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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF WEST TEXAS.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Western Texas met in St. Mark's Church, Wednesday afternoon, May 11th, 1898, to discuss and receive reports of their third year's work, and to plan for the coming year.

While there were not as many delegates, however, as the preceding year, and the reports from the individual branches were not all as full and complete as might have been desired, still it was evident that there had been growth, healthy, if slow, and much practical interest was manifested. All who were present felt that these annual gatherings were helpful, putting much-scattered branches and members in touch with each other, to gain inspiration and knowledge, and it is hoped that each year will see greater numbers assembled.

The Auxiliary was addressed just before its close by the Rt. Rev. Kinsolving, Bishop of Texas, and was grateful for his words of commendation and cheer.

At a business meeting Thursday, the annual election of officers was held, with the following result:

MRS. J. S. MUIR, President.

MRS. J. T. HUTCHESON, Vice-President.

MRS. R. H. McCACKEN, Treasurer.

MISS ROBERTA JOHNSTON, Secretary.

REPORTS OF PARISHES.

BRANCHES OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

SAN ANTONIO—ST. PAUL'S.

To Bishop Johnston for District Mission.....	\$ 50 00
Organist for St. Philip's.....	4 00
To Miss Mann in Japan.....	10 00
To Miss Sabino in Alaska (a thank-offering).....	10 00
To Bishop Rowe in Alaska	20 00
To "Sister Ella" for work in North Carolina.....	7 00
General Mission fund.....	10 00
Box to South Florida.....	70 00
United Offering.....	11 00
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TOTAL.....	\$ 192 00

SAN ANTONIO—ST. MARK'S, BRANCH A.

Box.....	\$ 28 15
Board of Missions.....	10 00
Missions in West Texas.....	50 00
Missions in Africa.....	1 05
General Missions.....	1 00
Contingent fund.....	1 00
Spirit of Missions.....	1 00
United offering.....	2 00
St. Philip's.....	5 80
Memorial to a faithful missionary.....	81 00
Aid to Christian workers.....	24 50
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TOTAL.....	\$ 205 50

SAN ANTONIO—ST. MARK'S, BRANCH B.

Box.....	\$ 35 00
Missions in West Texas.....	10 00
St. Philip's.. ..	4 05
Christian News.....	18 00
Contingent fund.....	1 00
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TOTAL.....	\$ 68 05

SAN ANTONIO—ST. PHILIP'S.

United offering.....\$ 3 42

ROSSVILLE—ALL SAINT'S.

United offering.....\$ 2 18

SAN MARCOS—ST. MARK'S.

Contingent fund.....\$ 1 00
United offering..... 2 05

TOTAL.....\$ 3 05

VICTORIA—TRINITY CHURCH.

Domestic Missions.....\$ 5 00
Foreign Missions..... 6 00
Spirit of Missions..... 1 00
District Missions..... 15 00
Memorial scholarship..... 1 50
United offering..... 27 81

TOTAL.....\$ 56 31

KERRVILLE—ST. PETER'S.

Contingent fund.....\$ 1 00
General Missions..... 12 50

TOTAL.....\$ 13 50

SEGUIN—ST. ANDREW'S.

Contingent fund.....\$ 1 00
United offering..... 5 00

TOTAL.....\$ 6 00

UVALDE—ST. PHILIP'S.

LAREDO—CHRIST CHURCH.

United offering.....\$ 3 00
Mission work jurisdiction..... 10 00

TOTAL.....\$ 13 00

RUNGE—ST. JOHN'S.

PEARSALL—TRINITY.

United offering.....\$ 2 05

BEEVILLE—ST. PHILIP'S.

United offering.....	\$ 3 35
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SAN ANGELO—EMMANUEL'S.

United offering.....	\$ 34 20
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EAGLE PASS—CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

Contingent fund.....	\$ 2 00
United offering.....	3 30
Foreign Missions.....	2 00
Domestic Missions.....	2 00
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TOTAL.....	\$ 9 30

JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

VICTORIA—TRINITY CHURCH.

District Missions.....	\$ 4 00
General Missions.....	1 00
The Bishop's work.....	7 00
Junior Auxiliary Publishing fund.....	2 00
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TOTAL.....	\$ 14 00

I. C. LEFFLAND,
Secretary.

SAN ANTONIO—ST. MARK'S.

United offering.....	\$ 1 00
Mission box.....	8 00
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TOTAL.....	\$ 9 00

MISS CARNAHAN,
Secretary.

SAN ANTONIO—ST. PAUL'S.

To a young man preparing for the Ministry.....	\$ 302 00
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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

After listening to the Parish reports, and the reports of our Diocesan Secretary and Treasurer, I am impressed with the fact that though only one new Branch has been added to our number this year, still as a Diocesan Branch we have certainly grown; for we are beginning to understand better the beautiful work of the Woman's Auxiliary, and to look at the Churchs' Missions not as vague and far-distant institutions to which we must give a dollar now and then when asked for it; but as something which lies very near our own door, something with which we may become as familiar as with our best loved book, and in time make a part of our daily lives. In time, for nothing in the world arrives at perfection at once. It is the little daily growth that makes the beautiful tree out of the tiny plant, the noble man or woman out of the little child. And the half hour of Missionary reading each week, perhaps on Sunday, will gradually familiarize us with the Mission fields of the Church and those who labor in them, and will open up to us a subject of most absorbing interest.

Who can read the letters from Bishop Rowe published in the Spirit of Missions, and telling of his brave work in Alaska, and not feel the greatest longing to help him? For years prayers have gone up for China, and those prayers are surely being answered, for Bishop Graves writes: "In six months I shall be almost helpless for want of men to handle the numbers who are crying, 'Give us the Gospel.' " Do you not long to help send laborers into this vineyard?

We have sent up a prayer to-day for a blessing upon the work of each Missionary Bishop. Perhaps you think it is money they need, not prayers; but a poor foreign Missionary upon being asked by a friend the question: "What do you need most?" answered, "Your prayers; if you pray for us you will not forget us." Pray for our Missionaries then often, and by name, remembering that the prayers and interest of the poorest and

weakest Branch are needed just as much as those of the largest. The prayers first, the interest next, and your help will surely follow. Are we willing that any creature on the earth, who is longing for the Gospel message, should live without it if it be in our power to aid in any way to send it?

Cannon Lidden has said, "The wish to spread the knowledge of the love of Jesus Christ is a strong over-mastering impulse in every man and woman who really knows and loves Him." Let us apply to our knowledge and love this test. "But," you say, "it is easy to pray, and my desire to send the Gospel message is strong enough; how can I do this?" Think how far distant are the Mission fields. Think of the thousands of dollars which it takes to support the noble workers in the churches, the hospitals, the orphanages, and we can hardly keep our own parish going! If you were asked as individuals to support any one of these objects, you might perhaps feel your inability to provide the large sum necessary. What a comfort then is membership in the Woman's Auxiliary, which makes it possible for every loving heart to stretch out helping hands to those who are enduring separation from home, and many privations, that they may carry the message of salvation to the whole world. The work of the Woman's Auxiliary is so much a matter of small sums gathered together, that no one need be excluded from the blessed privilege of giving; for, "if there be first a willing mind it is accepted according to what a man hath, and not according to what he hath not," and every Churchwoman should gladly claim her right to membership in the Woman's Auxiliary which is made hers by baptism.

Let no well-ordered Parish be without its Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Organize it according to the circumstances of the Parish, and then meet regularly to read and talk about the work in Alaska, in Africa, in China, Japan, and at home. Keep a copy of the Spirit of Missions at hand at every meeting, for it will keep you informed and interested at every point. If the members can give only ten cents a month, and will send that

out on its mission of love with their prayers and sympathy, the little sum will return with a seven-fold blessing to that Parish, and it will feel a warmth in its own church life unknown before.

The Woman's Auxiliary has been called the Commissary Department of the Board of Missions; and the Board looks to us just because we are women to understand the little every day needs of the families of Missionaries, who are living far from the comforts, even in some cases far from the necessities of life; and who is there among us who can not make some sacrifice of a fancied want for their real need?

Gather together then all the women of your Parish, remembering that strength comes from union. And it is the union of Parish members into Parish Branches, and of Parish Branches into Diocesan Branches and these into the Church's great band of women, Auxiliary to the Board of Missions whose influence is thus made so far reaching.

Should it be that in some Parish members live so far apart that they can meet but seldom, never mind. Organize your Branch and meet once a month, or even once in two months, and let each member have her own mite box into which she drops her weekly contribution, however small, systematically and prayerfully, and at the end of the year she will be surprised and her heart rejoiced to see how goodly a share she will have in the United Offering, that bond among all the Branches, which is like the clasping of hands of all the members of the Woman's Auxiliary the world around.

Dear friends, if each one of us will take as a daily reminder and guide this year the text, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits to me?" and will answer it conscientiously, we shall come together at our next meeting with our Missionary boxes full and running over; our hearts made glad by the blessed thought that we are doing something toward carrying out the last loving command of "The Savior of the World;" and our voices raised in the offertory chant:

"All things come of Thee, oh Lord;
And of thine own have we given Thee."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 11th, 1898.

Mrs. J. Muir, Jr., President of the W. A. Jurisdiction of Western Texas.

I beg to submit the following report:

CASH IN BANK FOR UNITED OFFERING.

Beeville, St. Philip's.....	\$ 3 35
Miss Carnahan's Missionary class.....	1 85
Eagle Pass, Church of the Redeemer.....	6 57
Individual boxes.....	21 41
Laredo, Christ Church.....	6 00
Rossville, All Saint's.....	3 18
Runge, St. John's.....	92
San Angelo, Emmanuel Church.....	20 00
Seguin, St. Andrew's.....	7 75
San Antonio, St. Mark's, Branch A.....	12 27
San Antonio, St. Mark's, Branch B.....	4 50
San Antonio, St. Paul's. .	27 10
San Antonio, St. Philip's (colored).....	5 47
San Marcos, St. Mark's.....	4 80
Uvalde, St. Philip's.....	1 00
Victoria, Trinity Church.....	11 00
Pearsall, Trinity.....	2 05
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GRAND TOTAL.....	\$ 139 22
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P. O. sent Mrs. Hutcheson from San Angelo.....	\$ 14 20
Money sent by Mrs. Burroughs from Victoria.....	27 81
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	\$ 181 23

CONTINGENT FUND.

Balance from 1896.....	\$ 2 75
St. Mark's, Branch A, San Antonio.....	1 00
St. Mark's, Branch B, San Antonio.....	2 00
St. Paul's, San Antonio.....	1 00
Mrs. M. G. Massey.....	5 00
Mrs. J. Muir, Jr.....	5 00
Mrs. J. T. Hutcheson.....	1 00
Miss Alice Bliss.....	1 00
Church of the Redeemer, Eagle Pass.....	2 00
St. Mark's, San Marcos.....	1 00
St. Peter's, Kerrville.....	1 00
St. Andrew's, Seguin.....	1 00
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	\$ 23 75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Report on our work in Western Texas.....	\$ 18 00
Balance on hand.....	\$ 5 75

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Church of the Redeemer, Eagle Pass.....	\$ 2 00
St. Peter's, Kerrville.....	1 00
St. Mark's, San Antonio.....	1 00
St. Paul's, San Antonio.....	10 00
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TOTAL.....	\$ 14 00

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Church of the Redeemer, Eagle Pass.....	\$ 2 00
St. Paul's, San Antonio.....	37 00
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TOTAL.....	\$ 39 00

GENERAL MISSIONS.

St. Peter's, Kerrville.....	\$ 12 50
St. Mark's, San Antonio, Branch A.....	10 00
St. Paul's, San Antonio.....	10 00
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TOTAL.....	\$ 32 50

JURISDICTION.

St. Mark's, San Antonio, Branch A.....	\$ 54 05
St. Mark's, San Antonio, Branch B	14 05
St. Paul's, San Antonio.....	54 05
Christ Church, Laredo.....	10 00
 TOTAL.....	\$ 132 15

VALUE OF MISSIONARY BOXES.

St. Mark's, San Antonio, Branch A.....	\$ 30 00
St. Mark's, San Antonio, Branch B.....	35 00
St. Paul's, San Antonio.....	70 00
 TOTAL.....	\$ 135 00

Very sincerely yours,

LILY B. McCACKEN,

Treas. of Jurisdiction.

The amount from Western Texas for the "United Offering" which was presented at the Tri-ennial meeting held in Washington, October 5th, 1898, was \$182.25, which has since been increased to \$192.25.

While we have cause to be thankful that this was not the smallest sum given, I hope the little mite boxes will find an entrance into many more homes, and our Offering for the next Tri-ennial be greatly increased.

L. D. HUTCHESON,

Vice-President.

