs. Biller appointed one of our Secretaries, and her knowledge of the West and her love of the Church's Mission, are going to mean a great deal to us all.

We are hoping to have Miss Tillotson back next fall to guide our educational work. By that time, too, we hope to be able to announce definite plans for the Junior Department. This winter we have been fortunate in having had the help of one of the New York Junior officers, Miss Dorothy Giles.

Thanks to Miss Emery's care the Auxiliary exists in every Diocese and Missionary District, and it seems to me that most of our work for the future lies along two general lines. First, the strengthening of the organization: We shall make a great mistake if we ever forget the lesson Miss Emery has taught us, that is, to avoid too much red tape. But we can remember that and still perfect our organization. This is the end toward which the Conference Committee and the other committees appointed in St. Louis will work. Second, the present Auxiliary should act as an educational force to reach the uninterested and to fill up the ranks. We cannot add new Diocesan branches, but anyone who studies the Auxiliary knows that it is imperative that parish branches be strengthened, that we "recruit to war strength." To help in this, I am suggesting the following plans for next year's work:

1. That I go to the Provincial meetings, not so much to talk as to hear, to know what you are thinking and to find out how we can help each other.

2. That Mrs. Biller spend five months in the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Provinces preparing the way for the holding of institutes.

3. That the Educational and Junior Secretaries follow Mrs. Biller about a month later, holding three or four days' institutes where leaders can be trained.

4. That between Mrs. Biller's visits and these Institutes, committees in the Dioceses where they are to be held, do preparatory work.

5. That the aim of the Institutes shall be not so much to reach many, but to train a few, preferably one from each parish. In this way we shall plan systematic education and the residence for some time in several of the provinces of some of the secretaries.

You will see that we have planned these special visits for only three provinces. The others are left out, simply because in some places they need less outside help since the educational work is well established, or because with all our willingness we cannot cover the whole of the United States in a winter; and while we do not want to announce plans so far ahead, we are hoping to make the other visits the year after next. Besides this definitely planned work I shall be glad to visit Diocesan branches.

So much for visits and educational work. There are a few things in general of which we should speak. Let us finish our Pilgrimage of Prayer as we have begun it, so that it may be the beautiful thing Miss

Emery thought for us. Let us avail ourselves of summer conferences. If it is possible, see that your Diocese is represented at one of them, and wherever it is possible, that the parishes are represented. We enclose a notice of the conference or conferences nearest you. We are doing our best to have the Church Missions House represented at these conferences.

In closing I wish I could say the word which is surely in all our hearts. No one knows what is before us, but we cannot help realizing that we may be at the beginning of very solemn days. If we are to work through war times we must be faithful. We shall, of course, do our duty as patriotic Americans, but we must see to it that no missionary suffers, either in boxes or money gifts. Let us emulate the English missionary societies in making our gifts not less, but greater, in war times. Let us go further and make a special effort at this time to interest those whose hearts are touched by the suffering caused by the war and seek to make them care also for the suffering caused by the lack of the knowledge of Christ. Our hearts may well thrill with the opportunities before us! We may be tested in many ways, but it is certain that our King is willing to use us for the hastening of His Kingdom, and that we may be fit for His use, let us learn to draw nearer to Him. Let us pray for each other, that we may more perfectly know Him and the power of His Resurrection.

Very sincerely yours,

GRACE LINDLEY.

PARISH	CHURCH	No. Members	Contingent Fund	Diocesan Missions	Domestic Missions	Foreign Missions	General Missions	Scholarships	Silver Testimonial	Insurance Fund	Clergy Relief Fund	Anvik	Kyoto	Church Periodical Club	United Offering	Value of Boxes	Specials	Expenses	TOTALS	
Austin.....	St. David's.....	41	\$ 3.90				\$ 40.00		\$ 5.00	\$ 3.00		\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00		\$ 32.37	\$ 50.00			\$ 136.27	
Austin.....	All Saints.....	15	2.25				28.00		5.00	1.50		1.00	1.00		16.65	5.00			60.40	
Bastrop.....																				
Beaumont.....	St. Mark's.....	1C	1.50						3.00		1.00	1.00				50.00			57.00	
Bryan.....									2.00										2.00	
Dickinson.....	Trinity Mission.....	4	.50	\$ 1.00					2.00	.50		2.00	1.00		1.00				8.00	
Eagle Lake.....	Christ.....	16	2.10				1.00			1.50	\$ 2.00				5.00				11.60	
Galveston.....	Trinity.....	41	6.60		3.00		45.00	\$ 20.00	25.00	5.00		2.50	2.50		54.21	53.20			227.01	
Houston.....	Christ.....	53	7.95	\$ 76.00	18.00	\$155.00	63.83	160.00	32.00	7.00	15.00	2.50	2.50	\$11.50	111.79	179.53	\$ 8.65	\$ 6.50	857.75	
Houston.....	Trinity.....	40	6.00	70.00	12.50	114.30	225.00		29.00	7.00		2.50	3.50	1.50	83.15	247.91	46.05	29.29	877.70	
Hempstead.....																				
Marlin.....	St. John's.....	7	1.05						3.00	3.00		2.00	2.00		5.00		6.00		22.05	
Mart.....	St. Mary's Mission.....	5			2.50											50.00			52.50	
Marshall.....	Trinity.....	8	1.20					20.00			3.00		1.00	1.00					26.20	
Nacogdoches.....	Christ.....	33	4.65					25.00			3.00								38.18	
Palestine.....	St. Phillip's.....	15	1.50				1.50	12.65			1.00								18.65	
Richmond.....	Calvary.....	20	1.50					31.10			.50		5.00			31.61	75.00			144.71
Temple.....	Christ.....	6	.90					15.15			1.50					14.28	26.65		1.60	60.08
Texas City.....	St. George's.....	6	.90	3.00				3.00			.75		.50	.50		5.22				13.87
Tyler.....	Christ.....	1C	1.00					5.00			3.00		.50	.50		6.35	20.00			36.35
Waco.....	St. Paul's.....	24	3.75	50.00	25.00	26.17		50.00					2.50	2.50		69.25				254.17
		354	\$47.25	\$119.00	\$62.00	\$296.97	\$514.73	\$230.00	\$125.00	\$49.75	\$17.00	\$24.00	\$19.00	\$13.00	\$441.41	\$757.29	\$60.70	\$37.39	\$2,894.49	

Interest..... \$ 17.96 } Special to U. O. \$ 30.04
Special..... 12.08 }

\$2,924.53

\$471.45 Junior B..... 419.38
Little Helpers..... 94.00

GRAND TOTAL... \$3,437.91

IN MEMORIAM

"I Believe in the Communion of Saints"

REV. ROBERT E. LEE CRAIG
Rector of Trinity Parish, Houston, and
Dean of the Convocation of the Southwest
August 16, 1916

REV. JOHN R. DUNN
Rector of Epiphany Parish, Calvert
April 11, 1917

MRS. GEORGE S. ZIEGLAR
Christ Church Woman's Auxiliary
Eagle Lake
November 1, 1916

